Opt for Recognition!
Call for 2017 Opt Award Nominations

Each year, Options for Sexual Health honours our outstanding, hardworking volunteers and staff at our annual Awards Ceremony. We want to recognize those who dedicate themselves to the Opt mission: To champion and celebrate the sexual health of all people in BC by supporting, providing, and promoting inclusive and accessible health care and education, and exemplify the vision: To be trusted and innovative leaders in a world that honours sexuality and its diversity. This ceremony is held during our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year’s AGM is taking place on Friday, November 17th, 2017 at the Opt Provincial Office in Vancouver.

To ensure that we acknowledge and celebrate all of the hard working staff and volunteers that are eligible for awards, clinic staff, members of the Support Opt Community Groups, Opt clients, stakeholders, and members are encouraged to participate in the nomination process. Once we receive the nominations, a shortlist will be created and voting will be put to the public. Stay tuned for notification of this process!

Nomination forms are included with this package. Please print out, then fax, or scan and email the forms to Ashleigh Turner (contact info is below). Each nomination form includes a description of the award. If you have any questions, please contact Ashleigh.

If you would like to nominate more than one person for any of these awards please submit separate nominations for each individual. You are welcome to submit nominations for any or all of the awards in this package.

Please complete and return your nomination form(s)
by Tuesday, October 24, 2017 to:

Ashleigh Turner, Communications Manager

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FAX 604-731-4698
EMAIL aturner@optbc.org
POST Options for Sexual Health
3550 East Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V5K 2A7
THE BARB HESTRIN NURSING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Opt RN’s have proven to be among the most dedicated and passionate nurses in the province. Our RNs work tirelessly to provide exceptional patient care. This award named for Barb Hestrin, Opt RN, was established to recognize this dedication and passion. Barb started with Opt in 1974, her history with the organization includes many years of volunteering and clinical work. She also held roles as the Provincial Clinical Coordinator, the Director of Education, and the Board President. Barb is a long-standing Opt Provincial Board member, and continues to advocate for sexual health.

Barb’s commitment and dedication to reproductive rights and freedoms is inspirational. Her caring and professional demeanor and her passion for Opt’s values have immediately been apparent to anyone who has had the pleasure to work alongside her.

Each year, we recognize an Opt RN who demonstrates exceptional clinical leadership skills and knowledge, a passion for patient-centered nursing care, and dedication to Opt’s mission. The award recipient approaches their work in a caring, competent, evidence informed manner that inspires those around them and exemplifies what it means to be an Opt RN.

Please submit nominations to the Awards Working Group c/o Ashleigh Turner at the Provincial Office (email to aturner@optbc.org or fax to 604-731-4698) by Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Please explain (by example) specifically how the nominee demonstrates the following:

(please continue on other side of necessary):

1. Clinical Leadership:

2. Passion for patient centered nursing care:

3. Exceptional nursing knowledge:

4. Dedication to Opt’s mission:

Signed: __________________________________________

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DOROTHY SHAW AWARD

Dr. Dorothy Shaw has embodied outstanding and inspirational volunteer leadership to Options for Sexual Health for over two decades. Through her various positions as Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee, President, and Past President she has brought an open and reflective approach that encourages the best from all those with whom she works. Her vision and guidance have brought this organization to our current status as Canada’s largest sexual health service organization.

This award was first presented in 1999 to Dr. Dorothy Shaw on the occasion of her retirement from the Board of Directors. Each year, in recognition of the value of such leadership to Options for Sexual Health, we will recognize a person among us who demonstrates outstanding trusted and innovative volunteer leadership.

If a person in your clinic or in your Support Opt Community Group (SOCG) has demonstrated exceptional leadership, please consider submitting their name for this award.

Please submit nominations to the Awards Working Group c/o Ashleigh Turner at the Provincial Office (email to aturner@optbc.org or fax to 604-731-4698) by Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

We nominate the following person for the Dorothy Shaw Award:

Name: ________________________________________________

Opt Clinic or SOCG: _____________________________________________

Address/Phone number: _________________________________________

Length of Service: _____________________________________________

Please explain (by example) specifically how the nominee demonstrates the following:
(please continue on other side of necessary):

1. Leadership:

2. Dedication and Commitment:

3. Ability to communicate respect and value for others:

4. Ability to deal with various challenges:

Signed: _____________________________________________

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DR. JEFFREY DOLPH MEMORIAL AWARD

Dr. Jeffrey Dolph, a provincial board member and clinic physician, was known for his dedication, professional ability, and his outstanding capacity to communicate respect and value for others. He was tragically lost in an air ambulance crash on January 11, 1995 while on his way to treat a patient.

Each year in honour of his memory, Options for Sexual Health recognizes a physician who embodies Dr. Dolph’s qualities in their work for our clinics. If a physician in your clinic demonstrates exceptional dedication and an outstanding ability to respect and value clients, consider submitting their name for this award.

Please submit nominations to the Awards Working Group c/o Ashleigh Turner at the Provincial Office (email to aturner@optbc.org or fax to 604-731-4698) by Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

We nominate the following person for the Jeffrey Dolph Award:

Name of Physician

Opt Clinic

Please explain (by example) specifically how the nominee demonstrates the following:

1. Dedication

2. Professional Ability

3. Ability to communicate respect and value for others

Signed:

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EDUCATION AWARD

This award recognizes an individual, organization, or school who has advanced the role of education in the achievement of Options for Sexual Health’s mission. Candidates should be those who through creativity, perseverance, results achieved, and/or personal leadership, have enhanced the impact and value of education in achieving Opt's mission and goals in this province.

Candidates may come from any milieu or discipline, including the ranks of Opt staff and the education and public health systems. Selection of the recipient of the award is based on an assessment of the significance of the contribution to Opt’s mission, the balance achieved among development, delivery and advocacy, and the impact on future as well as current sexuality and reproductive health education.

Please submit nominations to the Awards Working Group c/o Ashleigh Turner at the Provincial Office (email to aturner@optbc.org or fax to 604-731-4698) by Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

We nominate the following person for the Opt Education Award:

Name ___________________ Clinic/Organization: _________________________

Address/Phone Number ________________________________________________

Length of service ____________________________________________________

Please explain (by example) specifically how the nominee demonstrates the following:

(please continue on other side of necessary):

1. Dedication and commitment

2. Innovation and creativity

3. Promotion of inclusively and accessibility

4. “Going above and beyond” the call of duty

Signed: ________________________
Award Nomination Form

CLAP FOR THE WINNER AWARD

Opt's "Clap for the Winner" Award will be given this autumn to an individual, group, or organization in BC whose efforts to repress sexual expression, prolong ignorance, or oppose access to sexual and reproductive care warrant particular criticism. The actions of this individual, group, or organization directly oppose Opt's Mission and Values statements.

The winner will be featured in a media release from Options for Sexual Health and will be commemorated in a Hall of Shame plaque at Opt's provincial office and on our website. The winner can be retired from the Hall of Shame by taking one of Opt's Education courses.

Please submit nominations to the Awards Working Group c/o Ashleigh Turner at the Provincial Office (email to aturner@optbc.org or fax to 604-731-4698) by Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Nominee (individual, group, or organization): _______________________________________

Website/Social Media (whichever are applicable):

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Reason for nomination (I.E. what types of activities have this individual, group, or organization done to repress sexual expression, or oppose access to sexual and reproductive care?) Please continue on other side if necessary

Signed:________________________________________________________

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Award Nomination Form

CLINIC OF THE YEAR

Through this award, Opt recognizes and rewards clinics whose efforts and achievements in the course of a year go beyond the basic criteria of an Opt Clinic, and reflect particular success as well as fostering our mission, vision, values, goals, and services.

To be considered, please describe the work the clinic has done in the past year, so the selection committee has a full and proper appreciation of its achievements.

Please submit nominations to the Awards Working Group c/o Ashleigh Turner at the Provincial Office (email to aturner@optbc.org or fax to 604-731-4698) by Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

I/We nominate the following Clinic for a Recognition Award:

Nominated Clinic: ____________________________________________

Significant Accomplishments ____________________________________________

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Signed: _____________________________________________________________

Name ___________________________ ________________________________________

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Do you know a volunteer who always goes the extra mile, who recruits more volunteers and pitches in whenever things get busy?

The Volunteer of the Year Award was originated by Options for Sexual Health staff to provide recognition to outstanding volunteers and to acknowledge the vital contribution volunteers make to our organization. This includes all of Opt’s volunteers; those involved in program services (i.e. clinic and community outreach), governance activities (i.e. Provincial Board), and the members of the Support Opt Community Groups (SOCG).

The award is one way to say “thank you” and acknowledge all of those little ‘extras’ performed by an extraordinary volunteer. This year, don’t delay-- introduce us your outstanding volunteers. Nominate them for the Volunteer Award!

Please submit nominations to the Awards Working Group c/o Ashleigh Turner at the Provincial Office (email to aturner@optbc.org or fax to 604-731-4698) by Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

We nominate the following person for the Volunteer of the Year Award:

Name ___________________________ Clinic ___________________________

In the category: ☐ Program Services ☐ Governance Activities ☐ SOCG

Address/Phone Number ___________________________

Length of volunteer service ___________________________

Please explain (by example) specifically how the nominee demonstrates the following: (please continue on other side of necessary):

1. Dedication and Commitment

2. Support for the ideals of Options for Sexual Health

3. Innovation and Leadership

4. “Going above and beyond” the call of duty

Signed: ___________________________________________________________

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LONG TERM VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Options for Sexual Health would like to show our appreciation for our volunteers who have been with the organization more than 10 years. To facilitate this process, please submit the names of volunteers who have been with Opt for 10-14 years, 15-19 years, or (gasp) +20 years. This award aims to recognize both program volunteers (i.e. Clinic volunteers) and Support Opt Community Groups (SOCG). Please include as much information about which positions where held and significant accomplishments during the volunteer’s time with Opt, and any additional information that you feel is important for us to know when making our selection.

It is important that no one be missed in this process; if you would like to nominate more than one person, please make as many copies of this form as necessary.

Please submit nominations to the Awards Working Group c/o Ashleigh Turner at the Provincial Office (email to aturner@optbc.org or fax to 604-731-4698) by Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Name: ________________________________

Date (approximate) started with Opt ________________________________

Clinic/SOCG ________________________________

Positions held ________________________________

Significant Accomplishments ________________________________

Additional Information:

Signed: ________________________________

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