

What's New for the 2026 Giving Hearts Awards?

We are always looking for ways to better honor our incredible community and make it easier for you to champion the changemakers around you. This year, we are thrilled to introduce two major updates to the Giving Hearts Awards experience:

1. A Streamlined Nomination Process

We heard your feedback! We've redesigned and streamlined our nomination form to make it simpler, faster, and more intuitive than ever to submit an application. Now you don't need to follow up with additional materials like photos via email - you can submit them right into the form! We've cut out the unnecessary clutter (no more executive summary) so you can focus entirely on what matters most: telling the inspiring story of your nominee's impact.

2. Exclusive Pre-Event Nominator & Nominee Reception

Philanthropy is a team effort, and being nominated is a massive achievement in its own right. This new social hour allows nominators and nominees to connect, share stories, and celebrate their collective contributions to our community before the formal awards program gets underway.

- **Time:** 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
- **When:** On the day of National Philanthropy Day (NPD), right before the main event begins.
- **The Goal:** Celebrate our nominees and nominators, get photos of the group, and give you dedicated time to connect with your nominee!

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) & Did You Know?

Did You Know? The selection of award recipients is based solely on the information provided in the nomination package, so our new, simpler form ensures your narrative stays front and center!

Can someone be nominated again if they didn't win in a previous year?

Yes, absolutely! If an individual, youth, or organization was nominated in the past but did not receive the award, they can be re-nominated at any time.

Do nominees need to attend National Philanthropy Day to win?

Yes. To be eligible to win and receive their Giving Hearts Award, nominees must be present at the National Philanthropy Day event. Because we are celebrating our community live, having our recipients in the room to accept their honors and connect with peers is a core part of the magic of NPD. *Make sure to coordinate schedules with your nominee early so they can join us for both the pre-event reception and the main celebration!*

Do winners have the opportunity to speak when accepting their award?

Yes. Award recipients will have 2 minutes to speak when they receive their award on stage.

Have more questions? Contact us at ghagreatervancouver@gmail.com