



**Mount Prospect's
Shining Star Awards**
2010 Shining Star award Categories

1. Beautify Mount Prospect Award

Purpose: To recognize a group or individual who has made a special effort to enhance the physical character of our Village. The group or individual has contributed time and effort into the designated beautification effort.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- Youth group that plants and maintains flowers and ornamental shrubs along a major highway.
- School group that undertakes the clean-up of a creek bed or abandoned lot.
- Business or multi-family development that has done an exemplary job of beautifying its property.
- Individual property owner who has done an extraordinary job of beautifying a property that is readily visible to the public.
- **Note: Photographs would be helpful**

Past Recipients:

Rachel Toeppen	1994	Home Depot Volunteer Team	1998
Come Grow With Us Project	1995	Daryl Kimbrough & Crew	2000
David Schein	1995	Community Presbyterian Church	2002
Michaelene Aldrich	1996	Moehling Park Team	2003
Matt Tures	1996	Norwood Builders	2005
Garden Club of Mount Prospect	1997	The Colony Apartments	2009

2. Best Business Partner Award

Purpose: To recognize a business in Mount Prospect that has gone out of its way to be a good corporate citizen. The contribution this business has made to the community makes Mount Prospect a better place in which to live and work. The hard work of the employees and generosity of the firm can serve as an example to others that Mount Prospect is a vibrant community with potential for new residents and new businesses.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A company that partners with the library to provide a special literacy program for the residents.
- A company that adopts a school and provides playground equipment for the children.
- New business in town that becomes an active participant in various civic activities.
- Business that sponsors and supports civic projects and activities.

Past Recipients:

Mount Prospect National Bank	1999	Kevin Grouwinkel	2005
Sam's Place	2000	Photo's Hot Dogs	2006
Keefer's Pharmacy	2001	Max & Irmi Ullrich, VanDriel's	2007
Charles Bartman	2002	Robert Bosch Tool Corporation	2008
Picket Fence Realty	2003	Jennifer Martinez – Vino 100	2009
Busse's Flowers & Gifts	2004		

3. Champion for Youth Award

Purpose: To recognize an individual, organization, or program that, as part of his or her job or its professional responsibilities, enriches the lives of young people in Mount Prospect in some meaningful way. Through special or unique techniques or simply through enthusiastic effort, this person, organization, or program is a true advocate for the next generation. This Award is for a professional individual or group as opposed to a volunteer. See Award #4 for volunteers who champion the cause of youth.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- Police officer who works with an after-school program to give children an alternative to joining a gang.
- An educator who goes "out of the box" to reach his or her students.
- A program designed to teach children in a unique and meaningful way to be upstanding citizens within their community.

Past Recipients (prior to 2004, Award combined professionals and volunteers):

Greg Crocker	1997	Dr. Patricia Tedaldi Monti	2004
Barbara Kokoron	1998	Susanne Geimer	2005
Evan "Sugar" Balmes	1999	Lyn Scolaro	2006
Rod McKenzie	2001	Philip Herman	2007
Jane Stavoe	2002	Sue Ramstedt	2008
Dean Lee	2003	Steve Flowers – River Trails MS	2009

4. Youth Service Award

Purpose: To recognize an individual/organization/program who through volunteer or part time work – as opposed to a full-time professional – champions the causes of youth. As with the “**Champion for Youth**” Award, this person/organization enriches the lives of young people through conscientious and dedicated efforts, either through an organized program or on his/her own.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- Exemplary coach or manager of a youth sports team.
- Outstanding volunteer in a mentor program.
- Scout leader who teaches/preaches the virtues of good citizenship.
- A Mentor who takes their commitment to new levels.

Past Recipients: (The award category for past recipients may have been “**2,4,6,8, Who Do We Appreciate**”, “**Youth Should Be Served**”, or “**Horizons for Youth Award**”)

Prospect High School Service Learning Program	1994	Carol Strom	2006
Robert Heuser	1995	Greg La Cost	2007
Dave Alexander	1997	Mary Gallagher	2008
John & Kathy Pullano	1998	Prospect High School Safety Dog Program (Horizons for..)	2008
Victor Rose	2000	Joanne Prifti-Nicholas	2009
Kathy Stankowicz	2005		

5. Good-Better-Best Neighbor Award

Purpose: To recognize a resident of Mount Prospect who exemplifies the meaning of a good neighbor.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A neighbor who is always there when someone needs assistance or simply a favor.
- A neighbor who is the glue that holds a neighborhood together.
- A neighbor whose acts of kindness or friendship far surpass that of the average person.

Past Recipients:

Harold and Doris Rentschler	1996	Jewel "Moms Who Care"	2005
Rosie & Larry Hinkemeyer	1997	John, Debbie & Mike Graziano	2006
Ron Dascher	1998	Doug & Jean Doughty	2007
Ernie Mehlan	1999	Dianna Franzen, Co-Winner	2008
Bill & Marcia Kurczodyna	2000	Wendy Gonzalez, Co-Winner	2008
Frank Szarban	2001	Linda Lampe, Co-Winner	2008
Frank Moy	2002	Mary Jane Matecki, Co-Winner	2008
Joycelyn Wille	2003	Anita Herr	2009
Reno Nickele	2004		

6. Home Town Award

Purpose: To recognize a group or individual who has done something special to promote the feeling of community or to further unify the diverse groups within our community and who exemplifies the Village's motto, "Where Friendliness is a Way of Life."

Example of Possible Recipient:

- An individual or business owner who steps forward to take on the sponsorship or supervision of a special activity in the community.
- A person who launches a successful new program to serve the community.
- A person or business that takes a leadership role in a community event.

Past Recipients:

Mark Busse	1994	Rev. Kirk Reed	2002
Mount Prospect Lions Club	1995	Jan Scott	2003
Henry Graef	1996	Capannari Ice Cream	2004
Jack Keefer	1996	Rev. Clyde Brooks	2005
Corinne Rusteberg	1997	Brent Pearlman	2006
Officer Bill Roscop and Sgt. John Wagner	1998	Christine Hess	2007
Jean Murphy	1999	Carlos Huizar	2008
Robert L. McKillop	2000	Sister Cities Commission	2009
Ben and Millie Trapani	2001		

7. Living Legend Award

Purpose: To recognize someone who has achieved near legendary status through his or her standing in the community. This person's accomplishments or personality make him or her a true "character" and widely known and loved throughout Mount Prospect.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- The person who knows almost everybody and everything.
- Everybody knows this person's name.
- A "true character" – a person you won't soon forget.
- A person who serves the community with distinction over a long period of time.

Past Recipients:

Joe Battaglia	1993	Sam Hess	2002
Dolores Haugh	1994	Jim Carver	2003
Harold Weary	1994	Ann Smilanic	2004
Bessie Friedrichs Barnes	1997	Robert Jackson	2005
Louie Velasco	1999	Pat Mottweiler Jenkins	2006
Sam Skobel	2000	Pat Piper	2007
Elmer Blasco	2001	Rosemary Grier	2008

8. Open Arms Award

Purpose: To recognize an individual or organization that has readily opened its arms and its heart to the needy, lonely or less fortunate.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A foster family that is truly incredible.
- A group that provides shelter or assistance to the homeless.
- A caregiver who goes beyond what is expected of them.

Past Recipients:

Donna Quarino	2003	Lutheran Church of Martha and Mary Mission Team	2006
Sharon Loveless	2004	John & Sue Sliter	2007
Brian and Carrie Krueger	2005	George & Judy Studtmann	2009

9. Rising Star Award

Purpose: To recognize a junior high or high school student who goes beyond that which is expected of them. This is a young person who deserves to be honored for the example he/she sets for others and for their leadership -- not just for the positions they may hold. These are the Shining Stars of tomorrow.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A student who demonstrates self-confidence/self esteem by his or her own positive actions.
- A student who, despite peer pressure and derision, pursues an unusual hobby or vocation and is recognized for his or her success.
- A student who embraces volunteer work and leads by example.

Past Recipients:

Kelly Gier	1995	Ben Price	1999
Brad Kokoron	1995	Alicen Prikkel	2001
Kevin Samborski	1995	Michele Kidd	2002
Prospect High School		Kimberly Unger	2003
Service Learning Club	1996	Enrico Legaspi	2004
Brian Knudson	1997	Katherine Zagone	2005
Yomika Patel	1997	Jeffrey Allen Nellessen, Jr.	2008
Jessica Billings	1998	Jaclyn Gartz	2009

10. Unsung Hero Award

Purpose: To recognize a person in our community with a rather thankless, but necessary, job who is good at what he/she does and the community couldn't get along without him/her. This person goes beyond the job he or she is paid to perform or, in the case of a volunteer, expected to perform.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A crossing guard at a major highway who hasn't missed a day in over six years.
- The garbage collector who made his route at -25°, and ahead of schedule.
- The mailman who does more than just deliver your mail.

Past Recipients:

George Watanabe	1994	Andy Taylor	2001
Margaret Bosold	1995	Jesus Melendez	2002
Joan Kuffel	1995	Nanci Koschman	2003
Roberta Clinger	1996	Helping Hands Group	2004
George Luteri	1996	Stanley Gieron	2005
Florence Smith	1997	Linda Catomer	2006
Tom Garvin	1998	Mary Ann Anderson	2007
Donald Anderson	1999	Carol Murray	2008
Dennis Saviano	2000	Glen Andler	2009

11. There Ought to Be More People Like This Award

Purpose: To recognize a person(s) that is virtually indispensable in the life of a group or organization. The person takes on multiple tasks, helps wherever a hand is needed or takes charge when the occasion demands it. The Village of Mount Prospect and the world in general is a better place just because this individual is alive.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A minister whose commitment reaches far beyond their church.
- A do-anything volunteer for a school or charitable organization.
- An employee who takes on responsibility for a program that extends out into the community.
- A co-worker whose positive mental attitude makes it a joy to get up and go to work each morning.

Past Recipients: (The award category for past recipients may also have been “**The World is a Better Place Award**”)

Sr. Joanne Marie Schutz	2002	Jackie Vergan	2007
Jim Caulfield	2003	Tarina Wimmer (Ought to Be)	2008
Jane Winters	2004	Claude Bjork (Better Place)	2008
Carole & Yngve Bloomquist	2005	Bryon & Pat Garrett (Ought to Be)	2009
Mary Ann Jahrling	2006	John Brennan (Better Place)	2009

12. Toast of the Town Award

Purpose: To recognize an individual, group or organization that has contributed significantly to the cultural life of the community either through music, art, literature or other form of artistic endeavor.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A vocalist, music director or artist who has brought pleasure, enjoyment and/or recognition to Mount Prospect through his or her artistic efforts.
- An organization that volunteers its talent to enrich the community.

Past Recipients:

Jason Krigas	2002	Jim Weyrick	2007
Mount Prospect Community Band	2003	Marilyn Genter	2008
Judy Thorne	2004	Carolyn Story	2009
River Trails Middle School Jazz Band	2005		
Jayne Wilkins Scott & Holmes Jr. High Choir	2006		

13. The Anything Goes Category (Award)

Purpose: Your Nominee defies placement in a past or existing category. The person/organization you are interested in nominating is truly a community treasure and a Shining Star.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- You'll have to blaze a trail on this one.