



HEROES OF CURRY COUNTY'S CHILDREN

Call for Nominations

Annual Heroes of Curry County's Children - Nomination Packet

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Wally's House is proud to continue honoring the extraordinary individuals who dedicate themselves to the safety, healing, and well-being of Curry County's children. Each November, we host our Annual Heroes Banquet and Awards Ceremony, a celebration of the dedication, commitment, and achievement that makes our community stronger.

This year, we are proud to present two awards:

The Jeri Honeycutt-Tuttle Leadership & Legacy Award

— Philanthropic Leadership and Volunteer Dedication to Children

The Barbara Eells Advocacy Award

— Direct Service to Children, Families, and Community

Please review the award descriptions on the following pages and consider the individuals in your network whose work reflects the specific qualities and accomplishments described. Nominations should include concrete examples that illustrate how your nominee meets the criteria. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate someone whose outstanding work makes a difference in the lives of children and families throughout our community.

Submission Details

Email completed form to: assistant2@wallyshouse.org

Nomination deadline: **September 4, 2026**

With Gratitude,

Wally's House Board, Staff, and Event Committee



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November Annual Awards Banquet — Nomination Form

Submit Form to assistant2@wallyshouse.org by September 4, 2026.

SELECT AWARD

Please check one. See following page for award details.

- ☐ **The Jeri Honeycutt-Tuttle Leadership & Legacy Award — Philanthropic Leadership and Volunteer Dedication to Children**
- ☐ **The Barbara Eells Advocacy Award — Direct Service to Children, Families, and Community**

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Your Name	
Phone Number	
Your Organization	

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee	
Nominee's Organization	

NOMINATION STATEMENT

Please describe how your nominee meets the award criteria (next page). Include specific examples of their service, leadership, or advocacy on behalf of children and families in Curry County.

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LONGEVITY OF SERVICE

Please note if your nominee has demonstrated a sustained, long-term commitment to their work with children and families.

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May we contact you for additional details?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Date:	

Thank you for taking the time to recognize a hero to Curry County's children!



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AWARD CRITERIA

The Jeri Honeycutt-Tuttle Leadership & Legacy Award

For Philanthropic Leadership and Volunteer Dedication to Children

Jeri Honeycutt-Tuttle was an educator, administrator, and community leader who dedicated her life to nurturing young minds. She served in leadership roles with Curry County Emergency Management, Soroptimists International, Curry Health Foundation, and was instrumental in creating Wally's House in 2016 (named after her late husband Wally Honeycutt). In 2018, she and her husband, Tim Tuttle, founded Southwest Oregon Children's Foundation, which in 2023 donated an endowment to Wally's House. Jeri's legacy embodies her lifelong commitment to making the world a better place. Wally's House created this award and honored Jeri posthumously at the 2024 inaugural Heroes event, carrying forward her lifelong legacy as one of Curry County's most prolific Heroes.

Criteria: This individual is a positive role model of leadership, initiative, and innovative approaches in volunteer service.

This nominee demonstrates:

- A commitment to improving children's lives through philanthropic efforts, volunteer work, or advocacy, including financial support, organizing events, or creating youth-focused programs.
- A documented history of volunteering with schools, youth centers, nonprofits, or other children's organizations.
- Leadership that inspires others to serve, and active collaboration with organizations and stakeholders to build a supportive network for children and families.
- Positive role modeling for children and youth, exemplifying compassion, integrity, and social responsibility.
- Innovative solutions or programs that effectively address the needs of children in the community.

The Barbara Eells Advocacy Award

For Direct Service to Children, Families, and Community

Barbara Eells dedicated her career to the children of Curry County, beginning with Child Protective Services in 1986. She understood that meaningful change required a united community effort, and in the mid-1990s, she brought together local partners to form a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) to ensure coordinated care for children in cases of abuse, neglect, and maltreatment. In 2001, she founded Curry's Child Advocacy Team, becoming the first Child Advocacy Center director in the county, to further that mission. After retirement, Barbara continued dedicating her life to child advocacy through casework and volunteerism.

Criteria: This individual is known for their impactful contributions, community engagement, and commitment to children's welfare.

This nominee demonstrates:

- A pillar of strength and kindness who selflessly dedicates time, energy, and passion to serving children and families.
- Active involvement in local initiatives that benefit children: please list specific projects or programs this individual has participated in.
- Compassionate outreach and unwavering commitment to the betterment of the community, with a profound impact on the lives of many.
- An ability to inspire others toward positive change, serving as a beacon of hope, resilience, and dedication.