



*Carolyn Price, a 2011 Community Champions winner in Michigan, accepts her award and talks about her work educating women about breast cancer prevention.*



*Los Tapatíos Dance Company helps kick off the 2009 Community Champions Awards Dinner in Albuquerque, NM.*

## *Celebrating Unsung Heroes*

# Molina Healthcare's Community Champions Awards

## About The Awards

Molina Healthcare's Community Champions Awards program was created in 2006 to honor the unsung heroes that work in our communities and inspire others through their selflessness, extraordinary service and contributions that positively affect the lives of those around them. The annual Community Champions event was established to honor the memory of Molina Healthcare's physician founder, Dr. C. David Molina, who believed in community partners working together to create programs that would help care for society's most vulnerable individuals.

The annual awards ceremony brings together individuals whose civic and faith-based leadership, volunteerism as well as public advocacy embody Dr. Molina's spirit of service, family and community.

Winners each receive a Community Champions trophy and a \$1,000 grant to designate to an organization of their choice as a way to "pay it forward" in the community. These micro-grants frequently enable local community organizations to provide resources to serve the most vulnerable. These annual events usually draw several hundred community organizations together to celebrate the champions who are being recognized as well as to showcase the great work of the nominating agencies and grant recipients.

## How are winners judged?

Nominated individuals are reviewed with the following criteria in mind:

- Overall community contributions and involvement
- Achievements or qualities of a nominee that shows his/her commitment to serving those in need
- Specific results demonstrating the positive influence a nominee's activities have had on the community

## How is someone nominated?

Community Champions are nominated by community-based organizations and then winners are selected by a panel of judges.



# About Our Unsung Heroes



## Examples of Past Community Champions Winners



### **Joseph M. Morones** *Molina Healthcare of California, 2009*

After 18 years with Cal Trans, Joe Morones retired and decided to work as a volunteer at the Norton Younglove Community Center. Joe is up at the crack of dawn making sure hundreds of seniors and families are fed each day. As the lead senior volunteer, he is in charge of several free food programs: Brown Bag, Rolling Cart and Commodities.

In Joe's words: "I've enjoyed working as a volunteer for 14 years running the Food Program. I put in about 80 hours a month and hope to stay here until I get fired."



### **Junie Maynard** *Molina Healthcare of Ohio, 2011*

Junie Maynard serves as the school nurse for Southern Local School District, but she goes above and beyond her job description. When she saw the lack of health care facilities in Meigs County, she took matters into her own hands by working to get her nurse practitioner license and then starting a school-based health clinic at Southern Local. Maynard also raised funds to offset the cost of care for students and other members of the community who would not otherwise be able to afford important preventive health care services.



*2011 Molina Healthcare of Florida Community Champions Award Winners*