



The Casey Awards 2026

The Casey Awards annually celebrate individuals and organizations from across Canada that demonstrate leadership in social justice and commitment to HIV/AIDS. Created in 2008, the inaugural recipient, and inspiration for, the awards was June Callwood, one of the founders of Casey House. The Casey Awards celebrate June's spirit of innovative leadership.

Nomination process

Casey House has an open call for nominations for the 2026 Casey Awards. Nominations are encouraged from the entire community and self-nominations are welcome. Submissions are encouraged from the rich diversity of our communities, including Black, Indigenous, and other communities of colour. And, from people living with, affected by, and at heightened risk of HIV.

Every nomination is reviewed by a committee representing Casey House's board of directors, volunteers, and staff, as well as non-affiliated community representatives.

The Casey Awards will be presented at a recognition event in February 2027.

Nomination deadline

October 21, 2026, at 5 p.m. EST

How to nominate

Submit completed nominations to info@caseyhouse.ca with the subject line 'Casey Award nomination' by October 21, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Nominations should be comprised of and include:

- a brief narrative description of the nominee's accomplishments and why you/they should be considered for a Casey Award, including a list of examples of the nominee's contributions to the community. This can be written or filmed.
- indicate the category in which they are being nominated
- name, phone number and email address for both nominee and nominator

Nominations are strengthened by the addition of:

- up to three letters of support

Categories

In all four award categories the committee is looking for evidence of: innovation; collaboration; responsiveness; inspiring others; transformative and/or exemplary action; and/or commitment to communities who are at higher risk of HIV due to the social and structural determinants of health

Leadership in HIV or social justice

To recognize Canadian individuals or organizations whose dedicated activism, volunteerism, leadership, and compassion has made our world a better and more humane place.

Volunteer or peer

Presented to an individual, couple or family in recognition of their exceptional volunteer and/or peer service to Casey House and/or the HIV community.

Corporate partner or foundation

Presented to a corporation or corporate or private foundation or special-purpose philanthropic group that has demonstrated outstanding commitment through financial

support for Casey House and/or the HIV community, and through encouragement and motivation of others to take leadership roles in supporting stronger communities.

Philanthropist

In recognition of an individual or family who has demonstrated outstanding civic and philanthropic leadership through a proven record of exceptional generosity and financial support within the HIV community. Recipients will have motivated others to take philanthropic leadership roles in our community or a broader provincial/national level.

Please note: The committee is not obligated to select four winners every year and may choose not to award in a category despite receiving a nomination.

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