

## VANTAGE Aging 4th Annual SOAR Awards

### 2020 Nomination Procedures

1. A person and/or organization can only receive each specific award once in a lifetime.
2. Any person or organization nominated and NOT receiving an award may resubmit again the following year with edits. *We will no longer be extending nominations for subsequent years. You must submit a new application each year.*
3. Any person or organization can nominate for each award. If nominating more than one person and/or in more than one category, an individual application must be completed. Nominees can only be nominated in one award category. Nominees can submit an entry for a person in one category and for an agency in another category, but each nomination must be UNIQUE to the award category. Multiple entries may not be reviewed.
4. The deadline for submitting nominations is **February 14, 2020**. Judged Awards will be reviewed by a panel of judges and all decisions are final. The top three nominees will be announced on **March 7, 2020**. Winners will be announced at SOAR on **May 4, 2020**.

### DESCRIPTION OF JUDGED AWARDS

#### Joe Ruby Collaboration in Aging Service Award

Joe Ruby served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities from 1981 until 2016. During his tenure he did so much to encourage collaboration in an effort to produce better outcomes for older adults including Community Based Care Transitions Program, Community Care Coordination, and provider alignment in a variety of service areas. This award will go to a group of people or organizations who improved services to older adults through a collaborative effort in Summit County. To make a nomination, please demonstrate, in 500 words or more, how the project or campaign delivered in partnership had a positive impact on the senior community. Your reason for nomination must demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Cross-Sector Collaboration
- High Impact
- Partnership with Private, Public, or Third-Party Sector
- Effective elimination of organizational silos and/or sharing of resources and expertise

#### Age Friendly City Award

The World Health Organization (WHO) Global Age-Friendly Cities project has developed a checklist as a tool for assessing and making our cities age-friendly. This award will go to a city in Summit County who is making efforts in making their city more age-friendly.

Submissions must demonstrate that the city or municipality has taken steps to address the needs of older adults according to standards suggested by WHO. Listed below are eight core concepts and nominees should demonstrate success in addressing and adapting infrastructure and services to meet the needs of older people including:

- Transportation
- Housing
- Social Participation
- Respect and Social Inclusion
- Civic Participation
- Employment
- Communication
- Community Support and Health Issues

#### Ed Kaufman Leadership in Aging Award

In 1977 Ed Kaufman became the leader of VANTAGE Aging (formerly Mature Services) and took a struggling, startup nonprofit to a multi-service organization that empowers seniors to thrive in our community. He led the organization until his death in 2011. His legend lives on today in the mission of VANTAGE Aging. This award will go to a leader in Summit County who through their leadership has improved the lives of older adults. To make a nomination, please demonstrate:

- Established a positive image for aging and increased the stature of aging in the community.
- Encouraged innovation and risk-taking in providing aging services.
- Actively supported all aspects of aging and the needs for targeted population services.

**Applications may be completed online at [www.vantageaging.org/soar](http://www.vantageaging.org/soar) or mailed by February 14, 2020 to:**

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