



# FAMILY SOLUTIONS COLLABORATIVE

## JEAN WEGENER HERO IN FAMILY HOMELESSNESS AWARD

### 2024 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**This award honors an FSC member who has touched the lives of others through their dedication, service and support to homeless families in our community.**



We are looking for individuals who have demonstrated outstanding involvement and commitment to end family homelessness. A person can be nominated for extraordinary efforts exhibited by commitment, dedication and dependability over a period of time OR a person may be nominated for a one-time specific situation or incident that exhibited extraordinary effort.

Nominees must have demonstrated a commitment to ending family homeless in Orange County and must be a participating member of the Family Solutions Collaborative (see list on attached application). Through efforts to provide families in need with the resources, services, supports, or opportunities needed to enhance quality of life and prevent, divert or house families experiencing homeless.

Examples should be reflective of efforts that go beyond the scope of their regular responsibilities and should be reflective of extraordinary work performed at their place of employment that is beyond the scope of their day-to-day work.



### ABOUT JEAN WEGENER

*Jean Wegener was a fierce supporter of families, leading Serving People in Need (SPIN) to successfully assisting homeless families with children return to self-sufficiency for over 30 years. Jean became a champion of Orange County's underserved homeless family population.*

*Jean was an active member of the Family Solutions Collaborative, serving on the Executive Committee, helping to pave the way for the system-wide changes and improvements to ensure equitable services were made available for families experiencing a housing crisis. In 2021, the FSC Executive Committee Renamed the award the "Jean Wegener Hero in Family Homelessness" in honor of her memory.*

### APPLICATION INFORMATION AND TIMELINE

Applications Due: December 15, 2024 | Email Applications to [cbuck@oc-fsc.org](mailto:cbuck@oc-fsc.org)  
Announcement of Awardee: January 25, 2025 | In-person Award: First week of February 2025



Nominees must be employed or a volunteer and actively engaged with the FSC and is from one of the following Family Solutions Collaborative member organizations

**Please tell us more about the Hero you are nominating:**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee work phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions, attaching an extra sheet if necessary. *Please provide detailed and compelling information on your nominee***

1. How has this person gone above and beyond in our community to end family homelessness?
2. How has this person’s role and actions helped to inspired others?
3. What special qualities or abilities does this person bring to their role?

4. What are three (3) words you would use to describe the nominee? Tell us why you selected these three words.

***Please provide a compelling story as to why your nominee goes above and beyond in serving families! Use additional sheets if needed.***

## ***Please tell us about you!***

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Family Solutions Collaborative Members:** 211OC \* American Family Housing \* City of Costa Mesa \* City of Huntington Beach \* City of La Habra \* City of Westminster \* Casa Teresa \* City Net \* Colette's Children's Home \* Community Action Partnership of Orange County \* Families Forward \* Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) \* Family Promise of Orange County \* Friendly Center \* Grandma's House of Hope \* Habitat for Humanity of Orange County \* Homeless Intervention Services OC (HIS-OC) \* HomeAid Orange County \* Human Options \* Illumination Foundation \* Interval House \* KCS \* Laura's House \* Leading Purpose \* Lutheran Social Services \* Mercy House \* Orangewood \* Pathways of Hope \* Project Hope Alliance \* Radiant Futures \* The Salvation Army of Orange County \* Tustin Emergency Shelter \* Serving People in Need (SPIN) \* StandUp for Kids \* South County Outreach \* Volunteers of America Los Angeles

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of the Family Solutions Collaborative Staff and an ad-hoc committee of the FSC Executive Committee. *Please note, Executive Committee Members who have staff/volunteers who were nominated from their organizations will not be eligible to participate on the ad-hoc committee or eligible to participate in the selection of the winner.*

**Please submit application no later than December 15, 2024 to: [cbuck@oc-fsc.org](mailto:cbuck@oc-fsc.org)**