



## **Public Allies 2008 ChangeMaker Awards Nomination Packet**

### **Background on the Public Allies Leadership Network**

Public Allies alumni are part of a dynamic and growing national network of diverse young leaders committed to a lifetime of working for community and social change. Public Allies believes that a network of diverse leaders practicing our core values of collaboration, continuous learning, diversity/inclusion, focus on assets, and integrity will:

- unite people and organizations;
- create more effective, inclusive and responsive organizations;
- will promote young people from diverse backgrounds as assets to their/our communities;
- engage more citizens to contribute their assets to community and social change efforts; and
- ultimately build a more just and equitable society.

### **Public Allies' ChangeMaker Awards**

Since 2005, Public Allies has been committed to identifying and acknowledging outstanding alumni who continue to lead effective and compelling community impact efforts while exhibiting the Public Allies values of collaboration, integrity, inclusion, continuous learning and focusing on assets. To date, more than 30 alumni have received close to \$10,000 in awards and scholarships for their leadership in increasing the quality of life in local communities, and working to build a more just and equitable society.

### **Nomination Guidelines**

One ChangeMaker will be selected from each of Public Allies' local communities. Any Public Allies alumnus may self-nominate or be nominated by other alumni, current Allies, current or former Public Allies staff, Public Allies board members, partner organization staff or other Public Allies supporters.

We encourage nominations of Public Allies alumni not currently residing in the same city as their program site as these have typically been underrepresented in the applicant pool. Also, alumni from all sites are invited to nominate, or be nominated, including those alumni from sites that are no longer in operation.

Members of the National Alumni Advisory Board are ineligible to apply, be nominated or nominate other alumni for the award.

### **What We're Looking For**

Nominations for the Public Allies ChangeMaker Awards will be assessed based on:

- **Inspiration:** Please tell us how this alumnus has inspired others to lead in his/her community.
- **Significant Action:** Please tell us how this alumnus has mobilized people and resources to solve a problem, identify new solutions or to make a real difference in the lives of others.
- **Accomplished Results.** Please tell us how this alumnus has made a difference in individuals, organizations or communities that has the potential to be sustained over the long-term.
- **Engaged New Voices.** Please tell us how this alumnus has increased the effectiveness of their work through engaging diverse perspectives or uniting people across boundaries.

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### **Award Package**

Each local award package includes the following:

- Recognition plaque;
- \$250 to be used for professional development opportunities or a donation to local nonprofit and
- Recognition letter

Each local ChangeMaker will be considered for the National ChangeMaker Award which will be announced in September 2008. The national award package will include an additional \$750 to be used for professional development or a donation to a local nonprofit organization. In addition, awardees will be recognized in Public Allies' publications, as well as through press releases to local and national media.

### **To Apply**

Please submit the attached cover sheet and a two-page letter nominating yourself or another alumnus you feel exemplifies the criteria above. Your letter should describe how the candidate exemplifies the criteria. Additional letters of support are welcomed but not required. If you are nominating another person, please include the nominee's contact information as well as your own. Nominations are due at 5PM (Central Daylight Time) on Friday, May 2, 2008. Nominations can be sent via mail, fax, or preferably email. (Please call to confirm receipt of faxed nominations.)

### **Review and Selection Process**

The ChangeMaker Award Selection Committee, which is comprised of Public Allies staff and National Alumni Advisory Board members, will review all nominations and select one winner from each site by working in partnership with each site. In-person and/or phone interviews may be used to learn more about nominees and their work. Decisions will be made in May. Winners will be notified by June 6, 2008. One national ChangeMaker will be chosen from the pool of local ChangeMakers and announced in September 2008.

Please address nominations to:

ChangeMaker Award Selection Committee  
c/o Merilou Gonzales  
Director of Alumni Relations  
633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Ste. 610  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
E-Mail: [meriloug@publicallies.org](mailto:meriloug@publicallies.org)  
Phone: 414-273-0533 x23  
Fax: 414-273-0543

If you have specific questions regarding the Public Allies ChangeMaker Award, please feel free to contact Merilou Gonzales by phone at 414-273-0533 x23 or via email at [meriloug@publicallies.org](mailto:meriloug@publicallies.org).

**PUBLIC ALLIES  
CHANGEMAKER AWARD  
NOMINATION COVER SHEET**

**NOMINEE'S BASIC INFORMATION**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME/CELL NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST WAY TO CONTACT NOMINEE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC ALLIES SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS YEAR** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTNER ORGANIZATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF PROGRAM MANAGER** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION (Submissions of resumes are optional.)**

**CURRENT EMPLOYER** \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES** (please refer to letter) \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION**

**NAME AND RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME/CELL NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this cover sheet with the two page letter nomination by Friday, May 2, 2008 at 5 PM (CST).

