



## **Citizens Who Care - Educator of the Year Gala May 19, 2022**

### **What is the Citizens Who Care-Educator of the Year Event?**

Citizens Who Care (CWC) is Andover's longest running program that honors outstanding community volunteers. Since 1996, the Rotary Club of Andover has honored people each year who have contributed to the local community through their extraordinary volunteer contributions. Those chosen exemplify what it means to be an "unsung hero." They come in all ages and professions. The Educator of the Year (EOY) started in 2009 and honors one exceptional educator chosen by his or her peers. The Student of the Year recognition honors a student who has been a leader in service to others.

The recognition of the recipients will be embodied within an exhibit of video portraits and biographies that will be aired on Andover TV throughout the coming months.

The Citizens Who Care - Educator of the Year Gala 2020 and 2021 was impacted by the COVID-19 Global Pandemics. This year, we are thrilled that we are back to hosting a large gala that draws town leaders, elected state officials, Rotarians, past recipients and friends and families of the recipients. This event will be held on May 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm, at Andover Country Club.

### **How were the recipients chosen?**

Andover Rotary formed a committee which sent out nomination forms to a large list of organizations and individuals. The committee chose final recipients from the dozens of nominees for the Citizens Who Care Awards. The Educator of the Year and Student of the Year were nominated by teachers, school administrators and/or parents and chosen by the committee.

### **What makes the CWC-EOY Gala special?**

The CWC-EOY gala is the Andover Rotary Club's signature event and fundraiser. The 2022 Gala will be held in person (with a virtual option) on May 19, 2022, at 6:00 pm. In addition to the families and friends of the honorees and Rotary Club members and supporters, the event draws our Select Board, town manager, state senators, state representatives and many of the town's volunteer organizations. It is the only such event that draws so many groups that shape Andover's future.

### **Your sponsorship of the CWC-EOY program is "good for all concerned."**

We keep the ticket prices affordable to the families and friends of each year's recipients, and a sponsorship helps to cover these costs, along with supporting the club's service projects and charitable causes that make a difference in our communities and world. These initiatives include our contribution to end Polio across the globe, the anti-bullying program in selected Andover schools, Thanksgiving turkey dinner collections, holiday toy drives, medical missions abroad, international student exchange programs, our clean water project building wells to supply drinking water for a village in Kenya, and our support of many local charities.

There truly is no other event that draws such a diverse and community-minded group of people to which you have a chance to make a statement of your company's good citizenship. The attached sheet shows the levels of support and the details for the May 19, 2022 celebration.