

New Mexico

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**SPirit of
HOPE
CELEBRATION**

*Honoring those who serve
beyond themselves*

“Each time a man stands for an ideal,
or acts to improve the lot of others,
or strikes out against injustice,
he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope.”

– Robert F. Kennedy

2ND ANNUAL SPIRIT OF HOPE CELEBRATION

17TH ANNUAL AMY BIEHL YOUTH SPIRIT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2010, 3PM

ABOUT AMY BIEHL

Amy Biehl, a graduate of Santa Fe High School, understood that, as an American, she had it better than many people in much of the world. She also believed that she had a duty to give back—to make life better for others who were not so fortunate. To that end, Amy went to South Africa at the age of 26 as a Fulbright Scholar to help that country’s leaders develop a new constitution. While conducting voter registration for South Africa’s first all-race election—the election that would end apartheid—she was killed in a riot.



The 16th Annual Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award winners in 2009 were Alejandra Carmona of Albuquerque and Fiona Walters of Mexican Springs. The Two honorees were Alex Wirth of Santa Fe and Arielle Hawney of Sapello.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award was founded by New Mexico Voices for Children in 1993—the year that Amy died in South Africa. The award honors both Amy’s commitment to serve as well as young people in New Mexico who have stepped up to bring positive change to their communities and/or the world at large. One finalist and one honoree from each of the two age groups (13-18 and 19-26) are named and receive cash awards.

Nominations for the annual award are evaluated on evidence of the nominee’s vision, initiative, and dedication in service to others. In other words, the award goes to young people who are already making a difference. Our hope is to challenge them to greater heights of service through the award recognition and exposure to Amy’s life and work.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

*Nominations that do not meet the following criteria, are incomplete, or do not provide enough detailed information will **not** be considered.*

- New Mexico young people ages 13-26 (at the time of service) are eligible.
- Nominator must **not** be related to the nominee and must be at least 18 years of age.
- Nominee must have volunteered within the last 12 months specifically in the area of community involvement, service or outreach.
- Only one nomination per nominee is permitted.
- Groups may **not** be nominated.
- Please do **not** list academic achievements or unrelated awards.
- Please do **not** include letters of recommendation.
- Former ABYSA finalists and winners, though not eligible for another award, are eligible for nomination.
- The winning nominees and their nominators must agree to be present for the presentation of the award at the SPIRIT OF HOPE CELEBRATION.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

A selection committee of youth, adults, and community leaders designate one honoree and one winner from each of the two age groups (13-18 and 19-26). The entire body of the nominee's volunteer work will be considered.

Nominations **must** address the following criteria. Consideration will be based solely on the nominator's description of:

- The nature and **impact** of the volunteer work or service performed by the nominee.
- The average number of hours per week that the nominee volunteered and the time frame in which the nominee has been committed to these activities.
- The amount of the volunteer work or service done at the nominee's own initiative.

PRESENTATION OF HONORS

The individual selected will receive their honors at the SPIRIT OF HOPE CELEBRATION on Saturday, September 25, 2010, 6:30, at the Albuquerque Museum. The recipient will be notified of their selection prior to the celebration.

INSTRUCTIONS

Download and print the Nomination Form and Nominee Photo Release so they may be filled out and signed. The two completed and signed forms, and the Nominator Statement, Nominee Statement, and Nominee Biography, may be mailed, emailed or faxed. Nominee Photo must be mailed or emailed.

Nominator Statement, Nominee Statement, and Nominee Biography must be submitted in 12 pt. Times New Roman font with one-inch page margins.

SUBMISSION

Please submit **all** five of the following documents **together** by 3pm on **Tuesday, August 31, 2010**. *Incomplete nomination forms and nominations received after that date will not be considered.* Completed nomination packets may be submitted by mail, email address, or fax to:

New Mexico Voices for Children
Amy Biehl Award Nomination
2340 Alamo Ave. SE, Suite 120
Albuquerque, NM 87106-3523

Email: jjazzie@nmvoices.org
Fax: 505-244-9509

Questions? Call 505-244-9505.

NOMINATION CHECKLIST

Nomination packets must include **all of the following**:

✓ **NOMINATION FORM** (printed, filled out, and signed by nominator)

✓ **NOMINEE RELEASE** (printed, filled out, and signed by nominee. A parent or guardian must also sign for nominees under age 18)

✓ **NOMINATOR STATEMENT** (written by nominator) Statement must address the following three questions:

1. How do you know the nominee?
2. What sort of volunteer community action or service has the nominee been involved in during the past 12 months?

Please describe the following in your answer:

- Details about the nature and impact of the volunteer work or service performed by the nominee.
- The average number of hours per week that the nominee volunteered and the time frame in which the nominee has been committed to these activities.
- The amount of the volunteer work or service done at the nominee's own initiative.

3. How has this young person inspired you?

✓ **NOMINEE STATEMENT** (written by nominee) Nominee must provide brief answers to the following two questions:

1. What do you find personally rewarding about your service to others?
2. In a **single sentence**, state why your volunteer work is important to you.

✓ **NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY** (written by nominee) Nominee must write a **brief** autobiography (no more than one page) about their life and service to others. Biography could include the following information:

- Where nominee currently attends school or works.
- Personal experiences that led the nominee to take up his or her cause.
- Nominee's extracurricular activities or hobbies.

✓ **NOMINEE PHOTO**

These photographs will be shared with the news media so they need to be of reproducible quality. Faxed or photocopied images will **not** be accepted. Mail a 5x7 print or email a JPG or GIF (no smaller than 300 dpi at 5x7). Make sure it is labeled with nominee's name and phone number.

✓ **AMY BIEHL YOUTH SPIRIT AWARD**
NOMINATION FORM
To be completed by nominator only

Please download and print this form, fill it out, and sign it. *Please write legibly!*

Nominee's Name _____ Birth Date _____

Nominee's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Nominee's Phone _____ Email _____

Nominee's Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

Nominator's Name _____

Nominator's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Nominator's Phone _____ Email _____

I attest that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the enclosed information about this nominee for the Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award is accurate and that this nominee meets the award criteria.

Nominator's Signature

Date

✓ AMY BIEHL YOUTH SPIRIT AWARD
NOMINEE RELEASE
To be completed by nominee only

Please download and print this form, fill it out, sign and return it—along with Nominee Statement (see instructions), Nominee Biography (see instructions), and a 5x7 photograph (see instructions)—to your nominator, who will send it to us with the other nomination materials. *Please write your name legibly and exactly how you want it to appear in the program!*

I _____ (print your name), hereby grant New Mexico Voices for Children (NM Voices) permission to use my likeness, voice, picture, and name for print, radio, television broadcast, and electronic media, including NM Voices' website, anywhere throughout the United States and the world and to edit such material on film, audiotape, or videotape for the purpose of promoting NM Voices, the SPIRIT OF HOPE CELEBRATION, and the Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award.

I hereby attest that I have read and agree to the above statement on this _____ day of _____, 2010. (date)
(month)

(your signature)

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

If you are under 18 years of age, the signature of your parent or guardian is also required:

(parent or guardian signature) (date) _____

(parent or guardian printed name)