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Dear Putnam Community:

On Wednesday, September 30, 2009 the Putnam Community Service Network will honor local organizations and individuals at the Annual Awards Breakfast at Clearpool Education Center in Carmel **new location**. And, we need your help with the nominations!

We ask you to **express your appreciation to an individual or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the Putnam community** in the area of community and/or human services **by nominating them for a Putnam Community Service Network Award.**

Attached is a list of the nine award categories and the nomination criteria. You may make more than one nomination, but please use separate forms for each. Nominations must be received no later than Wednesday, August 19, 2009.

Your nominations make a difference by showing our community the broad array of community programs, projects, and services provided by dedicated professionals, volunteers, organizations and youth in Putnam County; and by giving much deserved recognition for their accomplishments. All of the award nominees and award recipients will be recognized at the Awards Breakfast in September.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. If you have any questions, please call Connie Fagan (Putnam County Housing Corporation) at 845-225-8493 ext 211.

Sincerely,

Putnam Community Service Network Committee

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PCSN AWARDS & CRITERIA

Distinguished Service Award—Individual:

A community or human service professional, who has made outstanding contributions over a period of three or more years, to the community and human services in Putnam County.

Distinguished Service Award—Organization:

A not-for-profit public or private agency, group or organization that has made outstanding contributions, over a period of three years or more, to community and human services in Putnam County.

Ruth Dain Voluntary Service Award:

An individual or group within Putnam County that has voluntarily applied extensive time and efforts over the years to the community and human services in Putnam County.

Professional Career Recognition Award:

An active professional currently working in Putnam County who has served full time in the community and human services field for at least 15 years during his or her career.

Norman Vincent Peale Outstanding Service Award:

An individual or non-profit public or private agency, group or organization which, during the preceding year, has made positive contributions to individuals or groups, in Putnam County or New York State.

Lyn & Buzz Burr Excellence in Communications Award:

An individual or group who has exemplified commitment to community and human service in Putnam County during the past year in communication venues, including but not limited to, newspapers, radio, cable, newsletters, websites, presentations, etc.

Special Youth Award:

A young person or youth group that has contributed to the community in a significant way. This award is based on the commitment of our youth to advance the betterment of life in the community where they live.

Public Service Award—Individual:

An individual now holding an elected public office or an appointed public office, at any level of government, who has provided dynamic service on behalf of the residents of Putnam County in the performance of human or community service. The nominee cannot be currently running for Public Office. (Nominees can be Federal, State, County, Town Village Officials, School Officials or School Board).

Fred L. Dill Community Service Networking Award:

A group of community and human service agencies that have collaborated to achieve a common goal by coordinating efforts and cooperating among themselves to enhance the lives of Putnam County residents. The group must have undertaken a specific project during the past calendar year that carried out the general purposes of networking in the spirit of Fred L. Dill's participation in many causes.

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