



## **2018 Sandra Neese Lifetime Achievement Award Overview**

Nominees for the Sandra Neese Lifetime Achievement Award should exemplify the spirit that Sandra embodied in her work with youth experiencing homelessness.

### **Background Information**

Sandra Neese was a founding member of Nevada's homeless youth education office in 1988. For the next 10 years, she gave of herself tirelessly so that all children in this region may have what most take for granted: safety, shelter, and a future. A child advocate at heart, she was a professor at the University of Nevada, Reno and established a mentor program for student athletes that thrives to this day. She was also a founding board member of Community Chest, Inc. in 1991, the location of Nevada's homeless youth education office, and rural non-profit agency serving children and families in northern Nevada. She loved the outdoors, New York City, ballroom dancing, and traveling. In the fall of 1998, Sandra faced her greatest challenge: a cancer that would not relent. I have never seen a woman display more courage in the face of death. Giving of herself to the end, she personified what it means to leave the world a better place.

In memory of her magnanimous spirit, Community Chest, Inc. established the Sandra Neese Lifetime Achievement Award to honor people like Sandra who have given so much of their lives so that young people without shelter may find the promise of tomorrow.

Shaun Griffin  
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## NAEHCY 2018 Nomination Overview

### Guidelines

- There is no limit on the number of nominations that may be submitted by any one party, however, a separate nomination form must be completed for each nomination submitted.
- The Liaison of the Year nomination must be submitted by the State Coordinator.
- Only one nomination per category will be accepted.
- Nominations should emphasize the educational element of serving homeless children and youth.
- Nominees need not meet all criteria listed in the criteria section of each category. *The criteria should serve as a representative guideline.*
- Award winners will be notified by the NAEHCY Award Chair prior to the Annual NAEHCY Conference.
- All award nominations are now submitted electronically. Each nomination must include the following:
  - A minimum of 3 letters of support, no more than 5 total
  - A narrative outlining the following 4 things:
    - Information regarding the relationship between the nominee and the person nominating them.
    - A detailed description of how the nominee has met or exceeded the criteria indicated for that nomination.
    - An explanation of why the nominee is deserving of or qualified to receive this award.
    - Information related to the outcomes of the nominees' efforts
  - A headshot of the nominee, all award winners will be presented in our conference program and app.

### 2018 NAEHCY Award Program Timeline

- **May 21:** Award nomination information regarding *Liaison of the Year* to include online submission link sent to State Coordinators
- **May 21:** Award nomination information relative to the *Sandra Neese Lifetime Achievement Award* is advertised through normal channels (social media, NAEHCY and SERVE websites, etc.)
- **May 21:** Online award submission process goes “live”
- **June 30:** Online nomination deadline
- **July 16-19:** Review committee reads/scores award submissions
- **July 30- August 2:** Final review of submitted nominations (if necessary)
- **August 6:** Award recipients determined and NAEHCY is notified
- **August 13:** Lifetime Achievement Award winner notified