**Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Annual Open House, December 2014

*Homegrown Heroes Awards*

Purpose

As a part of our Annual Open House, the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council wants to recognize and honor the accomplishments of community partners who help expand the community’s ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods. Any community member or organization is eligible to receive a Homegrown Heroes Award.

Process

* Anyone can nominate for these awards by filling out the nomination form on the following page. Submissions are required by Friday, October 31st.
* A committee of Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council members will review the nominations and select the honorees.
* Honorees will be notified by Friday, November 14th and invited to attend out Annual Open House held on Wednesday, December 3rd from 6:00-8:30pm at the Cedars Hall (602 University Ave NE).

Guidelines

*During this year’s end-of-the-year celebration, the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council wants to present Homegrown Heroes Awards to individual community members or organizations that exemplify the Vision and Mission of the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council*

Vision: The Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council envisions a vibrant local food system that enhances the health of all residents, protects the earth, increases economic vitality, expands social connectedness, and improves food security.

Mission: To continue to advance Homegrown Minneapolis, the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council works to support all Minneapolis residents and increase access to quality food, address hunger and food insecurity, connect sectors of the food system, influence policy and decision making, and ensure an environmentally sustainable and socially just food system. To accomplish this, the food council: (1) fosters City-community partnerships; (2) convenes and engages diverse stakeholders to identify and propose innovative solutions to improve the local food system; (3) provides ongoing guidance to the City on local food issues; and (4) serves as a platform for collaborative, coordinated action.

*Last year’s 2013 Homegrown Heroes included:*

* Bertrand Weber and the Minneapolis Public Schools Culinary & Nutrition Services Department
* Linda Bryant, Emerge Community Development
* Lyndale Neighborhood Association Environment Committee
* The Midtown Farmers Market
* Youth Farm

*Last year’s 2013 Honorable Mentions included:*

* Nancy Close, CKC Good Food Catering
* Midwest Food Connection

Nomination Form

Due Friday, October 31st

Today’s Date:

Nominator’s Name:

Nominator’s Email:

Name(s) of Nominee(s):

Description of Nominee(s): Please provide a brief description about who the nominee(s) is, including who is impacted by their work. The Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council may not be familiar with the work of the individual or organization. [Min: 3-5 sentences, Max: 7-9 sentences]

Reason for nomination: In what way does the nominee(s) exemplify the Vision and Mission of the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council? [Min: 3-5 sentences, Max: 7-9 sentences]

Please email this form to: Katie Lampi, [katie.lampi@minnepolismn.gov](mailto:katie.lampi@minnepolismn.gov) no later than 5:00pm Friday, October 31, 2014.

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