**Judi Devereux Community Activist Award Nomination Form**

GSAFE is currently seeking nominations for the 2017 Judi Devereux Community Activist Award. The award will be presented to an outstanding individual at the 21st annual Celebration of Leadership on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Monona Terrace in downtown Madison. The recipients of these awards will have demonstrated a commitment to promoting just and respectful schools for all, with an emphasis on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning students and issues (LGBTQ+).

The Judi Devereux Community Activist award was first presented in May 2010. The award recognizes an individual that best exemplifies the spirit, vision, values, leadership and transformational activism embodied by the late community activist Judi Devereux, and who contributes to improving the lives of members of the LGBTQ+ community in the state of Wisconsin. The qualities that made Judi Devereux special included her giftedness at gathering together a group and tapping into the power of collaboration and collective creativity that transformed the people involved and made a meaningful impact upon the greater community. She advanced values of connectedness, identity and doing what is right for the greater good. Judi lived boldly and had an enormous capacity to love, laugh, encourage, inspire, take risks, work toward a common goal and envision a world that values and celebrates all members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Nominators are asked to recommend candidates who possess a mix of vision, leadership, creativity and unflagging effort which, when combined, produce effective action, tangible achievements and a model for replication within communities. Candidates should not be acting alone, but within the context of an organization, institution or the greater community, and should be considered within that context as an inspirational leader and role model. Candidates should be nominated with the hope that, in receiving this award, their potential for future societal contribution will be enhanced. Anyone may nominate a candidate, including members of the general public. GSAFE Board, staff, or awards committee may also solicit nominations for activists who have come to their attention.

***Nomination Deadline***

March 13, 2017

Announcement: April 2017

To nominate someone please answer the following questions. Please limit your response to each question to 400 words or less. Please attach additional pages to your completed nomination.

1. Please describe the community/communities within which the nominee works. Please explain how this nominee has provided support, educated others, or improved the climate for LGBTQ+ and/or other communities.
2. Please describe the impact the nominee has had on a school or community and the manner in which they accomplished it. Please provide details of any specific achievement.
3. Please describe any obstacles, whether personal or external, the nominee encountered in carrying out this work and how they worked to overcome them.

**2017 Judi Devereux Community Activist Award Nominee Information:**

nominee name pronouns (if known/applicable)

home address city state zip

school or organization (if applicable) city state zip

primary phone secondary phone (if applicable) e-mail

**Important: Does the nominee know they are being nominated? Yes**  **No**

**Please note:** Award recipients are expected to attend the GSAFE Celebration of Leadership on Saturday, May 13, 2017 in downtown Madison. Notice of award recipient selection will also be shared broadly by GSAFE. Please keep this date and information in mind when nominating an individual. Complementary tickets for the award recipient and one guest will be provided.

**Nominator Information:**

first name last name pronouns

home address city state zip

school or organization (if applicable) city state zip

primary phone secondary phone (if applicable) e-mail

**Submission of the Nomination**

Nominations can be submitted online, emailed as a Word attachment to brianj@gsafewi.org, hand-delivered, mailed or faxed (608.661.1360) to the office of:

GSAFE

Attn: Scholarship Committee

122 E Olin Ave Ste 290

Madison, WI 53713

***Nominations must be postmarked or received by March 13, 2017.***

**For Further Information call (608) 661-4141, email brianj@gsafewi.org, or visit www.gsafewi.org.**