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**HAWS Seeks Nominees for  
7th Annual Diana Boettcher Youth Community Kindness Award**  
*Award named by Waukesha animal resource center after Lac La Belle animal advocate*

**WAUKESHA — March 7, 2016 — HAWS**, the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, is seeking nominations for the 7th Annual **Diana Boettcher Youth Community Kindness Award**. This award is presented in memory of Diana Boettcher, a longtime resident of Lac La Belle who cared equally for the animals and people in her neighborhood throughout her life.

The Diana Boettcher Award seeks to honor a youth who exemplifies kindness to animals in the community through volunteering, promoting awareness or other acts of humane animal treatment.

The honoree will be selected by a panel of HAWS' employees and friends. Selection is based on the nominee's commitment to animal welfare through public service and community life.

Nominees must be 18 years or younger. Family, friends, community members and teachers are allowed to nominate deserving youth; in addition, students may also nominate themselves. If chosen, the recipient must be available to accept the award at the Friends of HAWS' 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Walk on May 6, 2016 at Sussex Village Park.

Applications must include the nominee's name, address, birth date, school and an essay (not to exceed 500 words) explaining the youth's commitment to animals in their community. **Applications must be received at HAWS by April 12<sup>th</sup>** and can be emailed to Megan at [education@hawspets.org](mailto:education@hawspets.org) or sent to HAWS/Award, Attn: Megan, PO Box 834, Waukesha, WI, 53187-0834.

*HAWS, a non-profit organization established in 1965, assists 8,000 animals each year and welcomes more than 35,000 human visitors to our shelter annually. As an open admission and full service shelter, HAWS assures sanctuary for animals in need while offering many diverse educational programs and services to promote responsible pet ownership and prevent animal abuse.*

*The shelter is located at 701 Northview Road in Waukesha, Wisconsin.*

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