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## **HAWS Seeks Nominees for 12th Annual Diana Boettcher Youth Community Kindness Award**

*Award named by Waukesha animal resource center after Lac La Belle animal advocate*

**WAUKESHA - March 28, 2022.** The Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, [HAWS](http://HAWS), is seeking nominations for the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 11 to 18 years old. 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' 39th Annual Romp 'n Rally on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Sussex Village Park.

Applications must include the nominee's name, address, phone number, 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 18<sup>th</sup>.** An online application is available at [hawspets.givecloud.co/kindnessawards](http://hawspets.givecloud.co/kindnessawards), or a nomination including the above elements can be emailed to HAWS' Education team at [education@hawspets.org](mailto:education@hawspets.org).

*A non-profit organization established in 1965, the Humane Animal Welfare Society assists over 10,000 animals and welcomes more than 35,000 human visitors each year. HAWS is an open admission, no-kill shelter dedicated to strengthening the relationship between animals and humans through adoptions and education, making a more compassionate community possible.*

*HAWS is located at 701 Northview Road in Waukesha, Wisconsin. For more information call (262) 542-8851 or log onto [hawspets.org](http://hawspets.org).*

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