



**School of Social Work**  
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BC ASSOCIATION of  
SOCIAL WORKERS

### **The Inspiring Social Worker of the Year Award**

Social work is a calling which requires a strong commitment to caring and social justice. Despite the pressure of limited resources and heavy workload, many dedicated social workers in British Columbia work hard, day in and day out, to fulfill their commitment to this calling. Among them, **Paul Cheng**, a social worker who immigrated to Canada from Hong Kong, dedicated himself to serve new immigrants, youth in care, street youth, people with substance use disorders, and many others for over forty years. It is widely recognized by colleagues, clients, students, and friends that Paul's caring attitude, professional practice, and tireless personal efforts deeply touched and inspired them. In memory of Paul, the Inspiring Social Worker of the Year Award recognizes social workers in British Columbia whose efforts and dedication to serving people from marginalized communities have inspired others to contribute to the promotion of social justice.

#### **The Award**

Upon the recommendation of an adjudication committee, the successful nominee will receive the Award and an honorarium of \$2,000.00 for sharing her/his experience at the Paul Cheng Memorial Lecture. The lecture will be during the first week of September at the University of British Columbia, School of Social Work, Paul Cheng's Alma Mater.

#### **Nomination Criteria**

A nominee for the Inspiring Social Worker of the Year will:

- a. have formal social work training at the bachelor's level or above (not necessarily from Canada),
- b. practice social work within British Columbia,
- c. be a Registered Social Worker with the BC College of Social Workers or practice in an exempted position,
- d. demonstrate a strong commitment to social justice in work with marginalized populations,
- e. be recognized as a role model who inspires others.

#### **Nomination Process**

Nominations will be received from **March 13 to June 18, 2017**. All nominations will be sent by email to [bcasw@bcasw.org](mailto:bcasw@bcasw.org) with the phrase **Inspiring Social Worker Award** in the subject line.

To nominate a candidate, please attach:

- a. a brief statement of consent signed by the nominee,
- b. 2-3 page narrative summarizing the work by the nominee that demonstrates their commitment to social justice and how/who the nominee has inspired,
- c. two recommendation letters written with good knowledge of the work and inspirational influence of the nominee.

The Award is co-sponsored by the British Columbia Association of Social Workers and the University of British Columbia, School of Social Work.

Should you have any questions, please contact BCASW at [bcasw@bcasw.org](mailto:bcasw@bcasw.org) or Miu Chung Yan, Professor, UBC School of Social Work at [miu.yan@ubc.ca](mailto:miu.yan@ubc.ca).