

**Rotary Club of Longmont
Annual Compassion Awards – 2007**

It's time to be thinking about nominations for the Longmont Rotary Club's Annual Compassion Awards!

Since 1978, the Longmont Rotary Club has sought to convey the theme of the "Tower of Compassion" through its annual Compassion Awards program. The purpose of the awards is to recognize those who exemplify:

**Love
Empathy
Understanding
Gratitude of All Things
Giving Selflessly of Oneself for the Happiness of All Beings**

The Longmont Rotary Club sponsors three different compassion award programs. One program involves the school children of St. Vrain Valley School District. Students will submit essays, poems, stories about people or personal experiences that have touched them in a special way or made in impact on their lives. School principals will select a group of finalists, and the Rotary Compassion Awards Committee members will make their final selections, one student from grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

Where do we need YOUR HELP? We need your help in submitting nominations for the two other Compassion Award programs: The "**Frank McDonough Award**" and the "**Citizen Compassion Award.**" Both awards are presented to individuals who exemplify the five virtues of the Tower of Compassion. They are persons who in their own quiet way and throughout their lives, continually and faithfully make a difference in the lives of their fellow Rotarians or the citizens of the Longmont community (may also include nearby geographical areas like Niwot, Berthoud, etc.). The Compassion Award Committee Judges (comprised of 8 Longmont Rotarians) will review and make the final selections. All Compassion Awards will be presented at the May 22 Rotary meeting.

→ **The Frank McDonough Award** recognizes a member of the Longmont Rotary Club who best exemplifies Service Above Self and the Five Levels of Compassion.

→ **The Citizen's Compassion Award** honors an individual who exemplifies these virtues in order that we all may become more aware of these qualities and strive to achieve them in our daily lives. Rotary is not seeking the person who has served on the most boards of directors, raised the most money for a favorite charity, or is continually in the public eye, *but rather, exemplifies the aforementioned compassionate qualities.*

Nomination forms for both awards will be available at all weekly Rotary meetings through April 20, 2007. You may send nominations by mail to Longmont Rotary Club, P.O. Box 272, Longmont, CO 80502, or email nominations to Joan Campbell (jcampbell@luhcares.org) or Deb Roberts (debroberts@alternativesforyouth.org) Questions: Joan Campbell, 303-651-5342.

All nominations must be received by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2007.

Please take this unique opportunity to nominate that unspoken hero/heroine whom you feel should be recognized for their outstanding service to our Longmont Rotary Club or to the greater Longmont community. Thank you!