

To the Editor,

As chair of the Village of Croton on Hudson's new HEART committee, I would like to share a little about the committee and invite residents to submit nominations for the HEART awards for the June 2024 – May 2025 award cycle.

HEART is an acronym for Help, Exemplify, Aid, Respect, Teach. The committee is tasked with honoring a Croton resident, alive or deceased and/or a Croton business or group for a total of two to three honorees per year. The committee will focus on those in our community who quietly volunteer or take care of our Village, helping to make this the Village we all love. The committee will hold two or three small events per year for the purpose of honoring the individual or group with an educational component specific to the honoree while encouraging community participation.

Criteria: An honoree may be a resident, group, business, or businessperson in our Village. Deceased honorees must be deceased for at least five years, and politicians must be out of office for at least five years and being honored for work outside of their political work.

We invite all residents and businesses to nominate a person, group, or business or businessperson who you feel exemplifies the HEART of our Village.

The committee will review all nominees and choose two or three for our first year. Multiple submissions for each honoree are not necessary.

Please submit your nomination by March 21, 2024, with their name, address, contact information, and a brief but detailed description of why you think the person, group, or business should be our Village's honoree, along with your name, address, and contact information to: crotonheart@gmail.com

Thank you. We look forward to honoring our fellow Crotonites with you!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Whiting

Chair Croton HEART committee.