

Maryland Correctional Administrators Association (MCAA)

Community Service Awards Program (CSAP)

Nomination Form

I. Please provide the name of the correctional employee being nominated.

Nomination: Cfc Lara Hawbaker

II. Please provide the name and a very brief description of the community service agency, program or activity that has benefitted from the efforts of the correctional employee volunteer or volunteers being nominated.

Moon-Lit Acres Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, Inc., Saint Thomas, Pennsylvania. The center is dedicated to ending animal cruelty, abuse and neglect.

The nomination must include the signature of the correctional employee submitting the nomination. If a group is submitting the nomination only one signature is required.

Print or type name: Melinda Grenier, Assistant Director, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Bureau

Signature: Melinda Grenier

Date: 3/17/23

Cfc Lara Hawbaker began her career as a Correctional Officer with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau in 2003. In 2017, Cfc Hawbaker opened the Moon-lit acres Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, Inc, as a 501C3 non-profit organization in Saint Thomas, Pennsylvania. The Center is dedicated to animal welfare and the prevention of cruelty and suffering.

Cfc Hawbaker works closely with local police, Pennsylvania State Police, the District Attorney's Office and Humane Society in the tri-state area. When not working full-time as a correctional officer, she voluntarily conducts investigations in response to allegations of animal abuse and writes citations, applies for warrants or simply educates owners on the proper care of animals. She accompanies the police SWAT team to remove animals from crime scenes and has assisted in de-escalating highly emotionally charged and combative situations, sometimes made more difficult when drugs or alcohol are involved. Every time she responds to a call, she puts her life on the line.

She maintains a Facebook page for the Center to assist with education, fundraisers fostering, rescue and adoption of animals. Monies raised from donations support vaccines, vet appointments, treatment, housing, food, medication and surgery.

She recently worked with an elderly man whose wife had passed away and he couldn't care for a sick horse. Instead of writing him a citation, she connected him with a veterinarian and over the next two years, with the help of her family, assisted him with caring for his animals. On another occasion, she assisted an elderly woman with her pet because she couldn't navigate stairs. These are just a few examples of how Cfc Hawbaker assists members in her community.

Cfc Hawbaker donates a significant amount of her time and resources to this worthy cause. She responds to calls in her privately-owned vehicle and pays for classes to maintain her certification. Cfc Hawbaker does not take full credit for her efforts and acknowledges the support of her husband, children and community.

Cfc Hawbaker is highly deserving of this award. She is a hero who selflessly dedicates her time and resources to promote the positive image of animal care and rescue within her community.

Nomination Narrative

- A. What service did the nominee provide for the agency, organization or activity for which they volunteered? Include a description of the population or group served (e.g., youth, seniors, disadvantaged, disabled, veterans, etc.). If applicable, provide the approximate number of hours per week or month.
- B. What service did the nominee provide for the agency, organization or activity for which they volunteered? Include a description of the population or group served (e.g., youth, seniors, disadvantaged, disabled, veterans, etc.). If applicable, provide the approximate number of hours per week or month.
- C. What benefits or achievements can be cited as the direct result of the nominee's volunteer service to the respective group or community? For example, describe the services provided and how the agency, program or activity directly benefitted from the nominees efforts or contributions.
- D. Did the nominee provide unique, innovative or unusual approaches for addressing community needs or problems? If so, briefly explain why the service is considered unique, innovative or unusual.
- E. Has the nominee overcome any unique challenges or obstacles to engage in the activity or to provide the service?
- F. Please explain the primary reason for nominating this employee. Please focus on the service for the past year (2022). For example, explain how the volunteer service demonstrates an unusual level of commitment or dedication, is truly unique, or otherwise warrants special recognition.
- G. Please provide any additional information that helps document that the efforts of the correctional proved directly beneficial to a community service program or activity.