**Eligibility Criteria**

- Nominations are limited to leaders currently working for or serving on the Board of a local or statewide 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Maine.
- Nominations may be made by other staff or Board members from the same nonprofit that the leader is affiliated with or by external proponents of their work.
- An individual may be nominated in successive years if not selected; however, an updated nomination must be updated and resubmitted.
- Nominees must have demonstrated leadership in the areas of promoting access to health care for uninsured or underserved Maine people and/or in improving the health of people in Maine.
- Nominees must have at least 10 years of leadership experience at one or more organizations.
- Nominees should also exemplify the following leadership qualities:
  - Actively involved in leadership roles
  - Demonstrates clear vision, innovation, and creativity in their work
  - Clear contribution to their organization or to the greater community
  - Demonstrates strong initiative in their endeavors with clear impact as a result of their actions
  - Motivates or develops the leadership capacities of others
  - Exhibits a high standard of integrity by leading through example
- Awardees are not eligible to be awarded in future years.
- Organizations may receive the $10,000 gift only once in a five year period.
- Current MeHAF Trustees and Community Advisory Committee members are ineligible for this award and cannot submit nominations.