

CARERS ASSOCIATION MAKES FINAL CALL FOR CARERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The Carers Association is making a final call for nominations for the organisation's Carers of the Year and Young Carer of the Year Awards. Due to the number of nominations still being received, the closing date has been extended by two weeks to Friday, September 24th.

Minister for Social Protection, Eamon O Cuív T.D. and Patron of the Carers Association and broadcaster, Mary Kennedy, launched The Carers Association's Carers of the Year Awards 2010 earlier this year. The Awards are sponsored by Emergency Response.

"Family caring can be very difficult with many family carers experiencing isolation, stress and illness due to their round-the-clock caring responsibilities. Many local Carers sacrifice their career and lives to provide care in the home and these awards are so important in recognising and celebrating the work they do" says Catherine Cox, Communications Manager of the Carers Association.

The Carers Association's Carers of the Year and Young Carer of the Year (under 18) Awards are based on a national nomination process where members of the public, including health care professionals, nominate their chosen family carers from across Ireland. The award winners will be announced at a special ceremony later in this year.

Today, there are over 161,000 family carers and over 5,500 young carers providing care in the home to older people, those with illness and people with disabilities across Ireland.

Nominations for the Emergency Response Carers of the Year and Young Carer of the Year Awards 2010 can be made online at www.carersireland.com.

Application forms are also available from The Carers Association's Resource Centre's nationwide or directly from Lee Anne Greville of the Carers Association at 057-9322920.

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