



The Misty Romero Active Citizen of the Year Award

2009 Nomination Form

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Misty Romero's first alternative break trip was to Juarez, Mexico during Spring Break of her sophomore year at Colorado College. She stayed involved with alternative breaks throughout her college career and served on the Break Away® Board of Directors from 1997-2003.

Misty's passion is to make a contribution to improving health care and to increasing the general knowledge that people have about their bodies and their health. For many years Misty participated in the Chicago Women's Health Center collective in Chicago. Misty continues to provide health education along with sensitive, educational, empowering, and affordable health care as a Registered Nurse in a community health clinic that primarily provides care to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals as well as HIV positive individuals.

"[through alternative breaks] I learned about many social justice issues first hand while I became acquainted with people who had different life experiences and opportunities than I have had. These experiences taught me that it is our responsibility as humans to contribute to healthy communities from the level of family community to the level of world community." - Misty Romero

The recipient of this award will be chosen based on their commitment to living a life of active citizenship. Nominees for this award can be anyone connected to the Break Away alternative break movement. Nominations can be made by anyone connected to the Break Away alternative break movement.*

All nominations should be emailed to breakaway@alternativebreaks.org by 5 p.m. EST on **May 8, 2009**. Hard copies will not be accepted. Award winners will be announced on May 29, 2009. Winners will receive **national recognition**, a personalized **trophy**, recognition on our website, a **letter of recognition** and a life time **Break Away individual membership**.

Please send all inquires to breakaway@alternativebreaks.org regarding the nomination process, evaluation process, or criteria for this award.

**Break Away Board of Directors, Programs Board, and staff are not permitted to make nominations*

Active Citizen: a person who makes community a priority in values and life choices.

Name of Active Citizen: _____

How is this person connected to the Break Away Alternative Break Movement?

Nominator's Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Affiliation with the alternative break movement:

Nominee's Information

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate document (must be 2,000 words or less):

1. How has the nominee impacted his/her campus alternative break program?
2. How does the nominee demonstrate active citizenship as a member of the larger community?
3. What else would you like to articulate regarding why you have nominated this person for this award?