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### **Individual Submitting Nomination Information**

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### **Nomination Information**

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### **Nomination Questions**

1. *Explain your volunteer's significant depth of involvement.* George and Mary have been members of our Event Steering Committee, EMT. This committee is made up of a core group of year round volunteers that attend monthly planning meetings for Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc. (DFWII). Each member of this committee is responsible for providing updates in his or her area of responsibility. During the meetings George & Mary updated the committee on the production management of the EMT Hospitality for the MAIN ST. Fort Worth Arts Festival and the Chesapeake Energy Parade of Lights.
2. *Show specific examples of your volunteer's roles and responsibilities.* George & Mary have been an integral part of our EMT for over twenty three years managing the EMT Hospitality area. Their responsibilities included managing the set-up and teardown, food and beverage, and volunteers who worked in this area.
3. *Describe how your volunteer has provided significant enthusiasm, organizational assistance and specific expertise.* George & Mary welcomed everyone to their area with big smiles, hugs and lots of humor along with tasty meals. They created an atmosphere in which everyone could relax, refresh and recharge during the festival. George & Mary created an event on Saturday night after festival hours for volunteer managers and staff to let their hair down with music, steak & seafood. As a team, they were indispensable. Mary ordered all the food, beverages and dry goods to be used while George managed the food preparations.
4. *Explain how your volunteer has shown initiative and leadership in her efforts. Tell how your volunteer has exemplified her dependability.* George & Mary came up with a different menu for each meal of the festival and year. In 2011, during the Parade of Lights, George sold hot dogs with chips and drinks to all parade participants. This was very popular with those setting

up their floats and volunteers working in the area. The area was fondly known as George's Grill.

5. *Describe your volunteer's positive attitude.* Describe how your volunteer has made a difference to the festival or event.
  - a. *What impact has your volunteer had on your festival/event?* George & Mary provided an area for our volunteer managers to rest, revive and take a few moments away from the festival.
  - b. *What void would there be without her as a volunteer?* George passed away in August, 2012. He is missed greatly. Mary continues to be part of the EMT in a new position.

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**Entry format**

E-mail nomination in a Word document along with photo and media list to Nia Hovde, Director of Marketing & Communications at [nia@ifea.com](mailto:nia@ifea.com).

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