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'Unsung Heroes recognised in Dudley'.

Unsung Heroes from Black & Minority Ethnic Communities across Dudley were recognised for their achievements, skills, dedication and commitment at a ceremony held at the Village Hotel, Dudley, on Thursday 20th March 2008.

The event hosted by the Centre for Equality and Diversity received over 20 nominations for the 6 categories of awards.

Winners included Mrs M Chaudhary who received the Outstanding Service to the Community Award. Mrs Chaudhary has been a mentor and role model to many women and young ladies in the Asian Community for 26 years. She has been an inspiration to many who have also gone on to be high achievers.

Mrs Chaudhary said;

"To win this award is absolutely amazing and a great honour for me and the ladies whom I work with, without whose hard work I would not have been nominated".

Sponsored by the West Midlands Fire Service, The Community Fire Safety Award was presented to the Halesowen Asian Elders Association. The charity works very hard to improve the quality of life for its members by promoting good health and safety in their homes.

Mr Dar, the chairperson said;

"I am delighted to receive this award and it's great to have the Halesowen Elders Association recognised by the West Midlands Fire Service for our consistent information to members about the importance of keeping safe in and outside their homes".

The award for the Most Active Senior Citizen went to 66 year old Mrs Sidney Campbell. Sidney retired 8 years ago and has since dedicated herself to helping other senior citizens. She visits others to promote support and check on their well being and taking them shopping when needed. Sidney will shortly be studying for a diploma in Social Care and Health.

On receiving her award, Sidney said:

"I love to help people and provide whatever support I can to improve their quality of life"

Kenneth Rodney, Chief Executive of CfED said;

"Thus awards event represented an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the fantastic work that takes place everyday in black and minority ethnic communities and the way in which they are contributing to the economic and social well-being of Dudley."

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---NOTES FOR EDITORS---

- (i) Quality photographs of winners are available on request as well as other photos of the event.
- (ii) CfED is a company limited by guarantee (5745005) and a registered charity (91114821)
- (iii) An organisation at the heart of the Borough of Dudley and dedicated to:
 - (a) promoting the interest of all Black and Minority Ethnic communities
 - (b) building effective partnerships
 - (c) creating an environment in which all people in the Borough support equality and diversity, understand and appreciate the differences between individuals and communities.
 - (d) raising the profile of all six equality strands.