

They're driven to help all the needy children

Couple nominated for our Awards

» RACHEL WEARMOUTH

INSPIRATIONAL Ivan and Nadine Hollingsworth are in line for a Chronicle Community Champion Award.

Just 15 hours after the birth of their baby Seb in 2009, the couple learned he had a congenital heart defect and, if left untreated, he would not see his second birthday.

Just four months later, Seb's condition worsened and he needed life-saving surgery.

But he eventually pulled through and Ivan and Nadine, from Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, North Tyneside, got to take him home.

Though the youngster will need further open-heart surgery in the years to come, the experience led Ivan and Nadine to set up Seb4Chuf.

The charity has raised



DEVOTED TV presenter Ben Shephard with Nadine Seb and Ivan Hollingsworth

£217,000 for the children's heart unit at Newcastle's Freeman Hospital, thanks to feats from Ivan's gruelling Iron Man challenges to a Handbags and Gladraggs Ball.

Caroline O'Doherty, from the Sick Children's Trust, has now nominated the couple for the Champion Fundraiser award.

She said: "Nadine and Ivan, like so many other families and

children's charities, simply cannot do enough to say thank you to the Freeman Hospital for saving their son's life.

"Their fundraising balls and Coast to Coast challenges are now famous in the North East.

"What I find remarkable is their humility.

"They are driven to help all the children who are helped by the children's heart unit and work tirelessly to raise awareness and funds for the cause. They're incredible."

Do you know someone special who should be nominated for one of our Community Champions Awards?

If so let us know - it couldn't be easier to nominate them, simply log on to www.chroniclive.co.uk/communitychampions for details on how to enter, or fill out one of entry forms.



ON THE RUN Ivan Hollingsworth

NOMINATION FORM



I wish to nominate.....

Their address

Their postcode

Their email address

Your name

Your address.....

Your postcode

Your contact number

Your email address

Please give reasons for nomination on a separate sheet.

Post entries to: Community Champions, c/o Rachel Wearmouth, Evening Chronicle, Groat Market, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 1ED

The categories

» Community Champion

Is your community a better place to live due to the actions of one person? Someone who has shown commitment and gone to extraordinary lengths over time to prove the environment of Tyneside.

» Outstanding Act of Bravery

Has anyone you know (aged 14 or over) demonstrated outstanding bravery, whether it be a member of the public or emergency services?

» Champion Child of Courage sponsored by Northumbrian Water

Tell us about a youngster (aged



14 and under) who makes you want to burst with pride. Someone who in his or her young life has already displayed remarkable courage and provides an example for others to follow.

» Children's and Young People's Champion

An individual or group who has made a concerted effort to encourage children to get involved in sports and other leisure activities or supporting young people into the world of education, training and employment.

» Young Community Champion

This will be awarded to a person aged 19 years or under who has gone to great lengths to improve the community in which they live. They will be a good advocate of what the youth of today should be.

» Champion Carer

A selfless individual whose dedication to others makes them the cream of the crop. From family members to caring neighbours.

» Champion Fundraiser

An individual or group who have made a real difference to people's lives in their charity fundraising efforts. Nominate

the people you feel have gone the extra mile for others.



» Armed Forces Champion sponsored by G4S

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