

# Honor Circle Ceremony

## **Sharing publicly the positive impacts of a specific person and giving them thanks.**

### **Purpose**

To thank, honor, and uplift the Honoree and to inspire others.

### **Preparation**

No preparation required.

### **Participants (roles)**

Facilitator, Honoree, Participants

### **Pattern**

Open—Facilitator announces that it is time to do a special event for the Honoree. They organize the Honoree and Participants into a circle, usually sitting, and quiet the group.

Execute—The Facilitator tells the group that the tradition is to honor the Honoree with a few words of “Something you appreciate about the Honoree...” or “Something the Honoree has done which you appreciate.”

The Facilitator describes why the Honoree is extra special to them providing the first example. The Facilitator then calls on people in the circle to share one person at a time.

Close—The ceremony closes after the last person has spoken.

### **Product**

Positive emotional energy for the Honoree and Participants.

### **Tips**

Consider performing this ceremony during major life celebrations like birthdays, engagements, or graduations.

Consider performing this ceremony during “leaving or goodbye ceremonies” when people leave a team, company, or community.

The Facilitator may wish to select as the first few Participants people who are very comfortable speaking.

Participants may be told in advance they will be asked to share.