

Rural Health Awards

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2016 Rural Health Awards

HERO NOMINATIONS

2016 Hero Nominees

**Matthew E. Bernard,
Dodge Center**

“He believes in the need for the services offered by The Center Clinic in our community. His dedication inspires all of us to do more.”

2016 Hero Nominees

Heidi Favet, Ely

“She is dedicated to rural wellness at both the macro and micro level, serving and bringing together patients, community stakeholders, and local health and human services.”

2016 Hero Nominees

Renee Johnson, Willmar

“She demonstrates leadership for rural health as a dedicated educator, practitioner and advocate.”

2016 Hero Nominees

Mark T. Jones, Warren

“He has been involved in rural emergency medical services as a resident, a provider and an advocate to strengthen rural EMS.”

2016 Hero Nominees

Jeanne Edevold Larson, Bemidji

“She has brought us to this unique and exciting place, where we can serve thousands of patients who trust us and feel at home here.”

2016 Hero Nominees

Ralph Morris, Bemidji

“He has been a mentor in leadership, creativity, collaboration and innovation. He has helped establish ALL preparedness activities in the NW Region.”

2016 Hero Nominees

Roger Twigg, Crosby

“Because of his leadership, the residents of the Cuyuna Range have a full-service hospital, clinics, nursing home, and senior living community.”

Past Award Winners

Rural Health Hero

- 🏆 Maureen Ideker, 2015
- 🏆 James Boulger, 2014
- 🏆 Al Vogt, 2013
- 🏆 O.J. Doyle, 2012
- 🏆 Therese Zink, 2011
- 🏆 Colleen Spike, 2010
- 🏆 Tim Rice, 2009
- 🏆 Gary Wingrove, 2008
- 🏆 Ray Christensen, 2007

Past Award Winners

Rural Health Hero

- 🏆 Gary Davis, 2006
- 🏆 Wilfredo Apostol, 2005
- 🏆 Marie Comstock, 2004
- 🏆 Darrell Smith, 2003
- 🏆 Rick Failing & Mel Nefstead, 2002
- 🏆 Darrell Carter, 2001
- 🏆 Anne Robertson, 2000
- 🏆 Warren Larson, 1999

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TEAM NOMINATIONS

2016 Team Nominees

Circle of Hope, Duluth

“At least 60 patients from rural Minnesota have been helped by their services financially.”

2016 Team Nominees

Open Door Health Center, Mankato

“The Community Health Team has had a significant impact on both providers and patients.”

2016 Team Nominees

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Crosby

“By providing nutritious food to area youth, CRMC has improved children’s physical and mental health, academics achievement and economic productivity.”

2016 Team Nominees

Madelia Community Based Collaborative, Madelia

“They have implemented a series of strategies to increase access to healthy beverages in the community of Madelia.”

2016 Team Nominees

Morrison County Prescription Drug Task Force

**“They have made significant
progress in the fight against
heroin and prescription drug
abuse.”**

2016 Team Nominees

River's Edge Falls Prevention Committee, St. Peter

“They have a passion for what they do and go above and beyond to ensure the health, safety and well-being of patients.”

2016 Team Nominees

Semcac Clinic Team, Winona

“The clinic plays a critical role in ensuring access to reproductive and sexual health services for everyone, regardless of their ability or inability pay.”

Past Award Winners

Rural Health Team

- 🏆 Angel Fund, 2015
- 🏆 Project Care Free Clinic, 2014
- 🏆 Open Door Health Center mobile team, 2013
- 🏆 Violence Prevention Council of Morrison County, Little Falls, 2012
- 🏆 Right Side Up in Otter Tail County, Falls Prevention Interprofessional Practice and Education Team, 2011
- 🏆 Northern Dental Access Center, 2010

Past Award Winners

Rural Health Team

- 🏆 Northern Dental Access Center, 2010
- 🏆 Riverwood Breast Health Team,
Aitkin/Brainerd Lakes, 2009
- 🏆 Saint Elizabeth's Wellness and Disease
Management Team, 2008
- 🏆 Drug Free Coalition of Bemidji, 2007
- 🏆 Access Healthcare Home Health Psychiatric
Nursing Team, 2006
- 🏆 SISU Medical Systems, 2005

Past Award Winners

Rural Health Team

- 🏆 Senior Helping Hands Program, 2004
- 🏆 Madelia Community Hospital "Fight the Fat" Team, 2003
- 🏆 Freshwater Education District, Lakewood Health System Fetal Alcohol Diagnostic Team, 2002
- 🏆 County Emergency Medical Services, Fertile, 2001
- 🏆 Saludando Salud and Paynesville Area Health Care System, 2000
- 🏆 Keith Moulton, M.D., and Roger Parsons, M.D., 1999

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**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
NOMINATIONS**

2016 Lifetime Nominees

Pat McKone, Duluth

“Leaders near and far look to her for fresh perspective and for help overcoming what may seem to be insurmountable obstacles.”

2016 Lifetime Nominees

David Nelson, Breckenridge

“He has advocated at the local, state and national levels for rural health care needs since the beginning of his health care career.”

2016 Lifetime Nominees

Linda Schwebach, Pipestone

“She not only embraces change but is the forerunner of change and she works to ensure that each patient gets the highest standard of care possible.”

2016 Lifetime Nominees

Paul Van Gorp, Long Prairie

“He brought passion, wisdom and humanity to his work as a clinician, teacher and rural health advocate.”

2016 Lifetime Nominees

Arthur VanVranken, Graceville

“Dedication and love of profession is what has helped keep small rural hospitals and clinics going and that has certainly been true of his career.”