



## Minnesota Rural Health Conference

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# Minnesota Rural Health Awards June 20, 2017

# 2017 Rural Health Awards

## **HERO NOMINATIONS**

# 2017 Hero Nomination

**LaRaye Anderson**  
**American Indian Community Specialist**  
**Minnesota Department of Health**

*“She is a high performing employee and continually addresses her grantees needs respectfully while demonstrating a strong understanding of the significant cultural differences between the dominant culture and the American Indian people.”*

# 2017 Hero Nomination

**Kurt Devine**

**Physician**

**CHI St. Gabriel's Health**

*“He has invested many hours beyond his family practice to patients suffering from addiction and has spread his knowledge well beyond Morrison County, even testifying before state and federal legislators.”*

# 2017 Hero Nomination

**Jode Freyholtz-London**

**Executive Director**

**Wellness In The Woods**

*“She is a tireless advocate for consumer-level mental health awareness, advocacy and education. Her work is genuinely ‘grass roots’.”*

# 2017 Hero Nomination

**Reverend Daryl Jacobson**  
Chaplain  
Lakewood Health System

*“His relationships with patients, families, caregivers and health care staff have positively impacted their well-being and helped them spiritually cope with devastation and difficult times.”*

# 2017 Hero Nomination

## Mark Paulson

CEO, Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital (CCMH)

*“He has made significant contributions to improve the quality of service to our patients, the quality of work life for our employees and health care professionals, and the overall performance of our hospital and clinic.”*

# 2017 Hero Nomination

**Leah Stauty**  
**Dental Assistant**  
**Children's Dental Services**

*"She provides dental care to underserved, low-income children and pregnant women across St. Louis County, Minnesota. She goes above and beyond to ensure that patients in Duluth receive the highest quality of dental care."*



# 2017 Hero Nomination

**Gail Wallace**

**Nurse Practitioner**

**Essentia Health – St. Mary's Medical Center**

*“She works tirelessly at a systems level and through a patient-centered approach to improve the coordination of care and life experiences of stroke survivors all across NE Minnesota.”*

# Past Rural Health Hero Awards

- 2016: Matthew E. Bernard
- 2015: Maureen Ideker
- 2014: James Boulger
- 2013: Al Vogt
- 2012: O.J. Doyle
- 2011: Therese Zink

# Past Rural Health Hero Awards

- 2010: Colleen Spike
- 2009: Tim Rice
- 2008: Gary Wingrove
- 2007: Ray Christensen
- 2006: Gary Davis
- 2005: Wilfredo Apostol

# Past Rural Health Hero Awards

- 2004: Marie Comstock
- 2003: Darrell Smith
- 2002: Rick Failing & Mel Nefstead
- 2001: Darrell Carter
- 2000: Anne Robertson
- 1999: Warren Larson

# 2017 Rural Health Awards

## **TEAM NOMINATIONS**

# 2017 Team Nomination

## **Avera Behavioral Health Clinic** **Marshall, Minnesota**

*“Because patients in southwest Minnesota can get their primary care and specialty psychiatry care right in Marshall through the Avera system and Avera eCARE, they receive comprehensive, coordinated care that’s appropriate and safe for their individual diagnosis.”*

# 2017 Team Nomination

## **C.A.R.E. Clinic Volunteers** **Goodhue County**

*“Over 200 volunteers collaborate to advance CARE Clinic’s mission of improving the health of our community by providing free health care access, connecting resources and promoting health education to uninsured and low-income individuals.”*

# 2017 Team Nomination

## **The Heck Family**

**Chisholm, Iron Range and Arrowhead Region of Minnesota**

*“This family has dedicated itself to health and dental care in the region for generations and represents the type of commitment to rural health that indeed needs to be celebrated.”*



# 2017 Team Nomination

## **Oral Health Task Force** **North Shore Health Care Foundation**

*“The Oral Health Task Force (OHTF) team does outstanding work to bring critical preventive and restorative dental care to 60 young adults and 700 children, 250 of whom are of low income.”*

# 2017 Team Nomination

## **Rural Family Medicine Preceptors**

**Practicing family physicians in rural Minnesota  
clinics and hospitals throughout Minnesota**

*“A good deal of our success in placing practicing physicians in rural Minnesota is the result of working with the rural physicians, their patients and their communities during the formative years of medical school.”*

# Past Rural Health Team Awards

- 2016: Morrison County Prescription Drug Task Force
- 2015: The Angel Fund
- 2014: Project Care Free Clinic
- 2013: Open Door Health Center Mobile Team
- 2012: Violence Prevention Council of Morrison County

# Past Rural Health Team Awards

- 2011: Right Side Up in Otter Tail County, Falls Prevention Interprofessional Practice and Education Team
- 2010: Northern Dental Access Center
- 2009: Riverwood Breast Health Team, Aitkin/Brainerd Lakes
- 2008: Saint Elizabeth's Wellness and Disease Management Team
- 2007: Drug Free Coalition of Bemidji
- 2006: Access Healthcare Home Health Psychiatric Nursing Team
- 2005: SISU Medical Systems

# Past Rural Health Team Awards

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

# 2017 Rural Health Awards

## **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT NOMINATIONS**

# 2017 Lifetime Achievement Nomination

**Dr. Daniel Rose**  
Lakewood Health System

*“Among his many achievements, Dr. Daniel Rose has practiced general dentistry for more than thirty-five years and has dedicated his professional career to serving the elderly and special needs patient.”*

# 2017 Lifetime Achievement Nomination

## **Dr. George Rounds** Retired Physician

*“In 1975, when Dr. Rounds chose to continue as a young doctor in a remote area of northern Minnesota in order to keep the doors of the small hospital in Bigfork open, he ensured access to health care over a large area. We have an entire swath of the state that has health care only because Dr. Rounds decided to stay on. He’s the epitome of a family doctor.”*



# 2017 Lifetime Achievement Nomination

**Dr. Michael Zakula**

**Retired Orthodontist**

*“It takes a visionary and a whole-hearted commitment to do what Dr. Michael Zakula has done for oral health in rural communities.”*

# Past Lifetime Achievement Award

## Inaugural Year for Lifetime Achievement Award

- 2016: Paul Van Gorp

# 2017 Rural Health Awards



## Emerging Rural Health Leader Award

**Building Healthier  
Communities**

Award funding by Stratis Health, supporting efforts to build a culture of quality in health care.

# NOMINATIONS

# 2017 Emerging Rural Health Leader Nomination

## Maren Anderson

**RPAP medical student at the University of Minnesota Duluth Medical School**

*“Maren has a strong desire to ... lead the way through involvement with care coordination and population health care models. ... [She] participated in an emerging care coordination model and involved a public health nurse as part of her care team during her RPAP experience at Hutchinson Health.”*

# 2017 Emerging Rural Health Leader Nomination

## Anna Fugelstad

**RPAP medical student at the University of Minnesota Duluth Medical School**

*“Anna gives patients and health literacy learners the opportunity to experience... individualized care and personal wellness in an inclusive, respectful, and attentive environment. ... Anna has initiated or partnered to lead several highly impactful projects across the geographic area she serves.”*

# 2017 Emerging Rural Health Leader Nomination

## **Nathan Ratner**

**Medical student at the University of Minnesota Duluth Medical School**

*“Nathan consistently acts to promote awareness and dialogue about health issues affecting rural and American Indian communities in Minnesota. ... on any given day [he] might be found presenting at an academic conference, seen quoted in a regional newspaper, or heard talking with radio hosts about addressing health inequities in our state.”*

# 2017 Emerging Rural Health Leader Nomination

## Corey Strong

**Health Care Management student at the University of Minnesota Duluth**

*“Corey has worked to raise awareness and over \$3,500 for food shelves in Cook and Orr through the Empty Bowls fundraiser. He is also the President/Co-Founder of the organization Niij Nation, which seeks to raise awareness of Native American culture. ... He is passionate about improving the health of his community, the Boise Forte Band of Chippewa.”*