40th Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference
The Evolution of Rural Health
August 20-21, 2013 – Prescott, AZ

ARIZONA RURAL HEALTH SERVICE AWARDS
Act now to nominate your favorite rural health Volunteer, Professional, or Program.

The Arizona Rural Health Service Awards honor outstanding rural health volunteers, professionals, and programs for their dedication and commitment to improving the health of the rural residents of our state. Each year the Arizona Rural Health Association recognizes the award winners at the annual Arizona Rural Health Conference. This year the conference will be held August 20 & 21, 2013 at the Prescott Resort & Conference Center, Prescott, Arizona.

Nominations should be submitted to the Awards Committee by Monday July 15, 2013. Nominators must be current members of the Arizona Rural Health Association. The Committee will use the established criteria and the supporting material to determine the designee for each award. Award recipients will be notified of the selections no later than Monday, July 22. Award winners will be honored at the Annual Rural Health Service Awards Luncheon on August 20 and highlighted in the Awards Luncheon Program.

QUESTIONS can be directed to Monty Bondurant (MontyB@VVGClinic.org). For additional information on the conference, visit the website at: http://crh.arizona.edu/events/annual-conference/2013.

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS AND CRITERIA - Awards will be given in the following three categories:

DISTINGUISHED MARTHA ORTIZ VOLUNTEER
This award honors an individual who has contributed extensive time, dedication, and commitment to supporting a rural health program or project that is making an identifiable difference in the health care provided to people in Arizona's rural and/or medically underserved communities. This award also considers an individual who has been a strong advocate in influencing and shaping policies and programs that impact the provision of health care to residents of rural and/or medically underserved communities in Arizona.

EXCEPTIONAL RURAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
This award recognizes an individual for leadership in bringing health services to rural populations. The Professional Award is meant to be inclusive of all health disciplines (e.g., dentistry, optometry, nursing, behavioral health, public health, administrator, etc.). Factors taken into consideration include providing or promoting outstanding care, involvement in the community, and lasting contributions to the health care system. This award acknowledges significant contribution to rural health through distinguished personal leadership.

INSPIRING RURAL HEALTH PROGRAM
This award recognizes a program within a community, at the local or state level, that involves one or more health professionals or entities, and promotes or facilitates the development of rural health delivery systems. Factors considered include coordination of services, networking and collaboration, innovation in development and implementation, and lasting impact of the program. This award honors excellence in the provision of health services to rural and/or other medically underserved people.
Nominations are being accepted in the following three categories and must be received no later than Monday, July 15, 2013 by email (MontyB@VVGClinic.org) or fax (928-634-8960).

Please check the award to which you are directing your nomination.

____ Distinguished Martha Ortiz Volunteer
____ Inspiring Rural Health Program
____ Exceptional Rural Health Professional

Contact Information for Individual Making Nomination (*Nominator must be a current member of the Arizona Rural Health Association*)
Name: 
Job title: 
Affiliation: 
Address: 
City, State, Zip code 
Telephone:    Fax: 
Email address: 

Contact Information for Person or Program Being Nominated
Name: 
Job title: 
Affiliation: 
Address: 
City, State, Zip code 
Telephone:    Fax: 
Email address: 

Does your nominee know of your nomination?      _____ yes _____ no

If person/program nominated does not know about your nomination, may we tell the nominee your name when we notify him/her of the nomination?    _____ yes _____ no

Nominator, do you plan to attend the 2013 Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference?  
_____ yes     _____ no

If the person/program you nominated is selected, would you be interested in presenting the award during the Awards Luncheon?         _____ yes     _____ no
In the space below, provide your reason for nominating this person or program. List the nominee's achievements and provide as much detail as you can. Your response is limited to 350 words or less. We highly encourage you to submit letters of support and other supporting documents on the nominee, which can be attached to an email before submission.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013.
Send submissions to Monty Bondurant
by email (MontyB@VVGClinic.org) or fax: 928-634-8960.