

About the Arizona Rural Health Achievement Awards

Each year, the Arizona Rural Health Association recognizes the honorees at the Arizona Rural Health Conference Awards Luncheon.

DISTINGUISHED MARTHA ORTIZ VOLUNTEER

The Distinguished Volunteer 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

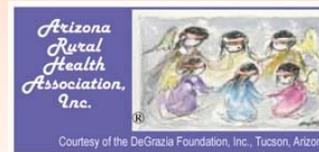
The Professional of the Year Award recognizes a direct service provider for leadership in bringing health services to rural populations. The Professional Award is meant to be inclusive of all health disciplines (e.g., dentistry, optometry, nursing, behavioral health, public health, etc.). Factors taken into consideration include providing outstanding care, involvement in the community, and lasting contributions to the health care system. The Professional of the Year has made a significant contribution to rural health through distinguished personal leadership.

OUTSTANDING ARIZONA LEGISLATOR

The Outstanding Arizona legislator is recognized for her/his continuing leadership, dedication, commitment, and support in collaborating with rural health constituencies to advance policy that increases access to quality, affordable health care for rural Arizonans, and supports programs that are making a difference in the lives of residents living in Arizona rural and/or medically underserved areas. The outstanding legislator demonstrates knowledge of the issues impacting health care services in rural and/or underserved areas.

Conference Sponsors

The Arizona Rural Health Office at the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health presents the 37th Annual Rural Health Conference in close collaboration with and support from the Arizona Rural Health Association. Major sponsors of the conference also include the Arizona Health Facilities Authority and the Arizona Area Health Education Centers Program.



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Todd Bosen (posthumous Award)

Recipient of the
Distinguished Martha Ortiz Volunteer
of the Year Award

Todd Bosen, a lifelong resident of Eagar, Arizona, served as a Director of the Board of White Mountain Communities Special Health Care District, since the inception of the District in 1995 until his death in June 2010. Mr. Bosen served as Board Chair from 2006 until the present. His participation in, and leadership of, the District helped to:

- Bring about the construction of a new primary care clinic in St. Johns in 2002
- Provide continuing, substantial financial assistance to White Mountain Regional Medical Center in Springerville, AZ
- Provide substantial financial assistance to White Mountain Ambulance Service, Inc. in Eagar, AZ
- Provide substantial financial assistance to St. Johns Emergency Medical Services in St. Johns, AZ
- Provide substantial financial and strategic assistance to North Country Healthcare, Inc., thereby facilitating the opening of two federally-funded Community Health Centers in southern Apache County
- Facilitate, through the sale of real property, the securing of a grant of federal stimulus monies for the construction of a new primary care clinic in Springerville by North Country Healthcare, Inc.

Mr. Bosen's service to the District was entirely voluntary, and included hundreds of hours of his time. He cared deeply about the provision of quality health care services for the residents of southern Apache County, and did much to remove obstacles and barriers to obtaining such care.

Fred Hubbard

Recipient of the
Exceptional Rural Health Professional
of the Year Award

Mr. Fred Hubbard has led a distinguished career in rural health, contributing to the improvement of rural health care for Native Americans throughout Arizona. He has held numerous leadership positions in the health care system serving the Colorado River Tribes, Hualapai Tribe, Havasu Tribe, and Ft. Mohave Tribe. He also held a leadership position at Sherman Indian School in Riverside, California. For 17 years, he worked in hospital administration, culminating in serving as CEO at San Carlos I.H.S. Hospital, where he hired as Clinical Director a famous woman who now serves as the Director of Indian Health Service, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux! At San Carlos, he was proud of the modernization of the emergency room under his direction. After 27 years in federal service, Fred retired to work with the White Mountain Apache Tribe where he worked in the tribal health programs. After nine years he was recruited by AHCCCS to direct the Advisory Council on Indian Affairs, a position he still holds.

Fred keeps a low profile and does not speak of his many achievements. In fact he currently serves on four boards: The Greater Valley AHEC, the Southwest Institute for the Education of Native Americans, the Arizona Myeloma Network, and the Arizona Rural Health Association. It is through his service on the Arizona Rural Health Association Board that most of us know him. His presence is steady, dependable, and dedicated to improving rural health. He offers intelligent contributions to the Association and to the improvement of health care in rural Arizona. He is a strong advocate on behalf of the rights of Native Americans no matter on what board he serves, or where he works. He is always willing to speak out, quietly but forthrightly about health care conditions of rural Native Americans, and is also able to offer creative solutions and provide leadership to bring them to fruition.

Representative Pat Fleming

Recipient of the
Outstanding Arizona Legislator
of the Year Award

Representative Pat Fleming, a rookie legislator in District 25 completing her first term, has shown a deep commitment to understanding and improving rural health in her District. She not only is responsive to requests by rural health advocate groups such as the Arizona Rural Health Association, but is quick to respond to our requests that she collaborate in our activities. She was the first legislator to immediately indicate that she wanted to participate in the recent Cochise County Rural Health Policy Assembly that was organized by the Rural Health Office, and co-sponsored by the Arizona Rural Health Association as well as the Southeastern Arizona Area Health Education Center, Pima County Health Department, and Copper Queen Community Hospital. For a rookie legislator, Representative Fleming has jumped into rural health with two feet, and she is headed in the right direction.



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