



NOSORH AWARD RECIPIENTS

Year	SORH Award of Excellence	Distinguished Service Award	Values Recognition Award	Distinguished Andrew W. Nichols Award	James D. Bernstein Mentoring Award	Emerging Leader Award	Legislator of the Year
2018 (Cheyenne, WY)			Michelle Rathman (Impact! Communications)		Ernie Scott (KY)	Kirby Lecy (MA)	Pat Roberts (R-KS)
2017 (Savannah, GA)	Oregon Office of Rural Health	Corie Kaiser (OK)	Pat Justis (WA)	John Barnas (MI)	Lynette Dickson (ND)	Kayla Combs (KY)	
2016 (Boston, MA)	Virginia State Office of Rural Health	Penny Black (WI)	Melissa VanDyne (MO) Jody Ward (ND)	Harvey Licht (Varela Consulting)	Alisa Druzba (NH)	Crystal Barter (MI)	Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-KS)
2015 (Portland, OR)	South Carolina Office of Rural Health	R. Scott Daniels (HI)	Jerry Coopey (FORHP)	Pat Carr (AK)	John Olson (VA)	Melinda Merrell (SC)	Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT)
2014 (Omaha, NE)	California State Office of Rural Health	Scott Ekblad (OR)	Cathleen McElligott (MA)	Gloria Vermie (IA)	Lisa Davis (PA)	Ernie Scott (KY)	
2013 (Asheville, NC)	Nevada Office of Rural Health	Mary Sheridan (ID)	Alisa Druzba (NH)	Graham Adams (SC)	John Eich (WI)	Kathy Collison (DE)	Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI)
2012 (Madison, WI)	Idaho State Office of Rural Health & Primary Care		Tim Skinner (3RNet)	Karen Madden (NY)	Val Schott (OK)	Kylie Nissen (ND)	Rep. Kathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)
2011 (Denver, CO)	Arkansas Office of Rural Health and Primary Care	Mark Schoenbaum (MN)	Tammy Norville (NC)	Caroline Ford (NV)	Alison Hughes (AZ)	Natalie Claiborne (MT)	Sen. Al Franken (D-MN)
2010 (Oklahoma City, OK)	North Dakota Center for Rural Health	John Barnas (MI)	Steve Hirsch (ORHP)	John Price (NC)	Denny Berens (NE)	Sharla Allen (WY)	Sen. Ben Nelson (D-NE); Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)
2009 (Austin, TX)	Michigan SORH	Charles Owens (GA)	Amy Brock Martin (South Carolina Rural Research Center)		Pat Carr (AK)		Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) Special Lifetime Service Award: Marcia Brand (HRSA)
2008 (Traverse City, MI)	Vermont SORH	Graham Adams (SC)	Karen Madden (NY)	Harvey Licht (NM)	Kenny Doppenberg (SD)		Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA); Sen. Gordon Smith (R-OR)

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2007 (Charleston, SC)		Kathy Williams (IA)	Keith Midberry (ORHP)	Alison Hughes (AZ)	Chris Tilden (KS)		Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ)
2006 (Portland, ME)	Pennsylvania SORH	Lynette Dickson (ND)	Gary Wingrove; Mayo EMS	Lynda Bergsma (AZ)	Heather Reed (OH)		Rep. John E. Peterson (R-PA)
2005 (Reno, NV)	Colorado SORH	Serge Dihoff(NC)	Chris Tilden (KS); Denny Berens (NE)				
2004 (Portland, OR)	Kansas SORH	Denny Berens (NE)	Steve Wilhide	Denise Denton (CO)			Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND); Rep. Jerry Moran (R-KS) and staff; Pat Bozelman (Office of Sen Max Baucus (D-MT))
2003 (Washington, DC)	Washington SORH	Lisa Davis (PA)	Kim Busch				Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA)
2002 (Charlotte, NC)	Kerry Hensley			Suzanne Lavergne (LA)			Sen. Tim Johnson (D-SD); Rep. John Murtha (D-PA) and staff; Adam Gluck (staff member, Senate Health, Education; Labor; Pensions Committee Special Service as President: Dick Morrissey
2001 (Washington, DC)	South Carolina SORH	Kris Sparks (WA)	Ann Miller	Presented in memoriam to Andrew Nichols' daughter			Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS); Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-TX)
2000 (Park City, UT)		Denny Berens(NE); Suzanne Lavergne (LA)	Steve Hirsch (ORHP); Jane Snyder				Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS); Special Service as President: Kris Sparks
1999 (Washington, DC)	Arizona SORH	Brad Gibbens(ND)	Bill Finerfrock National RHC Assoc.				Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-SC)
1998 (Key West, FL)	Wisconsin SORH	Marita Novicky	Chuck Fluharty				Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) and staff; Special Award for Legislative Work: Liz Rainwater

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1996 (Lake Tahoe, CA)		Rita Salain	Brad Gibbens(ND)				Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS) and staff; Brad Pruitt
1994 (Jackson Hole, WY)	Alaska SORH	Helen Zediwoiski	Al Grant; Jerry Coopey(ORHP)				