

Oklahoma Hospital Association Introduces



2009 Spirit of Achievement Award

Inspired by the need to do good and make a difference in the lives of others, health care professionals work hard every day to address the needs of the communities and patients they serve. This unique group of individuals provides everything from acute care within the walls of the hospitals, to mobile health units, neighborhood clinics and community-focused programs to address educational, health service and basic needs. They make a lasting impact on their community and inspire a collaborative spirit in others.

Recognizing this, the Oklahoma Hospital Association is initiating the annual Spirit Award. The Spirit Award is given to exceptional individuals in the hospital community whose exemplary leadership and dedication have significantly enhanced patient care, their organizations or their communities.

In 2009, the award will be the Spirit of Achievement Award. In future years, other themes will be emphasized. This year, each hospital is asked to put forth the name of one individual in their organization who exemplifies the Spirit of Achievement by working above and beyond to move a single project or the organization ahead toward progress and success. This should be an individual who has "Scaled New Heights" to bring about improvements in their organization or community. The award can be given to an employee from any department in your organization.

Please join the Oklahoma Hospital Association in honoring these dedicated men and women with the Spirit Award.

Spirit of Achievement Award Guidelines

The award recipient from your hospital should be a team member who has performed a laudable deed or has tirelessly given time, talent and expertise to improve his/her organization and the world. Your award recipient should be the type of employee who sees problems – and solves them. Award recipients should be outstanding individuals who exemplify integrity, humility, courage and commitment – the spirit of health care. **Each OHA member hospital is asked to choose one person from their organization who meets the criteria of the award.**

These individuals must make contributions to their facility that exceed expectations and go above and beyond what is required of them in their professional roles in support of their hospitals. Outstanding proven leadership, innovation, compassion and caring are other attributes considered important qualities for the award recipients to possess.

To submit an employee as your award recipient, you must complete the attached selection form and short narrative (less than 25 words). A professional-quality photograph of the individual will be required at the time of submission. OHA must receive the completed form and photograph **by Tuesday, Sept. 8.**

The 2009 Spirit of Achievement Awards will be presented on Wednesday, Nov. 11 during the opening ceremonies of the OHA Annual Convention. Award recipients should plan to arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. at the Cox Convention Center Ballroom C, Oklahoma City. OHA will contact each recipient with more details, but please save this date. Each winner will receive \$100 and a certificate during the ceremony.

A professional photograph will be taken of each winner as they receive the award and will be made available to the individual's hospital and community newspaper.

**Don't delay!
Make plans now to return the
attached form by Sept. 8
along with a photo of your 2009 Spirit of
Achievement Award recipient.**