

AWARD RECIPIENTS



Exceptional Meritorious Service Award Recipients:

Michelle Sie Whitten	2023	Martha Perske	1998
Nancy Gianni	2022	Ann Forts	1997
Dennis McGuire	2021	Allen Crocker	1994
Terri Couwenhoven	2020	Kathleen Marafino	1993
Sheila Cannon	2019	Margaret Lewis	1992
Libby Kumin, PhD	2018	Chris Burke	1991
Adult Down Syndrome Center - Advocate Lutheran General Hospital	2017	Eunice Schriver	1991
Senator Andy Gardiner	2016	Frank Murphy & Family	1990
Dr. Jesús Flórez	2015	Susan Akin	1989
Bernie Veldman	2014	C. Everett Koop	1988
Maria Dellapina	2013	Madeline Will	1987
Sahira Mustafa	2012	Theodore Tjossem	1986
Robin Steele	2011	Emily Perl Kingsley	1985
Ricardo Montaner	2010	Thomas O'Neil	1985
Joan Guthrie Medlen	2009	Jerome LeJeune	1984
Joe Meares	2008	Sen. Lowell Weicker	1983
Anna & John J. Sie Foundation	2007	Diane Crutcher	1982
Sally R. Shott	2006	Dr. Horace Thuline	1981
Deby & Steve Hergenrader	2005	Jessie Baker	1980
Advocacy, Inc.	2004	Sharon Shimizu	1979
Betty Hersey	2003	Siegfried Pueschel	1978
Robert E. Cooke	2000		

Employer of the Year Award Recipients:

Publix	2023	Albertson's	2005
Dell	2022	Giant Foods	2003
Bitty & Beau's Coffee	2021	YMCA of US	2002
Giant Eagle	2019	NIH	2000
TopGolf	2018	Sears Roebuck	1999
Dutton Farm, Rochester Hills, MI	2017	Gwinn & Roby LLP	1998
Clara's Tidbits Restaurant & Catering	2016	Kroger	1997
Marriott International	2015	ARAMark	1996
Walgreens, Deerfield, IL	2014	Wal-Mart Corp	1995
YMCA of the Prairie, Holdrege, NE	2013	Target Stores	1994
Wegmans, Rochester, NY	2012	F.W. Woolworth's	1993
Jason's Deli, San Antonio, TX	2011	ShopRite Supermarkets	1992
Publix Super Markets, Inc.	2010	Pizza Hut	1991
Safeway, Inc.	2009	McDonald's Corp	1990
Walgreens	2007	Marriott Corp	1989
The University of Alabama	2006	McDonald's Corp	1987

Christian Pueschel Memorial Research Award Recipients:

Austin Davenport (posthumously)	2023	Craig D. Blackburn	2006
Jennifer Cunningham	2021	Jeff Mattson	2006
Bradley Carlisle	2020	Melissa Silverman	2006
Todd Eisinger	2019	Jesus Florez	2006
Christopher Bennett	2018	Ira T. Lott	2005
Tony Piontek	2017	Carrie Bergeron	2005
Ashley DeRamus	2016	Libby Kumin	2004
Brandon Gruber	2015	Sujeet Desai	2004
Megan Layton	2014	Maria Sastrova	2003
Alberto Costa	2013	Tara Anne Waters	2003
Rachel Sibley	2013	Jose Florez	2002
Tessa Marie Egan	2013	Karen Gaffney	2002

Mary Lou Oster-Granite	2012	Marty Wyngaarden Krauss	2000
Michael Cardella	2012	Marsha Mailick Seltzer	2000
Sally Shott	2011	Michael Wilfand	2000
Christopher Scott	2011	George T. Capone	1999
Lauren Potter	2011	Kristin Nichols	1999
Priya Kishnani	2010	Jon Horowitz	1998
Adam Chrabaszcz	2010	Lee Jones	1997
Christine Maxwell	2010	Joel Bone	1997
DSRTF	2009	Peter Asplundh	1996
Katy Wilson	2009	Eric Brown	1995
Brian Skotko	2008	Andy Detienne	1994
Miriam Florez	2008	Eric Edwards	1994
Meredith Martin	2008	Kathia Reno	1980
Matthew Murray	2007	Jim Taylor	1980
William C. Mobley	2007	Jim Lattimer	1977
Maria Victoria Troncoso	2006	Craig D. Blackburn	1977

Sig Pueschel NDSC Service Award (Meritorious Service Award) Recipients:

Kristin Malek	2023	Linda Barth	1995
Marilyn Tolbert	2022	Ed Sontag	1989
The Forney Family	2021	Libby Kumin	1988
NTi Networks	2020	Libby Kumin	1987
Madeleine Will	2019	C. William Crutcher	1986
Susan Goodman, JD	2018	Allen Crocker	1985
The Francalancia Family	2017	Sheila Hebein	1984
The Kurt Asplundh Family	2016	Frank Murphy	1984
Gail Williamson	2015	Ruth Collins	1983
Steve Beck	2015	Robert & Martha Perske	1983
Jay Silverman	2014	Linda Koplan	1982
The Harris Family	2013	David MacFarlane	1982
David & Debbie Hippis	2012	Dr. Ted. Tjossem	1981
Jill Schrieber	2011	Ruby Alberts	1981
Gracie Williams	2010	Margie Lewis	1981
Dave Donahue	2010	Dennis Lindberg	1980
Faith Family	2009	Janet Marchese	1980
Judy Martz	2008	Ray Starr	1980
Campbell Brasington	2007	Lucille Msall	1980
Amy Allison	2006	John Rynders	1979
Tracy Hile	2005	Bob Glasgow	1979
Patricia Winders	2004	Dwain Blackston	1979
Carlene Mattson	2003	Dr. Alice Hayden	1978
James MacDonald	2002	Val Dmitrev	1978
Kathleen Conklin	1998	Pat Oelwein	1978
Robert Maly	1997	WGBH-Boston Ch 2	1978
Carolina Online	1996	Kay McGee	1977
The Forts Family	1996	Fredda & Herb Stimell	1977
Carla Brown	1995	Betty Buczynski	1977

Siegfried Pueschel -Theodore D. Tjossem Research Award Recipients:

Dr. Christopher Hartnick	2022	George T. Capone	2004
Trisomy 21 Research Society	2021	Brian Chiccoine M.D.	2003
The GLOBAL Healthcare Guidelines for Adults with Down syndrome Workgroup	2020	Dennis McGuire Ph.D	2003
LuMind IDSC Foundation	2019	Joan Medlen	2002
Joaquín Espinosa, PhD	2018	Thomas Elkins	2000
Michael Harpold, PhD	2017	Steven Warren Ph.D	1999
Christopher Lemons	2016	Kathy Boundy, Esq	1997
Down Syndrome Consortium	2015	Arthur Dalton	1996
Marilyn Bull, M.D.	2014	Felix de la Cruz M.D.	1995
Kathleen Gardiner	2013	Ruth Roberts Ph.D	1994
Wayne Silverman	2012	Laura F. Meyers, Ph.D	1993
Linda Crnic Institute	2011	John Rynders Ph.D	1992
Charles J. Epstein	2010	Aldo Castaneda M.D.	1991
Joseph Pinter	2009	Donald Fyler M.D.	1991
Roger Reeves	2008	Mary Coleman M.D.	1990

Beach Center on Disability	2007	David Patterson Ph.D	1989
Stephanie Sherman	2006	Siegfried Pueschel	1988
Sue Buckley	2005		

Affiliate of the Year Award Recipients:

DSA of Minnesota	2023	DSA of Orange Co.	2003
DSA of Delaware	2022	DSA Atlanta	2002
DSA of Greater Cincinnati	2021	Utah DS Foundation	2000
DSA of Middle Tennessee	2020	Triangle DS Network	1999
DS Connection of the Bay Area	2019	MA DSC	1998
DSA of Greater Richmond	2018	Mile High DSA	1997
Club 21 Learning and Resource Center	2017	PODS of Allentown, PA	1997
DSA of Baton Rouge	2015	Tidewater DSA	1996
DSA of Greater St. Louis	2015	DSA of Greater Cincinnati	1995
DSA of Jacksonville Florida	2014	DSA of Greater Cincinnati	1994
DSA of Central Florida	2013	DS Guild of Dallas	1993
DSA of Central Ohio	2012	DS Grp. Jackson, MS	1992
Gigi's Playhouse, IL	2011	DSS of RI	1991
DSA of Brazos Valley, TX	2011	Upside of Downs, Cleveland	1990
Gold Coast DS Organization	2010	DSA of Charlotte	1989
Down Syndrome Louisville	2009	DSALA	1987
DSA of Greater Cincinnati	2008	MA DSC	1986
Mis Amigos de Sindrome de Down	2008	Central II DS Org.	1985
DS Guild of Greater KC	2007	Down's Dev. Council	1984
Red River Valley DS Society	2007	DSS of RI	1983
DSA of MN	2006	NADS	1982
Chesapeake DS Parent Group	2005	Rising Expectations, Portland	1981
NADS	2004	Adoption Resource Exchange	1979

National Media Award Recipients: (film, TV, radio, podcast)

Grey Television-WGEM/Quincy, IL	2023	Garth Brooks	1994
Down Syndrome Center Podcast (Kishore)	2022	Dow Brands	1993
"Intelligent Lives"	2019	Chris Huneke & Jane Pauley	1991
A&E Network	2016	Proctor & Gamble	1990
Bunim/Murray Productions	2016	Sesame Street :Northern Lights Prod	1990
"Where Hope Grows"	2015	Syracuse Univ.	1989
HBO, New York, NY	2014	Darcy Masius	1989
ESPN, Briston, CT	2013	Benton-Bowles	1989
KRQE/KASA TV, Albuquerque	2012	Nat. Public Radio	1989
Monica & David	2011	Emily Kingsley & Allan Sloane	1988
Glee	2010	Mary Helen Sarantopoulos	1988
John Wells	2009	Franklin Carroll	1988
Will Schermerhorn	2008	Joey McFarland	1988
Ilana Trachtman	2008	Joshua O'Neil	1988
Gail Williamson	2005	WCPO-TV of Cincinnati	1988
Kingdom Hospital -Stephen King & Richard Dooling	2004	Mr Mrs Phillip Mulliner	1987
NBC Dateline	2003	ABC	1987
Met Life	2003	Lorimar Prod	1986
Duane Graves, Rene Moreno	2002	Michael Braverman	1983
CBS – 48 Hrs.	1998	Michael Braverman	1982
Touched By An Angel	1997	Good Morning America	1981
Guiding Light – CBS	1996	Canadian Broadcasting Co	1980
Garth Brooks	1995	NBC	1979

National Media Award Recipients: Print, Digital, Social Media:

The Lucky Few	2023	Woodbine Publishing	1996
Youtube	2022	Lou Shaw	1995
The Mighty	2018	Mitchell Levitz & Jason Kingsley	1994
Paul Daugherty	2016	U.S. News & World Report, Joseph Shapiro	1993
Kelle Hampton	2010	Land's End	1992
Patricia Bauer	2009	Abigail VanBuren	1991
Jennifer Graf Groneberg	2008	Exceptional Parent Magazine	1989
Laura Bruno	2007	Cleveland Plain Dealer	1989
Kim Edwards	2007	Carol Turkington, Psychology Today	1988

Amy Dockser Marcus	2006	Larry McMullen, Readers Digest	1988
Lynn Johnston	2005	Thomas Busler	1987
Mitchell Zuckoff	2003	Pete Wickham	1987
Cynthia Kidder, Brian Skotko	2002	David Dawson	1984
Bret Lott	2000	Jean Edwards	1984
Susanne Kreiter, Mitchell Zuckoff	2000	Family Circle	1983
Martha Becky Hawkins	1999	Mike Dooly & Don DeForest	1978
Exceptional Parent Mag.	1997	Tuscaloosa News	1977
L.A. Times	1996		

Education Award Recipients:

Sean Smith	2023	Paula Kluth	2007
Candace Cortiella - Advocacy Institute	2022	Linda Felice	2006
Ruby's Rainbow	2021	Sherry Mumau	2006
The TIES Center	2020	Mary Falvey	2005
Endrew F. Family	2019	Karen Erickson	2004
KinderFrogs School at TCU	2018	Carlos Oberti Family	2003
Elise McMillian, JD	2017	Christopher Kliewer	2002
Sue Buckley	2016	Marilyn Wessels	2000
Think College	2015	Judith Gran, Esq	1999
Just Like You - Down Syndrome	2014	Paula Goldberg	1998
PEAK Parent Center	2013	Addie Carroll	1997
Patti McVay	2012	Jean Edwards D.S.W.	1996
Michael Remus	2011	Montgomery Co. Public Schools	1995
"Including Samuel"	2010	T.J. Macfarland	1994
Dana Halle	2009	Patsy Moss	1994
John Valore	2008	Richard Elan	1994
Cheryl Jorgensen	2008		

Convention Support Award Recipients:

Pittsburgh Host Committee	2019	DS Parent Network	2003
Texas Host Committee	2018	Delaware Co. DSIG	2003
Sacramento Host Committee	2017	Montgomery Co. DSIG	2003
Orlando Host Committee	2016	DSA of DE	2003
Down Syndrome Network of Arizona	2015	BUDS	2003
Sharing Down Syndrome	2015	Mile High	2002
Southern Arizona Network for DS	2015	Colorado Springs DSA	2002
Down Syndrome Indiana	2014	Chesapeake DS Group	2000
Adam's Camp	2013	DS Res. Network	2000
Arc Thrift Stores	2013	PODS of N. VA	2000
Denver Adult DS Clinic	2013	DS Group West PA	1999
DS-Autism Connection	2013	DS Guild Dallas	1998
Global DS Foundation	2013	DSA of MN	1994
Rocky Mountain DS Association	2013	PROUD	1993
DSA of Greater Richmond	2012	DSA Atlanta	1992
DSA of Northern Virginia	2012	MA DSC	1991
DS Network of Montgomery Co.	2012	DSA of Memphis	1990
FRIENDS of Frederick County	2012	Mile High	1989
Chesapeake DS Parent Group	2012	DSA Greater Cincinnati	1988
DSA of Delaware	2012	PODS Howard Co.	1987
DSA of San Antonio	2011	PODS N. VA	1987
DSA of Central Florida	2010	PODS of Andrews	1987
DS Information Alliance	2009	PODS of Slatington, PA	1987
Massachusetts DSC	2008	Wichita DS Org.	1986
DS Guild of Greater KC	2007	PROUD	1985
DSA of Atlanta	2006	LA Parent Group	1985
DSA of Orange County	2005	DS Parent Grp Kern	1985
DSA of LA	2005	Up with Downs Inc.	1984
DSA of MN	2004	Parents of Children with DS	1984
Chester Co. DSIG	2003	Down Syndrome Guild	1984

President's Award Recipients:

Carrie Bergeron	2023	Family Voices	1999
Christine Maxwell	2023	The Lon Naylor Family	1998
Judy Hile	2022	Wayne Dyer Family	1998
Tracy Hile	2022	Jason Kingsley	1997
Alison Barkhoff	2021	Chris Burke	1997
Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network	2020	Louise Brown	1997
Global Down Syndrome Foundation	2019	Andrea Friedman	1997
Down Syndrome Medical Interest Group	2018	Blair Williamson	1997
Stephanie Thompson –National DS Adoption Network	2017	Debra Kunz	1997
ADOSID	2016	A.A.M.R.	1997
Down Syndrome Family Network	2016	Lou Shaw	1996
Laura Kilgus	2016	Thomas Montgomery MD	1996
UCF Go Baby Go!	2016	Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals	1996
Steve Beck	2015	Debra Clark	1994
Yvonne Maddox, M.D.	2014	Lutheran Gen Hosp.	1993
Patti Saylor	2014	Stehanie Bat-Ami	1993
The Sie and Whitten Families	2013	Woodbine House Pub.	1992
Asociacion Dominicana -Sindrome de Down	2013	Ann Forts	1992
Fundacion Quiereme Como Soy	2013	Glenn smith	1991
Down Country: A Rural Awareness & Education Initiative	2012	Steve Riggio	1991
Serena Lowe	2012	Jack Butler	1990
Lori Barta	2011	Ben Dasher	1990
Gordon Hartman	2011	Tom Lyons	1990
Maria Dellapina	2010	Lutheran Genl. Hospital	1989
Cathy McMorris Rodgers	2010	Margaret Lewis	1988
Gail Williamson	2009	Martha Perske	1988
Coach Mike Machado	2009	Naomi Karp	1988
Ryan Rotundo	2009	Alfred Baumeister	1988
Sheila Hebein	2009	Michael Landon	1988
Kathleen Marafino	2008	Janet Marchese	1987
Asplundt Foundation	2008	DSN Mailing Grp.	1987
Kathryn Lynard Soper	2008	Charlie Collins	1987
DS Foundation of OC	2007	Susan Akin	1986
Bob Hennefer Family	2006	Jim Barnes	1986
Terrence O'Brien	2006	Eunice Schriver	1985
Brian Skotko	2006	Joseph Connors	1985
Dave Donahue	2005	Sen John Chafee	1985
Christianne Bengard	2005	Elmer Cerin	1985
TASH	2004	Dr. Ken Swiatek	1985
PALS	2004	Senator Lugar	1984
Shandi Finnessey (Miss USA)	2004	Congressman Solarz	1984
Institute on Disability	2003	Larry Johnston	1984
Kurt & Martha Asplundh	2002	Judy Buckalew	1983
Dennis Lindberg	2002	George Johnson	1978
Sig. Pueschel	2002	Penny Schimpler	1978
Jewish Children's Adoption Network	2001	Diane Crutcher	1978
Timothy Shriver	2000	Claire Canning	1978
Carmel High School	2000		

Special Awards Recipients:

Positive Impact Award: Children TV Workshop, Sesame Street, 1977

Special Recognition: Dora Chudne, 1982

1997 Lloyd Bentsen Award: Paul M. Connolly, 1997

Distinguished Benefactor Award: Lon and Barbara Naylor, 1998