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2017 Summit Awards

Nevada Cancer Coalition's annual awards recognize organizations and individuals who have exemplified the essence of passion and leadership in cancer control in their respective community, region, or statewide. Awards have been given for unique programs, collaborating companies, and incredible individuals. Awards categories are as follows:

Health Care Partner of the Year – New for 2017

Recognizing an organization, physician, or patient navigator, the Health Care Partner of the Year award honors those that have embraced the work of Nevada Cancer Coalition and cancer control throughout the state. Displaying both a commitment to collaboration and a dedication to cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, or quality of life, awardees in this category have demonstrated that big picture thinking and teamwork can make positive change.

Community Program Award – New for 2017

The Community Program Award recognizes a program or resource in Nevada, either community-based, regional, or statewide, that has had a positive impact on cancer control initiatives. Eligible programs should be focused on cancer prevention, early detection, access to diagnosis or treatment, palliative care, survivorship and quality of life, or cancer research. Programs must be effective between the dates of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 to be considered.

Community Champion Award

Honoring individuals, the Community Champion Award recognizes those in the cancer control community who have gone above and beyond to make positive change for those within the community. Whether through excellence in volunteerism or excellence in the workplace, Community Champions are proven leaders demonstrating a commitment to helping those with cancer.

Past awardees include:

- *Stephanie Kirby, executive director of Susan G Komen Nevada, for leadership and dedication to women with breast cancer in Nevada*
- *Phil Ralston, president of American Nevada Company, for raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for children's cancer research*

Advocacy Award

NCC's Advocacy Award recognizes individuals dedicated to championing policies to support cancer prevention and early detection, increase access to diagnosis, treatment, and clinical trials, and promote palliative care, survivorship, and quality of life for those with cancer.

Past awardees include:

- *Shelby Adams, for passionately advocating for palliative care issues at both the state and national level by sharing her own personal story*
- *Senator Joyce Woodhouse, who affirmed herself as a true champion of change in cancer outcomes for those in Nevada through dogged determination passing statewide legislation*
- *Stacey Escalante, whose willingness to share her personal journey with melanoma time and time again helped to create a statewide law aimed at skin cancer prevention*

Registrar Award

Awarded to a member of the Nevada Cancer Registrars Association, this award recognizes excellence in cancer data reporting. *Awarded for the first time in 2016 to Sonia Vargas of Valley Health Systems.*