



Respite at its Best Awards Dinner

An Academy Award Style Acknowledgement Dinner
at the 2009 National Respite and Crisis Nurseries Conference
The Holiday Inn Burbank-Media Center

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And the nominees are...

Activist in a Leading Caregiver Role:

This award is to honor primary caregivers who have a leading role in helping other respite families.

- Bonnie Danowski, Caregiver and Founder of Arizona Lifespan Respite Care Network
- Gina Ervay, Parent, Founder of ROCKO and the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition
- William and Rachel Ford, Primary Caregivers of sons Garrett and Phinnea, Fairfield, California

Excellence in Direction Award: *This award is to recognize an individual or small group of people for outstanding and/or innovative direction of respite or crisis nursery services.*

- Louise Barnes, Kelly Tipler and the Tennessee Respite Coalition
- Sherry Pelton, Respite Care Inc., Fort Collins, Colorado

Respitography Award: *This award is to recognize an advocate, funding organization, or political leader for having the vision to produce a positive long-term impact on the landscape of respite or crisis nursery services.*

- Senator Dennis Byars, Nebraska
- Matthew J. Dolan, Ohio State Representative (Crisis Nursery Legislation, Ohio)

Best Respite Documentary: *This is an award for the individual, group or organization who has created a recent documentary or home video with respite or crisis nursery families, providers or the theme of respite or crisis nursery services included.*

- Gina Ervay, ROCKO CVS Documentary, (Respite Agency, Kansas)
- Natalie A. Leek-Nelson, "Promises Kept – Providence House" (Crisis Nursery, Ohio)

State Coalition/Program Award: *This award is to recognize a statewide coalition for building a sustainable organization with a long-term beneficial impact for respite or crisis nursery services.*

- Dorinda Adams and Alidz Khachaturian, Maryland Respite Care Coalition
- Debbie Bowers and Terry Butler, Oregon Lifespan Respite Care Program

Respite Design Award: *This award is to recognize an organization that has demonstrated innovative program design and excellence in the delivery of respite or crisis nursery services.*

- Mary Jo Caruso at CareBreak, Pennsylvania
- Roberta "Bertie" Lehman, Agape Respite, Indiana
- Eric M. Joice, Traditional Respite Care, STRESSpite Care, Out-N-About, ASAP(All Students Accessing After -School Programs), Kids Korner and Helping Hands, Family Resource Network, New Jersey
- Natalie A. Leek-Nelson "Days of Care" Crisis Nursery Program, Providence House, Ohio

RSVP for the dinner when you register for the conference!