

Celebrate and Connect with Our Healthcare Community at the 7th Annual Champions of Healthcare Awards

Thursday, June 20 | 7:30-9:30 AM | GROVE Ballroom, Lakewood Ranch

We received 70 outstanding nominations of deserving individuals, businesses, programs, and organizations for the 7th Annual Champions of Healthcare Awards. Now, help us celebrate all that they do to contribute to the health of our community.

Last year's awards event was attended by more than 300 business, healthcare, and community leaders, which offered a fantastic networking opportunity. You may secure a table sponsorship or individual seats.

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Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

David Law, MD
Turning Points - One Stop Clinic

Youth Volunteer Award Winner

Emma Bittar
Healthy Teens Coalition Volunteer

Finalists in Seven Categories Listed Below ~ Winners in These Categories Will Be Revealed at the 7th Annual Champions of Healthcare Awards Breakfast on June 20

Physician - Finalists

- Scott Clulow, DO, Manatee Family Physicians
- Stacey A. South, MD, Manatee Memorial Hospital
- George VanBuren, MD, MCR Health

Nurse - Finalists

- Nathan Hansen, RN, Blake Medical Center
- Candace Smith, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, Manatee Memorial Hospital
- Cynthia Tanner, BS, RN, TCRN, Blake Medical Center

Allied Health Professional - Finalists

- Runa Badal, Florida Department of Health in Manatee County
- James Crutchfield, Manatee County Department of Public Safety
- Shauniece Lee, Tidewell Hospice

Adult Volunteer - Finalists

- Leonard Higley, Lakewood Ranch Medical Center Volunteer
- Jenna Kazil, MD, RPVI, Florida Surgical Clinic
- David Miller, Pharmmedico

Individual of Merit - Finalists

- Brian Gorski, Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District
- Pierette Kelly, The Patterson Foundation
- Doug Wagner, School District of Manatee County

Institution/Program - Finalists

- Blake Medical Center - Stop the Bleed Program
- Eye Center Inc. Vision Foundation
- MCR Health - Reach Out and Read Program

Innovation/Research - Finalists

- Richard Bundschu, MD, Coastal Orthopedics
- Ralph Gonzalez, MD, Manatee Memorial Hospital
- Fabian A. Ramos, MD, Ramos Center for Interventional & Functional Pain Medicine



Nominees

- Allure Medical
- Maureen Bennett, Blake Medical Center
- Blake Medical Center - Rehabilitation Services Department
- Blake Medical Center - Trauma Service
- Stephanie Brown, PharmD, BCPS, Manatee Memorial Hospital
- David Cashen, MD, Coastal Orthopedics
- John J. D'Auria, MD, Ramos Center for Interventional & Functional Pain Medicine
- Vivian C. Faircloth, MD, Manatee Physician Alliance
- Florida Surgical Clinic
- Andrea Hayes, Blake Medical Center
- Kim Hubbard, Alltrust Insurance
- Constance Logan, MD, West Coast Pediatrics
- Sarah Mackie, OD, Eye Center Inc.
- Joshua Mali, MD, The Eye Associates
- Manatee Memorial Hospital - Reducing Opioid Prescribing in an Urban Emergency Department
- Manatee County Community Paramedicine, Manatee County Department of Public Safety
- Manatee Memorial Hospital - Emergency Care Center
- Manatee Memorial Hospital - Internal Medicine Residency Clinic
- Melissa Mato, PT, Manatee Memorial Hospital
- Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's
- Ramos Center for Interventional & Functional Pain Medicine
- Rafael Rodriguez, Manatee Memorial Hospital Volunteer
- Marne Salinas, Coastal Orthopedics
- Jessly Santiago, CAN Community Health
- Jojo Smith, Florida Home Health
- Neta Strum, MD, MCR Health