



Georgia Caregiver of the Year Virtual Award Ceremony 2020

This year marks an exciting new way of celebrating the Georgia Caregivers of the Year.

In October, the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving will celebrate the second annual Celebrating Georgia Caregivers Award. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this recognition will move to a virtual format, but we are no less excited to honor and congratulate the incredible men and women who serve as caregivers in the State of Georgia.

We will recognize the CARENET Regional Caregivers of the Year, as well as Georgia Caregivers of the Year in each category: Volunteer, Para-Professional, and Family.

The Caregiver of the Year Award is designed to recognize selfless acts, compassion, empathy, effort and extraordinary commitment of caregivers toward those who need their care. And though we can't wait to be together again in person, we believe it's essential to honor those that sacrifice their own resources, time, comfort, and sometimes livelihoods for the good of others. To be eligible for the award, a caregiver must be currently providing care, or must have provided care within the past year.

Each regional CARENET will submit one Regional Winner in each of the three categories: Volunteer, Para-Professional, and Family. The state winner will be selected from the regional winners by the Rosalynn Carter Institute team.

The Volunteer, Para-Professional, and Family winners of the Georgia Caregiver of the Year awards will receive:

- A gilded rose
- A check for \$1,000

Please note that nominees may be highlighted on RCI's social media channels, and stories provided through this nomination may be shared with local media outlets. Please include a photograph if possible, particularly of the caregiver with their care recipient if available. And please share the name of your local newspaper as well as radio and television stations so we can spread the word about your recognition.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Family Caregiver Award

Nominees accepted:

- Any family member providing assistance to a person with a disability, chronic illness or other condition requiring support and assistance to have a full life in the community.
- A non-relative, but perceived as family, such as neighbor or friend.

Para-Professional Caregiver Award

Nominees accepted:

- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Therapy aide
- Home Health Aide
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Nurse's Aide/Patient Care Technician
- Direct Support Caregiver (companion/sitter)

Volunteer Caregiver Award

Nominees Accepted:

- A volunteer that has completed at least one year of service caring for an individual or individuals in a capacity that aids and/or improves their life. For example, Hospice Volunteer, Church Volunteer, Volunteer with an Association such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's.
- A volunteer who has been involved in an event or situation that has made a real difference in the life of a care receiver or their family.

REGIONAL NOMINATION FORM

All nominations must be received by September 4, 2020. Please include a photograph with your nomination, if possible.

Nominee's Name _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Cellphone: _____

Email _____

To your knowledge, is this person able to join a virtual event? (I.e. - do they have reliable Internet access and technology)

Nominated by: _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Award Category (check one)

_____ Family Caregiver Award

_____ Para-Professional Caregiver Award

_____ Volunteer Caregiver Award

Please submit the completed nomination form and essay to:

Carrie Harris
800 GSW State University Dr.
Americus, Ga 31709
Carrie.harris@gsw.edu

All nominees in every category should demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:

Caregivers are, by definition, very special people who deserve to be recognized. When telling the story of your caregiver, try to relate anything that makes them truly stand out as an example to others in the caregiving community.

In sharing the story of the nominated caregiver, include examples of any of the following:

- How this nominee exhibits exceptional compassion, empathy, respect, and dedication in their caregiving duties
- Ways in which this nominee has expanded their knowledge of caregiving skills and techniques.
- Ways in which this nominee has worked to support other caregivers in the community.
- Examples of why this caregiver is extraordinary.
- Acknowledges and meets the unique physical, emotional and practical needs of clients and their families
- Improved the quality of life for clients and their families

(You may attach letters of support from people who have first-hand knowledge of this nominee's caregiving)

STATE NOMINATION Cover Form

All nominations must be received by RCI: September 4, 2020

Nomination received after this date will not be considered,

One submission per category. Multiple nominations will disqualify consideration in that category.

CARE-NET _____

CARE-NET Contact _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Nominees:

Family Caregiver Award

Nominee's Name _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Cellphone: _____

Email _____

To your knowledge, is this person able to join a virtual event? (I.e. - do they have reliable Internet access and technology)

Nominated by: _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Para-Professional Caregiver Award

Nominee's Name _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Cellphone: _____

Email _____

To your knowledge, is this person able to join a virtual event? (I.e. - do they have reliable Internet access and technology)

Nominated by: _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Volunteer Caregiver Award

Nominee's Name _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Cellphone: _____

Email _____

To your knowledge, is this person able to join a virtual event? (I.e. - do they have reliable Internet access and technology)

Nominated by: _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please attach the nominating packet for the nominee in each category that includes

- **A photograph of the caregiver, if possible**
- **The regional nomination form completed with all contact information.**
- **The essay and any other supporting documents**

Regional winners must agree to participate in the recognition celebration. It is important that all regional winners be available for a virtual gathering so we can be sure the state winner will be present to be recognized with their award.

Carrie Harris

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