



Dr. Stuart Farber Excellence in Hospice & Palliative Care Award

Who makes a positive difference for hospice and palliative care in Washington and beyond?

April 2026 - Submission Deadline: September 4, 2026, 12 pm

Dr. Stu Farber was a palliative care pioneer who helped the field develop and later thrive in Washington. He was the force behind the establishment of clinical palliative care at the University of Washington Medical Center. Dr. Farber and his wife, Annalu Farber, created the Stuart J. Farber, MD and Annalu Farber Endowed Professorship in Palliative Care Education in the Department of Family Medicine at UW Medicine.

Dr. Farber was held in high esteem by colleagues across the state and by our members who considered him an inspirational leader. He served on the Washington State Hospice & Palliative Care Organization's board of directors from 2003 – 2005. The Washington State Hospice & Palliative Care Organization's Board of Directors is ever grateful for Dr. Farber and his work that changed the face of end-of-life care in our state.

In 2015 the WSHPCO Board created an annual award to honor Dr. Farber and his contributions and to continue to recognize excellence in hospice and palliative care in perpetuity. In October of 2015 the first *Dr. Stuart Farber Excellence in Hospice & Palliative Care Award* was presented to Dr. Farber's family, to honor his legacy. Other past recipients of the Stu Farber Award are:

- 2016: Former WSHPCO Executive Director Anne Koepsell
- 2017: Dr. Gregg VandeKieft, M.D. Providence St. Joseph Health
- 2018: Dr. Mimi Pattison, M.D., CHI Franciscan
- 2019: (Posthumously) Mark Rake Marona, CHI Franciscan
- 2020: Dr. Ross Hays, Seattle Children's Hospital
- 2021: Dr. Linda Dr. Wrede-Seaman, Yakima, Washington
- 2022: Leslie Emerick, WSHPCO Director, Public Policy
- 2023: Pat Justis, MA, Executive Director of the State Office of Rural Health/ Rural Health Section, Office of Community Health Systems, Washington Department of Health
- 2024: Sharmon Figenshaw, ARNP, Serious Illness Clinical Consultant
- 2025: Dr. Hope Wechkin, MD, EvergreenHealth, Kirkland

The Washington State Hospice & Palliative Care Organization invites WSHPCO members to nominate an individual for this prestigious award. The recipient will be announced in October in conjunction with the fall conference in Chelan. The nomination form is attached; nominations received by 12p on September 4, 2026 will receive consideration by the WSHPCO Board of Directors. We look forward to receiving your nomination. Nominations and questions may be directed by email to WSHPCO Executive Director Barb Hansen, hansen@wshpco.org.

Respectfully,

The Board of Directors of the Washington State Hospice & Palliative Care Organization

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Dr. Stuart Farber Excellence in Hospice & Palliative Care Award Nomination Form

To nominate someone for the *Dr. Stuart Farber Excellence in Hospice & Palliative Care Award*, please complete the information below and **submit via email to hansen@wshpco.org by noon on September 4, 2026**. Each WSHPCO member palliative care or hospice program may submit one nomination.

Nominating Program
Program name:
Nominator's Name/Title:
Nominator's Telephone/Email:
Nominee
Name/Title:
Address:
Telephone/Email:
Reason for Nomination: