



National Association of Social Workers

NASW-NE Award Recipients

Social Worker of the Year

1969	Chris Mueller	2001	Alan Gonsher, LCSW
1980	Karen Authier, MSW	2002	Ruth Few, MSW, ACSW, LCSW
1984	Gay Angel McTate, MSW	2003	Jamesena Grimes Moore, MSW
1985	Artice Miles	2004	Jackie Egan, LCSW
1986	Nicki Haggert	2005	Rhonda Himberger, BSW
1987	Ruth Rexin Henrichs, MSW	2006	Jennifer Hernandez, MSW
1988	Scot Adams, MSW, Ph.D	2007	Pete Tulipana, MSW
1989	Sunny Andrews, Ph.D, MSW, PSW	2008	Susanne Blue, MSW
1990	Don Weber, MSW	2009	Maha Younes, Ph.D
1991	Penny Parker, CMSW	2010	Paul Maginn, MSW
1992	Jamesena Grimes Moore, MSW	2011	Georgie Scurfield, MSW
1993	Not awarded	2012	Kierstin Reed, MSW, MPA
1994	JoAnn Betts, MSW	2013	Peggy Reisher, MSW
1995	Colleen Hughes, ACSW	2014	Jane Woody, Ph.D, LCSW
1996	Don Dendinger, Ph.D, ACSW	2015	Janie Pfeifer Watson, LICSW
1997	Not awarded	2016	Amanda Randall. Ph.D
1998	Marta Nieves, MSW	2017	Not Awarded
1999	Jan Potter, MSW	2018	Madonna Licht, LICSW
2000	Ann Coyne, Ph.D	2019	

Lifetime Achievement Award

1988	Betty Bange	2006	Karen Authier, MSW
1989	Artice E. Miles	2007	Nathalia Zimmerman, LCSW
1990	Mona Phelps	2008	John McClain, Ph.D
1991	Florence Hansen	2009	Sally Worthington Fine, ACSW
1992	Dorothy Touchstone	2010	Ann Coyne, Ph.D
1993	Not awarded	2011	Herb Grandbois, Ph.D
1994	Burnell (Bernie) Pohlman	2012	Mary Hepburn O'Shea, ACSW
1995	Not awarded	2013	Sue Bace, LCSW
1996	Tom Perkins, Ph.D, ACSW	2014	Alfredo Ramirez, LCSW, LADC
1998	Margaret Hugly, MSW	2015	Mary Bahney, LCSW
1999	George Tippin, MSW	2015	Jim Blue, LCSW
2000	John Krejci, MSW	2016	Patricia Carlson, MSW
2001	Sunny Andrews, Ph.D, MSW	2017	Mary Bennett-Schulte, LCSW
2002	Donna Tubach-Davis, MSW	2017	Allan Gonsher, MSW, RPT/S
2003	Mary Sullivan, ACSW	2018	Barbara Harris, MSW, PhD
2004	Don Dendinger, MSW, Ph.D	2018	Susan Feyen-Reay, LICSW
2005	Gwen Weber, LCSW, Ph.D	2019	

CHAMPION FOR CHANGE AWARD

2002	Omaha World Herald, (Our Dead Children Series)	2005	Ed Leahy, Nebraska Appleseed
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ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL AWARD

2007	Senator Gwen Howard, MSW	2015	Not Awarded
2008	Not Awarded	2016	Senator Heath Mello
2009	Senator Annette Dubas	2017	Senator Kate Bolz, MSW
2010	Senator Kathy Campbell	2018	Not awarded
2011	Not Awarded	2019	
2012	Senator Tanya Cook		
2014	Senator Danielle Conrad		
2014	Senator Jeremy Nordquist		

Public Citizen of the Year

1984	Irene Abernathy	2004	Phil Schoo, Ph.D
1985	Mary Ruth Steffens	2005	Kim Foundation
1986	Senator Pat Morehead	2006	Not awarded
1987	Governor Robert Kerrey	2007	Not awarded
1988	Senator Vard Johnson	2008	Paul Fine, M.D.
1989	Robert C. Rosenlof, M.D.	2009	Dean Settle, MA
1990	Senator Don Wesley	2010	Kristine McVea, M.D.
1991	Robert L. Armstrong	2011	Kathy Bigsby Moore
1992	Mary Buford	2011	William Packard, M.D.
1993	Not awarded	2012	Kelly Orbik, MS
1994	James Flannery	2013	Bob and Betty Dorr
1995	Michael Moran, M.D.	2013	Honorable James E. Doyle IV
1996	Susan Koenig-Cramer	2014	John & Judy Ahlschwede
1997	Not awarded	2015	Suzanne Haney, M.D.
1998	Anita Remerowski, M.D.	2015	Laila Khoudeida, BSW
1999	Senator Jenny Robak	2016	Brenda Council
2000	Not awarded	2016	Lisa Schulze
2001	Not awarded	2017	Rev. Stephen Griffith
2002	Kris Chiles	2018	Sarah Ann Kotchian, J.D.
2003	Beatty Brasch	2019	

Social Worker of the Year – Eastern Region

2008	Peg O’Dea Lippert, MSW	2014	Not awarded
2009	Judy M. Dierkhising, Ph.D	2015	Not awarded
2010	Not awarded	2016	Peg O’Dea Lippert, MSW
2011	Morgan Hecht, MSW	2017	Not awarded
2012	Susan Feyen, LICSW	2018	Nickie Slater, LICSW
2013	Sara Baker, MSW	2019	

Social Worker of the Year – Northern Region

2008	Elaine Halferty, MSW	2013	Tracy Dierksen, MSW
2008	Deborah Stewart, MSW	2014	Not awarded
2009	Theresa Hilton, LCSW	2015	Not awarded
2009	Janice Fitts, LCSW	2016	Not awarded
2010	Not awarded	2017	Not awarded
2011	Alfredo Ramirez, MSW	2018	Not awarded
2011	Sandra Cook-Fong, Ph.D	2019	
2012	Diane Johnson, ACSW, LMHP		

Social Worker of the Year – Southern Region

2008	Lawrence Obrist, MSW	2014	Not awarded
2009	Lisa Borchardt, LCSW	2015	Not awarded
2010	Not awarded	2016	Patricia Sattler, MSW
2011	Jon Day, MSW	2017	Not awarded
2012	Keryl Mines, MSW	2018	Not awarded
2013	Kiley Escamilla, MSW	2019	

NASW-National Awards

2012 Lifetime Achievement - Ann Coyne, Ph.D., MSW	
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NASW 50 Year Membership Recognition

Mary Hepburn-O’Shea, ACSW	2009	Janice K. Potter, ACSW	2015
Don Weber, MSW	2009	Jacqueline Anderegg, ACSW	2016
Freddie M. Holeyfield, ACSW	2010	Lana Balka, ACSW	2017
Les Nummela, ACSW	2011	Donna Tubach-Davis, ACSW	2017
Helen L. Seward, ACSW	2011	Anthony Harris, ACSW	2017
Nathalia Zimmerman, ACSW	2011	Gwen Weber, PhD, ACSW	2017
Milton Hofstad, ACSW	2012	Karen Authier, ACSW	2018