

MICHAEL PRESTERA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

From: Karen Yost, CEO of Pretera Center

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Nominations are currently being accepted for the Michael Pretera Award of Excellence. This prestigious award recognizes individuals whose contributions have resulted in improvements in mental health and/or substance abuse in Cabell, Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Putnam and Wayne counties. This is the 20th year this award has been given. Specific criteria for nominees include recognition of individuals whose efforts have:

- Improved health care and the lives of individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse related difficulties.
- Promote advancement in education and technology in mental health and/or substance abuse.
- Developed community networks and systems that ultimately improve the lives of individuals with substance abuse difficulties, severe mental illness and other mental health difficulties throughout the community.
- Worked to de-stigmatize mental illness.

Previous winners of the Michael Pretera Award of Excellence include Mildred Bateman, M.D. (1996), Joan E. Ross (1997), Betty Barrett (1998), William Dotson (1999), Delegate Margarette Leach (2000), Francie Roberts-Buchannon (2001), William Wright (2002), Maurice Cooley (2003), Senator Robert Plymale (2004), James Weiler (2005), Delegate Don Perdue (2006), Scott Finn (2006), Linda Pleasants (2007), Jack Clohan (2007), Debby Hibbard (2008), Dr. Ron Duerring (2008), Frank Markun (2009), Karen Yost (2010), Dan Hedges (2011), Delegate Jim Morgan (2012), Robert Hansen (2013), David Forinash (2014), Governor Earl Ray Tomblin (2015) This year's winner will be honored at the Pretera Annual Board of Director's meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Due to your experience and knowledge of mental health providers and others who've made major contributions in our field, please take a moment to consider possible nominees worthy of this award. Enclosed is a brief application form. If you know of someone worthy of this prestigious award, please complete the form and return to Karen.Yost@Pretera.org no later than Tuesday, March 15th. You may fax your nominations to me at 304-697-1251, or mail them to Pretera Center, 5600 U.S. Rt. 60 East, Huntington, WV 25705

