



Elizabeth Wessinger Award

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

June 2021

In honor of Elizabeth Wessinger, each year the Oregon Hospice & Palliative Care Association chooses an individual who makes a difference for end of life care in our state or across the nation. The Elizabeth Wessinger Award celebrates the individual whose spirit and actions contribute to the improvement and advancement of hospice and palliative care beyond their own community.

As many of you know, Beth Wessinger was a great help to the Oregon Hospice & Palliative Care Association. She was a member of the task force that created the Oregon Hospice Association from two previously existing organizations. She also served as a founding member of the OHA board of directors. In 1988, the Oregon Hospice Association was in its infancy. The work to establish hospices across the state was underway. The fledgling organization, while rich in dedication and commitment, was poor in financial resources. Beth Wessinger and her husband, Fred, recognized the value of the Oregon Hospice Association and believed in our mission to ensure all Oregonians have access to high quality end of life care. They made the decision to help the agency survive. The Wessingers established the Hospice Assistance Fund, a dedicated trust for the Oregon Hospice & Palliative Care Association at The Oregon Community Foundation.

Here are the past Elizabeth Wessinger Award recipients:

1988 – Beth Wessinger	1999 – Andrew Franklin & Diane	Brewer & Dora Parys
1989 – Joan Buell	Elizondo	2010 – Susan Tolle, MD
1990 – Karen Bell	2000 – Ina Holman	2011 – Senator Ron Wyden
1991 - Judith Wesley	2001 – Betty Cooper	2012 – Barb Farmer
1992 – Paul Stull	2002 – Marianne Durkan	2013 – Pam Matthews
1993 – Judy List	2003 – Dick Lenhardt	2014 – Barb Hansen
1994 – Bernie Reed	2004 – Denis Carnaby	2015 – Deborah Whiting Jaques
1995 – Jane Kirschling	2005 – Arch Lang	2016 – Elizabeth Peters
1996 – Jerry Griffin	2006 – Jay Cushman	2017 – Jennifer Traeger
1997 – Robert Gootee	2007 – Ann Jackson	2019 – Senator Sara Gelsler &
1998 – Linda Downey	2008 – Lori Kent	Representative Rachel Prusak
	2009 – Nancy Diane Manelli	2020 – Dr. Helen Kao

The Oregon Hospice and Palliative Care Association invites OHPCA member programs to submit a nomination by completing the attached Elizabeth Wessinger Award Nomination Form. **Applications received by noon, September 1, 2021 will receive consideration by the OHPCA Board of Directors.** The Elizabeth Wessinger Award recipient will be announced in October 2021.

We look forward to receiving your nomination. If you have questions, please let me know. You may submit the nomination online, by US mail at the address below or by email to hansen@oregonhospice.org.

Thank you,

Katie Adkison

Chair - Oregon Hospice and Palliative Care Association Board of Directors



Elizabeth Wessinger Award Nomination Form

Submission Deadline: Noon on September 1, 2021

To nominate someone for the Elizabeth Wessinger Award, please complete the information below.
Each OHPCA member hospice/palliative care program may submit one nomination.

Nominating OHPCA Member Program

OHPCA Member Hospice/Palliative Care Program:
Nominator's Name/Title:
Nominator's Telephone/Email:

Nominee

Name/Title:
Address:
Telephone/Email:
Reason for Nomination:

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