



MD MARCH OF DIMES



11th Annual Georgia Nurse of the Year Awards

Saturday, November 21, 2020

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Our Finalists

Abigail Atkinson	Felcy Tauro	Melanie Kinder
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Ahmad Topey	Gayle Owen	Melissa White
Amanda Burnett	Hannah Collins	Michelle Nelson
Amanda Medlock	Hannah Oliver	Michelle Rogge
Amanda Walter	Heather Lachiewicz	Misty Landor
Ashley Churchill	Jaime Barrera	Nancy Crawford
Bob Dent	Janis Dubow	Nastasia Ardan
Briauna Howard	Jenna Semonite	Natassha Mary Ahmed
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Carolyn Ford	Julie Jones	Noreen O'Connor Peyatt
Carrie McDermott	Kaly Royster	Pamela Dallas
Cheryl Turner	Kara de Souza	Paola Guerrero
Christina Gordon	Kellie Mitchell	Patricia Gusta
Christina Green	Kelly Inoue	Polly Willis
Christina Myles	Kellye McRae	Priya George
Christina Sharple	Kerine Moodie-Brown	Roberta Kaplow
Cindy Newman	Kirsten Hoffman	Sarah Jacobs
Claire Demetree	Laura Martinez	Sergio Mota
Cristiane Fukuda	Laura Stubblefield	Shanetriss Gay
Dalell McCune	Lee Robinson	Shekita James
Danielle Njeri	Lisa Castle	Susan Partain
Darby Fessenden	Lisoyi John Diaz	Susana Olivera
Darlene Rogers	Lynne Edwards	Tiffany Ahmadi
Deann Hansen	Mahogany Rahming	Tonya Abdul-Shaheed
Edna Brisco	Mardi Davis	Victoria Curry
Eileen Sheppard	Marie Ledford	Virginia Njoroge
Eric Chesler	Mary Gullatte	Vy Huynh
Erik Dunn	Mary Wolfe	

NURSING TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Team Lead, Amy Wiederhold – Northside, Pulmonary Thoracic Care Unit
Team Lead, Cristiane Fukuda – Northside, Palliative Care Team
Team Lead, Dana Hickman – Northside, Transition of Care
Team Lead, Debra Barker – Emory University Hospital Midtown, 71 Medical ICU
Team Lead, Joseph Smith - Emory University Hospital, CVICU
Team Lead, Lisoyi John Diaz - Emory St Josephs Hospital, CVICU Cardiovascular ICU
Team Lead, Lydia Casteel – Wellstar, Surgical Services Team
Team Lead, Olha Volyanyuk - Grady Health System, SICU
Team Lead, Patricia Hass – Northside, Outpatient Oncology Infusion
Team Lead, Rebecca Henry – Wellstar, Clinical Decision Unit
Team Lead, Sergio Mota – Emory University Hospital, Acute Respiratory ICU
Team Lead, Sharon Freeman - Northside Forsyth Campus, ICU
Team Lead, Tiffany Ahmadi – Wellstar, Kennestone 3N Trauma Surgery ICU

From our Presenting Sponsor

Friends of the March of Dimes,

Welcome to the Eleventh Annual Georgia Nurse of the Year awards ceremony. Tonight, outstanding nurses will be recognized for their compassion, leadership, and excellence in the health care setting and the communities in which they work.

More than 350 nurses from Georgia were nominated for these awards. This is a testament to the tireless work of Georgia's nurses to provide comfort, care and support to patients in their communities. The nurses being honored are the best in their fields, including advanced practice, nursing administration, emergency care, community health, critical care, pediatrics and women's health.

As always, the Northside Hospital health care system is proud to be a part of these honors. We employ more than 7,500 nurses who contribute mightily to the overall hospital experience. Our nurses help create a dynamic workforce that is committed to the highest level of clinical practice. Patients, families and fellow employees benefit from this environment every day. Please join me in congratulating these world-class nursing professionals. Their extraordinary work makes Georgia a better, healthier place for all of us.

Best,
Bob Quattrocchi
President & CEO
Northside Hospital



Event Program

5:30 p.m. *Pre-awards Online Ceremony*

DJ Trauma

6:00 p.m. *Welcome*

Condace Pressley, Emcee, Cox Media Group

Remarks from Committee Chair

Janis L. Dubow – Northside Hospital

Remarks from President & CEO

Stacey D. Stewart, CEO & President, March of Dimes

Awards Presentation

Distinguished Nurse of the Year

Advanced Practice

Care Management

Community Health

Emergency / Critical Care

General Medical

Hospice, Home Health, Palliative Care & Long Term Acute Care

NICU/Pediatrics

Nursing Administration

Nursing Education

Oncology

Rising Star / Emerging Leader

Surgical Services

Women's Health

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Fund The Mission

Awards Presentation

Non-Medical Frontline Worker

Nursing Team of the Year

Closing Remarks

Stacey D. Stewart, CEO & President, March of Dimes

7:00 p.m. *Online After Party*

DJ Trauma

Condace Pressley Director of Community and Public Affairs

Cox Media Group Atlanta

Master of Ceremonies



Condace Pressley is an award-winning journalist and member of the Georgia Association of Broadcasters and the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame. As Director of Community Affairs for Cox Media Group Atlanta, Condace oversees CMG Atlanta's community efforts across all media platforms, including WSB TV, the Atlanta Journal Constitution and CMG's four radio stations. Many radio listeners are familiar with Condace's as a long-time WSB Radio reporter/anchor and news anchor on Cox Media Group's KISS104. 2019 marks her 30th year as producer and host of the Sunday public affairs program 'Perspectives.' A 2016 graduate of Leadership Atlanta, Condace is also a distinguished University of Georgia alumna and member of the 2015 Centennial Class of Fellows of the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication. The HistoryMakers, the world's largest African American oral video history archive has profiled Pressley for her significant contributions to media. Condace is a former President of both the National Association of Black Journalists (2001-2003) and Atlanta Association of Black Journalists (1991-1995) and was the chapter's Pioneer Black Journalist in 2012. Crime Stoppers and Day 1, The Alliance for Christian Media. Her community service includes work with the advisory board of Condace is a devoted daughter and aunt who enjoys developing others. She is passionate about travel and the arts. Pressley is a Marietta High School and University of Georgia alumna who resides in Marietta.

FUND THE MISSION

We believe that every baby deserves the best possible start. When you support March of Dimes you help us provide programs and resources for moms and babies in the Atlanta community. You also become part of a remarkable group of people who fund lifesaving research.

March of Dimes was founded in 1938 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to defeat polio. With our original mission accomplished, we changed our focus to address some of the biggest health threats to moms and babies. Now we empower every mom and family as we help 4 million babies born each year.

Give every baby a brighter future by donating during our TEXT TO GIVE portion of the event.

A close-up photograph of a newborn baby being held by a mother and father. The baby is sleeping peacefully, wrapped in a white cloth with orange patterns. A small white bandage is on the baby's forehead. The mother is on the right, looking down at the baby, and the father is on the left, also looking down. The background is softly blurred.

EVERY BABY DESERVES THE BEST POSSIBLE START

More than **380,000 babies** are born prematurely in the U.S. each year. March of Dimes is working to change that. In November, Prematurity Awareness Month, and all year long we make the future brighter for us all.

JOIN THE FIGHT

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KENDRA SCOTT



Thank you to our 2020 Committee!

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Jeffrey Sherrill – Optum Healthcare

Melissa Sisson – Northside Hospital

Teresa Yancey – United Healthcare



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HEALTHY MOMS. STRONG BABIES.

Every baby deserves the best possible start. We are fighting for the health of moms and babies because it makes the future brighter for us all.

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Piedmont Henry Hospital

Kellye McRae

Piedmont Walton Hospital

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Patricia Gusta
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Ahmad Topey
Amanda Medlock
Cindy Newman
Kellie Mitchell
Lydia Casteel
Rebecca Henry
Susan Partain
Tiffany Ahmadi

**The March of
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Congratulates all
of our 2020
Georgia Nurse of
the Year Finalists.
Thank you for
your dedication,
leadership and
service to our
families and our
communities!**

FUND THE MISSION

THE CRITICAL MISSION OF MARCH OF DIMES

March of Dimes was born out of a national health pandemic, and today there's no organization better positioned to meet people where they are right now. The focus of our work has evolved over the last 80 years—from finding a polio vaccine to our current fight for healthy moms, strong babies and health equity— but the need for our vital work remains a constant.

As we find our nation in the midst of COVID-19, the relevance and importance of what we do is more critical than ever. It all starts—literally—with moms. Today, we're meeting families where they are by advocating for policies to protect moms and babies, working to radically improve the health care they receive, pioneering research to find solutions and empowering families with knowledge and tools to have healthy pregnancies.

MEETING MOMS, BABIES AND FAMILIES WHERE THEY ARE

March of Dimes has taken a leading role in protecting the health of moms and babies during the COVID-19 pandemic by expanding virtual programs to support pregnant women, providing critical medical supplies—including blood pressure cuffs and masks—to families, and funding research and advocacy efforts to ensure the unique needs of pregnant women are met during this health crisis.

Black women are 3 times more likely than White women to die from pregnancy-related causes nationwide. March of Dimes is taking bold actions to address this issue through training programs for health care providers and by working closely with state and federal lawmakers and agencies to find solutions to the nation's crisis around health equity.

WE'RE NOT THERE YET

March of Dimes has made great strides in improving the health of families, but despite our best efforts our nation is in the midst of a maternal and infant health crisis, and the need continues to increase as a result of COVID-19. This is particularly devastating for underserved communities and families of color. Data shows that the U.S. remains among the most dangerous developed nations for childbirth. More than 700 women die each year from pregnancy-related causes, and the CDC reports that 60 percent of these deaths are preventable.

A CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Now more than ever, we must continue to fight for the health of moms, babies and their families. Delivery won't wait. We invite you to consider making a meaningful investment in March of Dimes through a 100 percent tax-deductible gift to Fund The Mission. This gift will empower us to further level the playing field and create equitable health for every mom and every baby.

MARCH OF DIMES COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUP

Families everywhere join the March of Dimes Community group on Facebook to find support, comfort and friendship. Get advice from a caring group on the challenges you're experiencing and also learn about all the resources available through March of Dimes and local initiatives. Join today at www.facebook.com/groups/marchofdimes

MARCH OF DIMES FACEBOOK MENTORSHIP

This mentorship program connects families from our community so they can offer advice and provide support for moms and babies. Members can share with others who've had similar experiences and can get reliable information and helpful resources from March of Dimes. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/groups/marchofdimes

NEWS MOMS NEED

We created this blog to empower moms to help their pregnancies and babies be as healthy and strong as possible. It covers such topics as becoming a mom, pregnancy, pregnancy complications and premature birth, among others.

Visit www.newsmomsneed.org

UNSPOKEN STORIES

#UnspokenStories is a community where stories of pregnancy, parenting and loss—the ones that often go unshared—are told honestly. There's strength in our collective voice! Hear the stories of others and learn how to host your own Unspoken Conversation by visiting unspokenstories.org



SHARE YOUR STORY

ShareYourStory.org is a welcoming environment for families to share their story and connect with other moms, dads and families who understand first-hand the challenges and triumphs that can happen throughout the pregnancy journey.

MY NICU BABY® APP

Having a baby in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) can be overwhelming. The My NICU Baby App from March of Dimes provides the latest information and helpful resources to improve a family's experience during and after their baby's NICU stay. My NICU Baby is available in English, and in Spanish as Mi bebé en la NICU. Download the free app from the App Store and Google Play. Learn more at www.mynicubaby.org



WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

For those who have experienced the loss of a baby, our Wall of Remembrance offers a space to leave a message as a tribute to the little ones who will always be in our hearts. Visit www.marchofdimes.org/remembrancewall to tell your story, read memorials and honor the babies who left us too soon.

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**THANK
YOU!**

With your support, we're fighting the pervasive maternal and infant health crisis affecting our communities. You enable us be there for every family—those who had first-hand hardships, those celebrating their health and those just trying to start their families.

Thank you for helping every mom and baby be healthy and strong today and for generations to come.

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