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2014 Joseph D. Greene

Community Service Award Program

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*“In a nation of our caliber, no one should be denied access to healthcare. If we’re not sensitive to these problems, then no one will address them.”*

- Joseph D. Greene



## Purpose

Throughout Georgia, all communities have individuals and organizations that are committed to improving the quality of health and healthcare of those they serve. The hard work and dedication of these heroes makes a difference in the lives of all Georgians.

Healthcare Georgia Foundation's **Joseph D. Greene Community Service Award** honors extraordinary individuals and nonprofit organizations that are committed to improving the health and healthcare of those they serve. By recognizing those that inspire and lift others up, we hope that Mr. Greene's legacy of community service will continue through the work of others.

## About Joseph D. Greene

In his 2005 memoir, *From Cotton Fields to Board Rooms*, Joseph D. Greene recounted leaving his home in rural Georgia in 1959 with his high school diploma and just \$35 he had earned from picking cotton. The years that followed him were decorated with success and achievements as he elevated himself to become a revered public leader.

Mr. Greene's remarkable triumph over poverty and adversity made him a personal hero and mentor to many. He "walked the talk" by continuously lifting others up around him and dedicating himself to helping them improve the quality of their lives. As a founding Healthcare Georgia Foundation board member, Mr. Greene helped steward the organization from its inception in 1999 through his retirement from the Board of Directors in 2006.



## 2014 Award Recipients

Healthcare Georgia Foundation is pleased to present the **Joseph D. Greene Community Service Award** to four individuals and one collaborative in recognition of their dedication and commitment to improving health and healthcare across Georgia.



### Ann Boriskie

Director

Volunteer Organization: Brain Injury Peer Visitor Association  
John's Creek



#### Nominated by:

Susan Falkenstein Yakru,  
Asst. Grant Writer, Brain Injury Peer Visitor Association

In 1998, an automobile accident changed Ann Boriskie's life forever. Ann was hit from behind as she was stopped in traffic and sustained multiple injuries, including a brain injury. In the 48 hours after her accident, Ann began to experience a number of symptoms that were initially undiagnosed. Once Ann's brain injury was diagnosed and she began to recover, she recognized the great need in the healthcare system for brain injury information for survivors and their caretakers.

A former teacher who loved to help others, Ann began to develop the **Brain Injury Peer Visitor Association** in 2003 (officially launching in 2006), to make certain that survivors of brain injury had the "hope, support, information, education, and resources" they needed to enable them to live more independent, meaningful and successful lives.

The Brain Injury Peer Visitor Association is comprised of 150 volunteers, all of whom are trained and supervised by Ann. The volunteers currently visit 35 hospitals and rehabilitation centers in the metro Atlanta area and beyond. Peer Visitor volunteers are uniquely comprised of brain injury survivors, family members and caregivers. Each year, Ann and her team visit more than 4,300 survivors and their caregivers. Ann has touched the lives of thousands of brain injury survivors and their loved ones, inspiring hope, recovery and a continuum of support and care through her Association.

### Anne Clifton

Medical Coordinator

Volunteer Organization: Hearts and Hands Clinic  
Statesboro



#### Nominated by:

Jordan Wilburn  
Director, Hearts and Hands Clinic

In the center of Statesboro, Georgia sits the Hearts and Hands Clinic, a nonprofit that provides free medical care to the uninsured and low-income adults of rural Bulloch County. And at the very center of the Clinic is Anne Clifton, the Clinic's medical coordinator. Anne has been a full-time volunteer at the Clinic since its inception in 2010, where she provides not only service, but hope, inspiration and genuine care to those served by the Clinic.

Following her passion and lifelong commitment to helping others, Anne regularly goes beyond her official role of volunteer medical coordinator, taking an active interest in the lives of the patients, both inside and outside of the Clinic. Anne can often be found helping patients fill out medical forms, assisting them with groceries, making personal visits to their homes, ensuring that their children have presents for the holidays, and taking care that utilities are kept on. She is also very active in helping to raise funds for the Clinic, so that it can continue to provide these critical services to the community.

As a role model and community leader, Anne sets the bar high for the young medical, nursing and pre-professional students that volunteer at the Clinic, helping to ensure that her legacy of care lives on.

## Ho Su Kim

Volunteer  
Center for Pan Asian  
Community Services  
Chamblee



### Nominated by:

Nausheen Punjani  
Health Programs Manager, Center for Pan Asian  
Community Services

When Ho Su Kim immigrated to the United States 21 years ago, he was seeking a better life for himself and his family. He arrived at the doors of the **Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS)** in search of assistance with senior housing, and soon began to give back much more than he received.

As a senior himself, Ho Su Kim saw the need in the local community to improve access to healthy food options for seniors, and was instrumental, along with CPACS CEO Chaiwon Kim, in establishing a food pantry program through Atlanta Community Food Bank. But Ho Su Kim is not your typical retired 80-year-old; he didn't stop there. On any given day, he arrives at CPACS before most of the staff and volunteers until after most leave for home.

Over the past 10 years, "Mr. Kim", as he is called, packs, delivers and distributes thousands of Food Bags and other items to the community. And when he isn't delivering these crucial goods, he's developing partnerships with local grocery stores and big box stores, picking up fresh produce, and making the rounds to bring seniors in to CPACS facility for services. Through his quest to improve his personal life, he's ultimately made a better, healthier life for his community.

## Jobeth Yarbrough

Volunteer Director  
Good Samaritan Health and  
Wellness Center  
Jasper



### Nominated by:

Carol Maddux  
Executive Director, Good Samaritan Health and Wellness  
Center

Pickens County, Georgia, population thirty thousand, is nestled in the North Georgia Mountains. Approximately half of the county's residents had no access to health services, that is, until the Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center was founded. Jobeth Yarbrough was part of a small group of concerned and compassionate citizens who recognized the county's need for a health center for its citizens.

Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center opened in April 2002, and offers services to patients in need of medical, dental, vision and mental health services. Jobeth was intimately involved from the very beginning as a member of the original development and planning committee; she then became the Center's director of volunteers.

In her role, Jobeth has inspired, recruited, trained, and retained more than 400 dedicated volunteers, who have in turn, helped the Center provide services for more than 14,000 patients, fill over 15,000 prescriptions, and administer approximately 300 x-rays in 2012 alone. Jobeth's compassionate care touches the lives of patients and volunteers at every turn, and she takes great care to ensure that they know how important they are to her and to the community.



## Cancer Coalition of South Georgia

Albany

Founded in 2002, the **Cancer Coalition of South Georgia** was created with the goal of addressing the seemingly impossible problem of cancer in a large, impoverished, rural region of Georgia. The Coalition is a collaboration of individuals and organizations across a 32 county community that faces serious barriers to health.

Coalition partners include:

- Affinity Clinic
- Albany Area Primary Health Care
- Cancer Coalition of South Georgia
- Clay County Medical Center
- Emory Prevention Research Center
- Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital
- Miller County Hospital and Medical Center
- Phoebe Digestive Health Center
- Phoebe Family Medicine Residency Program
- Primary Care of Southwest Georgia
- Southwest Georgia Healthcare
- Southwest Georgia Public Health District (8-1)
- South Georgia Public Health District (8-2)
- Tift Community Health Center

A full list of the Coalition's partners can be found here: [http://www.sgacancer.org/about\\_us/partners.html](http://www.sgacancer.org/about_us/partners.html).

This unique, diverse group of business and industry leaders, hospital leaders, faith community members, public health officials, physicians, cancer survivors and others serves more than 800 patients every year. The success of the Coalition is due its enduring commitment to the mission, "to prevent cancer and increase survival among the people of South Georgia."



To ensure that the Coalition meets its goals, it rigorously adheres to the consistent delivery of:

- **Services** – Health Navigators, Community Cancer Screening Program & the Center to Reduce Cancer Disparities
- **Education** – Professional Development, Public Awareness and Education, Tobacco Control, Webinar Library
- **Research** – Emory Prevention Research Center, Regional Tissue Bank, Special Interest Projects, Cancer Data Studies, Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network, Clinical Trials
- **Outreach** – Statewide Initiatives, Regional Cancer Coalitions, State Cancer Plan, Advocacy, Cancer Care Grants

Critical to the success of the Coalition is its Community Cancer Screening Program. The Program successfully navigates patients through what can otherwise be an intimidating and confusing process. As a result, the Coalition is able to ensure that necessary testing is performed, physical and emotional barriers are removed, and that patients are connected to specialists as needed. The Coalition is a vital resource to its South Georgia community, as it is able to achieve better outcomes through cancer prevention, early detection, and life-saving treatment.

## Community Service Award Nomination and Selection Committee

Healthcare Georgia Foundation would like to thank those individuals that gave their time to assist us in the selection of the 2014 Joseph D. Greene Community Service Award recipients.

**John Banning**, TechBridge

**Quinn Gentry**, PhD, MBA, Messages of Empowerment Productions

**Holly Lang**, Piedmont Healthcare

## Previous Award Recipients

### 2012

#### Individual Recipients

Dr. Paul Buczynsky

Dr. Karen Carter

Dr. Charles G. Johnson

Dr. Mary Lynch

Janice and Tolbert Morris

#### Collaborative Recipient

Coordinated Care Collaborative (C3)

### 2010

#### Individual Recipients

Greg Block

Eleanor (Lee) Frances Brown

Bill Cohen

Susan Greene

Alana Shepherd

#### Collaborative Recipients

Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council  
Morehouse School of Medicine - Prevention  
Research Center Partnership

### 2008

#### Individual Recipients

Anjli Aurora

Dr. Krystal Bragg

Dr. Ed Burnette

Dr. David S. Humphries

E. Andrew Isakson

Barbara Rudolph, FNP

#### Collaborative Recipient

Coastal Medical Access Project (CMAP)

### 2006

#### Individual Recipients

Dr. Edith Biggers

Dr. Nelson B. Conger

Dr. Jonathan Dubin

Donna Tate

Dr. Joe Wilber

#### Collaborative Recipient

Health Access Initiative (HAI)

### 2003

#### Individual Recipients

Ginger Ackerman Smith

Vicki Castleberry

Jim Hazel

Dr. Gerald Kramer

Ken Murphy

Dr. Samuel O. Poole

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