This prestigious award is given annually by Colorado Rural Health Center to honor those who have made a notable contribution to health, healthcare, or a healthcare delivery system in rural Colorado.

To be eligible for the award, a candidate must have made a significant contribution to the health, healthcare, or a healthcare delivery system in a rural Colorado community, area, or region. Healthcare providers, board members, administrators, volunteers and others are eligible for nomination. Despite their enormous contributions, CRHC Board Members are not eligible for nomination while serving on the Board.

Past Recipients of the Rural Healthcare Excellence Award

- **2014** Todd Oberhue, Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center, Walsenburg
- **2013** Herman Schreivogel, Lincoln Community Hospital, Hugo
- **2012** Scott Rollin, MD, Plateau Valley Medical Clinic, Collbran
- **2011** David Amett, MD, Heart of the Rockies Medical Center, Salida
- **2010** Bob Wallace, Centura Health, Englewood
- **2009** Doug Miller, FNP, Rocky Ford Family Health Center, Rocky Ford
- **2009** Lisa Robbiano, Basalt High School, Basalt
- **2009** Arlene Harms, Rio Grande Hospital, Del Norte
- **2009** Paul Simmons, MD, Haxtun Hospital, Haxtun
- **2009** Lila Statz, MD, Haxtun Hospital, Haxtun
- **2008** John S. Tarr, MD, Gunnison Valley Hospital, Gunnison
- **2007** Joie Foster, RDH, Access Dental Health Services, Greeley
- **2007** Russell Johnson, San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, Alamosa
- **2007** Tom Mingen, Delta County Memorial Hospital, Delta
- **2007** Erika Woodyard, MD, Plateau Valley Medical Center, Colbran
- **2006** Mark Olson, MD, Plains Medical Center, Limon
- **2005** Doris Gibbs, Cheyenne Manor, Cheyenne Wells
- **2004** Clarke Godfrey, MD, Presbyterian St. Luke’s Medical Center, Denver
- **2004** Bryan Hess, Gunnison Valley Hospital, Gunnison
- **2003** Mary Jean Berg, MD, Rocky Ford Medical Center, Rocky Ford
- **2002** Annie Gibbs, Lamar Dental Health Center, Lamar
- **2001** Anne Platt, Hospital Administrator, Brush
- **2000** Denise Denton, Executive Director, CRHC, Denver
- **1999** Norman L. Haug, MD, Family Physician, Del Norte
- **1998** Jack L. Berry, MD, Family Physician, Wray
- **1997** Beth Patterson, Hospice Coordinator, Montrose
- **1996** Annie Dukes, Hospital Administrator, Springfield
- **1995** Nancy Zeller, FNP, Family Nurse Practitioner, Lake City
- **1994** Vivian Gallegos, RN, Public Health Nurse, San Luis