**R. H. Hutcheson, Sr., MD, Career Award Recipients**

***Presented to a person in the field of public health***

***who has made outstanding contributions to public health***

***throughout his or her career.***

1975 Sammie G. Shapiro, Division of Nursing

1976 Dean John P. Lamb, East Tennessee State University

1977 James L. Church, Bureau of Environmental Sanitation

1978 Jane Smoot, Upper Cumberland Regional Office

1979 Ernest Barnard, Johnson City Branch Laboratory

1980 James Payne, Division of Tuberculosis Control

1981 Hazel H. Fowler, Health Services Administration

1982 Helen Booth, South Central Regional Office

1983 Dr. Joseph M. Bistowish, Metro Davidson County Health Department

1984 Dorothy Latimer, Obion County Health Department

1985 Dr. H. R. Anderson, Division of Tuberculosis Control

1986 Sarah Rice Miller, Dyer County Health Department

1987 Dr. A. J. Mueller, Jackson-Madison County Health Department

1988 Dr. Mary B. Duffy, Knox County Health Department

1989 Dr. Robert H. Hutcheson, Jr., Communicable Disease Control

1990 Wilbur Bailey, Jackson-Madison County Health Department

1991 Al Taylor, Memphis-Shelby County Health Department

1993 Sumner Glassco, Memphis-Shelby County Health Department

1994 Dr. Durward R. Collier, Oral Health Services Section

1995 Howard W. Roddy, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department

1996 Anthony W. Harden, West Tennessee Regional Office

1997 Larry A. Bowles, East Tennessee Regional Office

1998 Sherryl Midgett, Bureau of Health Services, Nashville

1999 Nancy Gilliam, West Tennessee Regional Office

2000 Rena Mills, East Tennessee Regional Office

2001 Kate Wells, Office of Vital Records

2002 Dr. Fredia S. Wadley, Commissioner of Health

2003 Hugh Barnes, Southeast Regional Office

2004 Dr. Charles B. Hamilton, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2005 Rick Long, Mid-Cumberland Regional Office

2006 Patti Harden, West Tennessee Regional Office

2007 Jo Ann Armbrister, East Tennessee Regional Office

2008 Dr. David E. Brumley, South Central Regional Office

2009 Janet Ridley, Southeast Regional Office

2010 Fred Adams, Northeast Regional Office

2011 Becky Barnes, Chattanooga/Hamilton County Health Department

2012 Jackie Neas, Greene County Health Department

2013 Charlene Nunley, Southeast Region

2014 Charlene Haynes, Mid Cumberland Region

2015 Amanda McElyea, Northeast Tennessee Region

2016 Dr. Tim Jones, Tennessee Department of Health

2017 Dr. Charles Parker, Washington County Health Department

2018 Susan Porter, West Tennessee Regional Office

2019 Gail Harmon, East Tennessee Regional Office

2020 Carrie Thomas, Knox County Health Department

2021 Marilyn Barnes, West Tennessee Regional Office

2022 Ami Mitchell, Regional Director for South Central Region Health Office

2022 Teresa Harrill, Director for Loudon and Monroe County Health Departments

2023 Dr. Paul Petersen, Tennessee Department of Health

2024 Marianne Sharp, East Region, Tennessee Department of Health

**Alex B. Shipley, MD, Award Recipients**

***Presented to an employee of a regional or local health department***

***who has made outstanding contributions***

***in the field of public health over a period of several years.***

1986 Dr. C. D. Huffman, Mid-Cumberland Regional Office

1987 Dr. Robert Q. Ingraham, Southwest Regional Office

1987 Doris G. Spain, Mid-Cumberland Regional Office

1988 Jean Bickel, Cannon County Health Department

1989 Anthony W. Harden, Southwest Regional Office

1990 Hugh A. Barnes, Memphis-Shelby County Health Department

1991 Patricia Harden, West Tennessee Regional Office

1993 Martha Barber, West Tennessee Regional Office

1994 Dr. Charles Chapman, First Tennessee Regional Office

1995 Bill H. Ray, Sullivan County Health Department

1996 Eloise E. C. Waters, Bradley County Health Department

1997 Sammie Walker, West Tennessee Regional Office

1998 Carla Coley, Benton, Carroll, & Henry County Health Departments

1999 Sam Rose, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department

2000 Betty Thompson, Metro Davidson County Health Department

2001 Barbara Medlin, Jackson-Madison County Health Department

2002 Carole A. Martin, East Tennessee Regional Office

2003 Richard Swiggart, West Tennessee Assessment and Planning

2004 Suellen Joyner, South Central Regional Office

2005 Marilyn Wortman, Dyer County Health Department

2006 Marilyn Barnes, Lake, Dyer, Crockett, & Obion County Health Departments

2007 Sandy Halford, East Tennessee Regional Office

2008 Cathy Maxwell, Giles County Health Department

2009 Dr. Lori Macdonald, Mid-Cumberland Regional Office

2010 Margaret Hamilton, South Central Regional Office

2011 Debbie Johnson, Upper Cumberland Regional Office

2012 Tim Carson, Washington County Health Department

2013 Sherrie Montgomery, East Tennessee Region

2014 Dr. John Cummings, West Tennessee Region

2015 Danni Lambert, East Tennessee Region

2016 Dr. Shavetta Conner, West Tennessee Region

2017 Jana Chambers, Cocke and Sevier Counties Health Department

2018 Janet Ridley, East Tennessee Regional Office

2019 Rebekah English, Northeast Tennessee Regional Office

2020 Glenn Czarnecki, Southeast Tennessee Regional Office

2021 David Kirschke, MD, Northeast Region, Tennessee Department of Health

2022 Marianne Sharp, East Regional Health Office

2023 Dr. Suzanne Hayes, Upper Cumberland Regional Health Office

2024 Gail Harmon, East Region, Tennessee Department of Health

**Public Health Worker of the Year Award Recipients**

***Presented to a person in the field of public health***

***who, during the past three years,***

***has provided outstanding service to public health.***

1973 Dorcie Yates, Humphreys County Health Department

1974 Thomas H. Hale, Benton County Health Department

1975 Vernon L. Smith, Southwest Regional Office

1976 Dr. Leonard Chadwell, First Tennessee Regional Office

1977 Dr. Robert S. Sanders, Rutherford County Health Department

1978 Rebecca J. Groves, Center for Health Statistics

1979 Hugh Bellamy, First Tennessee Regional Office

1980 Larry Bowles, East Tennessee Regional Office

1981 Manny Martins, Health Services Administration

1982 Frank L. Duncan, Knox County Health Department

1983 Eddie H. Abernathy, Hawkins County Health Department

1984 Marguerite Sallee, Bureau of Health Services

1985 Joyce Holt, Stewart County Health Department

1986 Judith Womack, Mid-Cumberland Regional Office

1987 Susie Baird, Bureau of Health Services

1988 Richard C. Swiggart, Memphis-Shelby County Health Department

1989 Dr. Barbara Levin, Monroe County Health Department

1990 Fred Adams, Greene County Health Department

1991 Debbie Dotson, Sullivan County Health Department

1993 Joy Lorance, Cannon County Health Department

1994 Rebecca Johnson, Hardin County Health Department

1995 Peggy Tackett, Montgomery County Health Department

1996 Cindy Lewis, West Tennessee Regional Office

1997 Christie Morris, West Tennessee Regional Office

1998 Charlene Nunley, Grundy, Franklin, Bledsoe, & Sequatchie County Health Departments

1999 Sharyn Thompson, Jackson-Madison County Health Department

2000 Jo Ann Armbrister, East Tennessee Regional Office

2001 Rose Kidwell, East Tennessee Regional Office

2002 Barry Moore, Memphis-Shelby County Health Department

2003 Art Miller, Roane County Health Department

2004 Dr. David Brumley, South Central Regional Office

2005 Dr. Tim Jones, Communicable & Environmental Disease Services

2006 Joan Carter, Lincoln & Moore County Health Departments

2007 Jennifer Spears, Trousdale County Health Department

2008 Donna Short, West Tennessee Regional Office

2009 Marilyn Barnes, West Tennessee Regional Office

2010 Steve Hall, Lawrence & Wayne County Health Departments

2011 Mary Beth Davis, Mid-Cumberland Region

2012 Brenda Eggert, CEDEP Program

2013 Dr. John Dreyzehner, Commissioner, Department of Health

2014 Joey Smith, Montgomery County Health Department

2015 Kevin Morris, West Tennessee Region

2016 Jennifer Valentine, Knox County Health Department

2017 Robert Goff, Southeast Regional Office

2018 Marianne Sharp, East Tennessee Regional Office

2019 Laura Conner, County Director for Roane & Morgan Counties

2020 LaShan Dixon, Assistant Director for Rutherford County

2021 Emily Rushing, County Director for Henderson, Carroll & Chester Counties

2022 Laura Conner, Director for Roane and Morgan County Health Departments

2023 Chelsea White, West Region, Tennessee Department of Health

2024 Sarah Boop, Northeast Region, Tennessee Department of Health

**Public Health Group Award Recipients**

***Presented to a group, unit, or department that has made***

***an outstanding contribution to public health.***

1993 Claiborne County Health Department, Tazewell

1994 Middle Tennessee HIV Treatment Center, Columbia

1995 Crockett County Health Department, Alamo

1996 Nurse Case Managers, Memphis-Shelby County Health Department

1997 Health Assessment and Planning, East Tennessee Regional Office

1998 Henderson County Health Department

1999 Henry County Health Department

2000 West Tennessee Alcohol and Drug Central Intake, Jackson

2001 LaCross Surveillance Team for East Tennessee Region and Knox County

2002 Scott County Health Department

2003 Public Health Unit, Upper Cumberland Region

2004 Chattanooga/Hamilton County Health Department TB, HIV, and LEP Teams

2005 Tennessee Public Health Nursing Hurricane Relief Team

2006 Campbell County Health Department

2007 Washington County Health Department

2008 Memphis/Shelby County School-Based Dental Sealant Program

2009 Southeast Region TENNderCARE Outreach Program

2010 Gibson County Health Department & West Tennessee Emergency Response Team

2011 Grundy County Health Department

2012 Information Technology Team, South Central Region

2013 Meigs County Health Council, Southeast Region

2014 East Regional Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Committee

2015 Upper Cumberland Region Staff

2016 Mid-Cumberland Regional Office Warner Team

2017 Tennessee Department of Health School-based Dental Program

2018 Minority Health Outreach – ESL Classes

2019 West Tennessee Health Educators

2020 Putnam County Health Department for Tornado Efforts

2021 NA

2022 NA

2023 Cocke County Health Department

2024 Northeast Region Syphilis Work Group

**William Schaffner, MD, Public Health Hero Award Recipients**

The Tennessee Medical Association and the Tennessee Public Health Association have jointly established the William Schaffner, MD, Public Health Hero Award to be presented every two years to someone who has made extraordinary contributions to public health in Tennessee. Nominations will be accepted by both organizations with the award presented on an alternating basis between the two organizations. The nominee may be someone who has made a career of public health with work that spans a number of years or someone who was instrumental in working on a critical public health issue of a shorter nature. Dr. Schaffner, a true public health hero, exemplifies the characteristics of the individual to whom the award will be presented.

2014 William Schaffner, MD, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

2016 Tim Jones, MD, State Epidemiologist, Tennessee Department of Health

2018 John Dreyzehner, MD, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Health

2020 Lisa Piercey, MD, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Health

2023 Mary-Margaret Fill, MD, Deputy State Epidemiologist, Tennessee Department of Health

**Partners and Leadership (PAL) Award Recipients**

***Presented to a non-public health professional, group, or organization***

***that has made a significant contribution on behalf of public health.***

1999 Dr. Robert C. Coddington, Chattanooga (Individual)

2000 Dr. James P. Guider, Loudon (Individual)

2000 The Communications Group, Little Rock, AR (Group)

2001 Dwight E. Murphy, Scott County Executive (Individual)

2001 Music City Division Program Services - March of Dimes (Group)

2002 Claude Ramsey, Hamilton County Executive (Individual)

2002 Clay County Health Council (Group)

2003 Kathy Krone Johnson, Reporter, Dyersburg (Individual)

2004 Laura T. Harrill, Blount County Health Improvement Initiative (Individual)

2004 Junior League of Murfreesboro (Group)

2005 Dot Watson, Partners for Healing, Tullahoma (Individual)

2005 Dispensary of Hope, Rutherford County (Group)

2006 Pickett County Health Council (Group)

2007 Dr. Ray Burden, U.T. Extension - Hamilton County (Individual)

2007 Unicoi County High School Horticulture Class (Group)

2008 Mary Heinzen, Hardeman County Community Health Center (Individual)

2009 Doug Lockard, Trenton Housing Authority (Individual)

2010 Hardin County Health Council (Group)

2011 Keela Dement, Vanderbilt Life Flight (Individual)

2011 Early Intervention and Mechanical Engineering Project at Tennessee Tech (Group)

2012 James and Mildred Mooreland, East Chattanooga, Inc.

2013 Dr. Robert Ottley, South Central Region (Individual)

2014 Ms. Sherrie Smith, East Tennessee Region (Individual)

2015 Judge Duane Slone (Individual)

2015 Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Health Foundation

2016 Karen Pershing, Metro Drug Coalition of Knox County (Individual)

2016 Cast and Crew of the Fabulous Fifties Show, Fayetteville, TN (Group)

2017 Paula Chilton, Coordinated School Health, Hickman County, TN (Individual)

2017 Middle Tennessee Rural Reentry, Winchester, TN (Group)

2018 Hamilton County Mayor Jim Coppinger (Individual)

2019 Shawn McDowell (Individual)

2019 Loudon County Juvenile Services Tobacco Program (Group)

2020 Rhea County Give-A-Chance Event Committee (Group)

2021 Mayor Chris Young, Dyer County, TN (Individual)

2021 Northeast Region School Nurses

2022 Crystal Lemus, DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, Lincoln Memorial University

2023 Austin Fesmire, Retried Director for Parks and Recreation for the City of Athens, TN (Individual)

2023 Sevier United (Group)

2024 Crystal Lemus, Medical Student at DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine

2024 Early Success Coalition at Porter Leath

**Distinguished Service Award**

***Presented to a Tennessee Public Health Association member who has made outstanding contributions to the Association over a period of several years.***

1973 Pat M. Winters, Secretary to Dr. Cecil B. Tucker

1973 Allie Farmer, Print Shop

1974 Dr. R. H. Hutcheson, Sr., Commissioner of Health

1974 Dr. Cecil B. Tucker, Deputy Commissioner of Health

1975 Dr. Alex B. Shipley, East Tennessee Regional Office

1975 Dr. R. M. Neudecker, West Tennessee Regional Office

1976 Ernest L. Shipe, Jr., Knoxville Branch Laboratory

1976 Joe Covington, Environmental Sanitation

1977 Dr. Homer P. Hopkins, Policy Planning

1979 Dr. Eugene W. Fowinkle, Commissioner of Health

1980 Dr. Durward R. Collier, Dental Health Services

1981 Dr. Mary B. Duffy, Knox County Health Department

1982 Sara Hood, Bureau of Environment

1982 Gerald E. Ingram, Bureau of Environment

1983 Mary Jane Sassaman, Laboratory Services

1984 Kenneth W. Sanders, Metro Davidson County Health Department

1985 Mary H. Mincey, East Tennessee Regional Office

1986 Charles Wood, Food and General Sanitation

1987 Doris G. Spain, Mid-Cumberland Regional Office

1988 Patricia Kempson Hager, Dental Health Services

1989 Janey Blackburn, Division of Information Resources

1990 Sandy Johnson Bowers, East Tennessee Region/Johnson City

1991 Larna Grindstaff Smith, Johnson City Environmental Field Office

1993 Dr. Fredia S. Wadley, Metro Davidson County Health Department

1993 Sandra J. Whittle, TPHA Office

1994 Martha Barber, West Tennessee Regional Office

1995 Hugh A. Barnes, Memphis-Shelby County Health Department

1996 Carol Ballard, Memphis-Shelby County Health Department

1997 Howard W. Roddy, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department

1998 Becky Barnes, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department

1999 Dr. Tony Emison, Jackson-Madison County Health Department

2000 DeeDee McKimm, Memphis-Shelby County Health Department

2001 Peggy Tackett, Montgomery County Health Department

2002 Dr. Wendy J. Long, Assistant Commissioner of Health

2002 Dr. James A. Gillcrist, Oral Health Services

2003 Dr. David Brumley, South Central Regional Office

2004 Rick Long, Mid-Cumberland Regional Office

2004 Annette Haley, Mid-Cumberland Regional Office

2005 Tommy Smith, West Tennessee Region, Union City Office

2006 Vanessa Watkins, Robertson & Cheatham County Health Departments

2007 Dr. Allen Craig, Communicable & Environmental Disease Services

2008 Bart Perkey, Metro Davidson County Health Department

2009 Tammy Burke, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department

2009 Jennifer Kozlica, Southeast Regional Office

2010 Dot Watson, Middle Tennessee TPHA Board Representative

2011 Becky Brumley, Williamson County Health Department

2012 Glenn Czarnecki, Southeast Regional Health Office

2013 Ami Mitchell, South Central Regional Health Office

2014 Robert Goff, Southeast Regional Health Office

2015 Evelyn Vaillencourt, Upper Cumberland Regional Office

**Doris Spain Award for Distinguished Service Recipients**

2016 Paula Masters, East Tennessee State University,

2017 Dr. Marian Levy, University of Memphis, School of public Health

2018 Dr. Paul Erwin, University of Tennessee, Department of Public Health

2019 Dr. Cathy Taylor, Belmont University, Gordon E. Inman College of Allied Health and Nursing

2020 Shannon Railling, MPH, Coordinated school health, warren county schools

2021 alisa haushalter, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC, College of nursing, the university of tennessee health science center

2022 Christian Williams, DrP, MPH, Assistant Professor, Director Public Health Program, Belmont University

2023 Emily Rushing, MPH, Director for Henderson, Chester and carroll counties, tennessee department of health

2024 Dawn Ford, PhD, University of TN Chattanooga and Walden University Honors Program

**MEMBER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS**

2022 sarah boop, MPH, RN, Epidemiologist, northeast regional health office

2022 Ernestine Small, EdD, RN, nursing education coordinator, shelby county health department

2023 Alisa Haushalter, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC, Associate Professor, university of tennessee health science center

2024 Continuing Education Committee, E. Small, M. Levy, M. Wolford, J. Grubaugh and S. Melton