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## IBR announces honorees for Health Care Heroes

### Awards dinner set for October

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The Idaho Business Review has announced the recipients of the 2008 Idaho Health Care Heroes awards. Each honoree represents hospitals, medical clinics, universities and other health care organizations and institutions statewide.

Awardees will be profiled in the IBR's annual Idaho Health Care Heroes magazine, publishing on Oct. 13, and honored at an awards dinner on Oct. 8 at the Boise Centre on the Grove, 850 W. Front St., in downtown Boise.

"We were very pleased with the number of nominations that were turned in for this year's event," said Rick Carpenter, publisher of the *Idaho Business Review*. "Our judges all concurred the selection process was extremely difficult due to the quality of the applicants."

In conjunction with the honors, a dinner is open to the public. A cocktail reception starts at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the awards presentation at 7 p.m. Individual tickets are \$65. Table sponsorships with 10 tickets are available for \$700. Call Kathryn Rhead at 208-639-3520 to make reservations.

Here is the list of this year's 30 awardees and the 10 categories they are being recognized in. A "Top Honor" in each category will be unveiled at the awards event.

#### Advancements in Health Care Hero

- **Joseph Harris**, program manager, Extra Hands for ALS, Meridian.

- **Volunteer Physicians Network**, Genesis World Mission, Garden City.

- **Dr. Christian Zimmerman**, neurosurgeon/health economist, Idaho Neurological Institute, Boise.

#### Community Outreach Hero

- **Brake for Breakfast Community Breast Cancer Awareness Event**, The Hospital Cooperative & Portneuf Medical Center, Pocatello.

- **Susan Morris**, patient safety officer, St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, Twin Falls.

- **John & Sandra Sexton**, medical technologist/clinic coordinator/RN, Mustard Tree Community Wellness Clinic, Twin Falls.

#### Educator Hero

- **Dr. Cheryl Jorcyk**, associate professor of biological sciences, Boise State University, Boise.

- **Judy Thorne**, HIV education coordinator – Master of Public Health Program, Idaho State University – Boise campus, Boise.

- **Dr. Denise Wingett**, associate professor of biological sciences, Boise State University, Boise.

#### Elder/Hospice Care Hero

- **Doris Foruria**, administrator, The Cottages of Emmett, Emmett.

- **Heart 'n Home Hospice & Palliative Care**, Fruitland.

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### **Wood River Valley, Ketchum.**

#### **Emergency, Fire & Rescue Hero**

- **Robert Mayes**, reserve EMT, Ada County Paramedics, Boise.
- **Barbara Pyle**, deputy chief EMS, Donnelly Rural Fire Protection District, Donnelly.
- **Jeremy Schabot**, paramedic/field training officer, Ada County Paramedics, Boise.

#### **Health Care Professional Hero**

- **Sarah Berg**, marketing manager, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise.
- **Jill Howell**, assistant administrator, Patient Care Services, St. Benedicts Family Medical Center, Jerome.
- **Belinda Stockton**, lab manager, Clearwater Valley Hospital & Clinics, Orofino.

#### **Nurse Hero**

- **Sharon Bistodeau**, RN/Emergency Department shift manager, Bonner General Hospital, Sandpoint.

• **Jill Howell**, assistant administrator, Patient Care Services, St. Benedicts Family Medical Center, Jerome.

• **Diane Shoemaker**, staff RN, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Boise.

#### **Physician Hero**

• **Dr. Ben Katz**, retired pediatrician, Twin Falls.

• **Dr. Richard Thurston**, Emergency Department director/physician, Benewah Community Hospital, St. Maries.

• **Dr. Steven Writer**, cardiologist, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise.

#### **Rehabilitation Care Hero**

• **Idaho State University Boise Speech & Language Clinic**, Boise.

• **Diane Rampelberg & Ovelle**, canine modality specialist/assistance dog, Dustin's Paw, Kuna.

• **Saint Alphonsus Rehabilitation Services WorkSTAR Program**, Boise.

#### **Volunteer Hero**

• **Dr. C. Stamey English**, volunteer, Snake River Community Clinic, Lewiston.

• **Dr. Elaine Ladd**, clinical assistant professor/clinical pharmacy specialist, Idaho State University College of Pharmacy/Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise.

• **Richard Rognas**, volunteer, Snake River Community Clinic, Lewiston.