

Society of Pediatric Nurses

SPN Impact Award

Purpose:

The SPN Impact Award recognizes a member of SPN who has made exceptional contributions to the Society of Pediatric Nurses and to pediatric nursing as a profession. This Board-selected award is given to a pediatric nurse who demonstrates a commitment to serve children by working to improve their health and well-being. This member will have also demonstrated significant leadership, participation, and contributions towards achieving the goals of SPN.

This award is given to an individual or individuals who embody the spirit of noted SPN members and pediatric nurses Barbara A. Larson and Margaret S. Miles.

Selection Criteria: The award recognizes an individual who:

- is committed to serving others, who has a generosity of spirit, and a dedication to going beyond one's professional requirements in "making a difference" for children and families.
- has made a significant contribution to the health or well-being of children, either directly or indirectly through her/his impact on social policy, clinical practice, health care provider education, or community service.
- has demonstrated outstanding leadership, participation, and contributions toward achievement of SPN goals.
- Is a current SPN member.

Selection Process:

- The SPN Board of Directors will select the award recipient. To help ensure the integrity of this award, it will not be granted if an appropriate candidate is not nominated in any given year. If deemed appropriate by the board, more than one recipient may be awarded in any given year.
- Nomination forms, submitted by board members and SPN members, must be emailed to the SPN National Office staff no later than January 5.
- Nomination forms will include the following:
 - a completed nomination form (see next page)
 - Nominator's statement of **no more than 1,000 words** (see next page)
- A general call for nominations will be sent to the membership. A separate call will be sent to the Board of Directors.
- Selection of award winner will take place by February 1; All nominees are notified of results by February 15.

Award Presentation:

- The Award will be presented in conjunction with the SPN Annual Conference. The Award recipient will receive complimentary registration to the conference. All other conference expenses, including conference add-ons, travel, and lodging, are the responsibility of the recipient. Award recipients receive a commemorative certificate and recognition in SPN's newsletter, on the SPN website, and at the SPN Annual Conference.

Appendix A: SPN Impact Award Nomination Form and Nominator's Statement

Nominee Name / credentials _____

Address _____

Email _____

Affiliation / Workplace _____

The criteria for selection of recipients for this award include:

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- has made a significant contribution to the health or well-being of children, either directly or indirectly through her/his impact on social policy, clinical practice, health care provider education, or community service.
- has demonstrated outstanding leadership, participation, and contributions toward achievement of SPN goals.
- is a member of SPN.

Nominator's statement: Considering the above selection criteria, please give as much information as possible to tell the Board of your nominee's background and work. Specifically, tell in detail those special projects and activities that you think make this candidate uniquely worthy of this distinguished award. (1000 words)

Name of nominator / credentials _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Affiliation / Workplace _____