## The National Respiratory Patient Advocacy Award

## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

The National Respiratory Patient Advocacy Award is a collaboration of the <u>American Association of Respiratory</u> <u>Care</u> (AARC) and <u>The FACES Foundation</u> (Family & Caregiver Education & Support). The award commemorates a vital member of the healthcare team: the respiratory therapist. This consummate professional appreciates the "individual" instead of the "patient" and is dedicated to the principal that every breath matters. Nominations come from facilities across the continuum of care where registered respiratory therapists are actively engaged as a champion of patient family centered care.

Award finalists will be chosen by a national review committee, with representatives selected by the AARC and The FACES Foundation. Each year, the award recipient and two other finalists are honored before an audience of patients, caregivers, advocacy groups and clinicians at the Annual Respiratory Patient Advocacy Summit held a day prior to the <u>AARC Congress</u>. Nominations will be accepted through June 30, 2017. The first award will be presented in Indianapolis in October, 2017. National Respiratory Patient Advocacy

## AWARD FOCUS:

- Patient and family centered care
- Quality and safety
- Advocacy for respiratory care as a profession
- Nominee works across continuums and/or disciplines
- Nominee's work exemplifies best practices

## BENEFITS:

- Award recipient will receive complimentary travel with 2 nights hotel accommodations, complimentary registration to attend the AARC Congress, and a unique artwork sculpture
- Award runner-ups (2) receive a one-year extension to their AARC membership
- All winners will receive recognition across AARC and FACES communication vehicles



