

**MINNESOTA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION, INC.**

# PAUL & SHEILA WELLSTONE PUBLIC HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### Background

The Paul & Sheila Wellstone Public Health Achievement Award is presented to a person who has distinguished themselves in public health through an outstanding contribution, which exemplifies MPHA's mission to promote and protect the health of individuals, families and the community. Additionally, the nominee should have either displayed leadership as demonstrated by the impact of his or her effort on the careers and accomplishments of other public health professionals, or have made a contribution that reflects innovation, creativity or a courageous pioneering effort consistent with professional excellence and public service. The award was renamed in 2003 in memory of the late Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone, who served in the U.S. Senate from 1991 to 2002, and his wife Sheila Wellstone to recognize and honor the significant contributions they both made in promoting the health and well-being of all individuals.

### Guidelines

Nominees:

1. May or may not be a current or past member of MPHA.
2. Should have made a contribution that exemplifies MPHA's mission to promote and protect the health of individuals, families and the community.
3. Should have distinguished themselves in the field of public health.
4. Should have made an outstanding contribution to the health of the public, and have:
5. Displayed leadership as demonstrated by the impact of their effort on the careers and accomplishments of other public health professionals, or
6. Made a contribution that reflects innovation, creativity or courageous pioneering effort consistent with professional excellence and public service.

# *Paul & Sheila Wellstone Public Health Achievement Recipients*

# (Formerly the MN Public Health Achievement Award)

1983 Michael Osterholm, Ph.D.

1984 Grace Gummit

1985 Robert Ten Bensel, M.D.

1986 Robert Veninga, Ph.D.

1987 Leonard Schuman, M.D.

1988 Barbara O'Grady

1989 Lee D. Stauffer

1990 Richard Raile, M.D.

1991 Ann Moorhous

1992 Jean Forster, Ph.D.

1993 Bob Hiller

1994 Beverly Propes

1995 Christopher Reif, M.D.

1996 Michael Moen

1997 Barbara Spradley

1998 George Bowlin

1999 LaVohn Josten

Barbara Leonard

2001 Jan Malcolm

2002 Aggie Leitheiser

2003 Buddy Ferguson

2004 Donna Anderson

2005 Steven Miles, M.D.

2006 Edward P. Ehlinger, M.D.

2007 Gretchen Musicant

2008 Lorene Wedeking

2009 Carol E. Berg

2010 Esther Tatley

2012 Linda Olson Keller, DNP

2013 Angeline Carlson

2014 Charles Oberg, M.D.

2015 James Harvie

2016 Melanie Peterson-Hickey, PhD

2017 Jaime Martinez

2018 Erica Fishman

2019 Lisa Dunlap

2020 CoCo Villaluz

2021 Jackie Dionne