

MITSS Annual **HOPE** Award

Honoring Outstanding People Everywhere
who have furthered the MITSS mission of supporting healing and restoring hope



The **MITSS Hope Award** was established in 2008 to recognize people – patients, families, healthcare providers, hospitals (or teams or departments therein), academic institutions, community health centers, grass roots organizations, EAP programs, etc. – who exemplify the mission of MITSS: **Supporting healing and restoring hope to patients, families and clinicians impacted by adverse medical events** (for more explanation, please visit www.mitsshopeaward.org).

MITSS achieves its mission through:

- Creating awareness and educating about the emotional impact of adverse medical events on patients, families, and clinicians;
- Providing direct support services to anyone affected by adverse events; and,
- Advocating for healthcare organizations to develop formal support systems and provide resources for their patients and staff in cases of adverse events.

An independent, multi-disciplinary Selection Committee will review the nominations to ensure that each submission clearly demonstrates a direct link and alignment with the MITSS mission.

The winner(s) will receive a \$5,000 monetary prize to assist in continuing their work.

Award Eligibility Criteria

- We are encouraging nominations from anywhere in the United States and Canada.
- Recipient must arrange to be present at the MITSS 16th Annual Dinner to accept the Award.
- Self-nominations will be allowed.

Submission Criteria

A 500 to 1,000 word essay that describes the initiative/work of an individual or organization, and how the initiative/work Demonstrates the direct link to the MITSS mission of *Supporting Healing and Restoring Hope to patients, families, and clinicians following adverse medical events* will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Factors that will be taken into account about the work are:

- *Alignment with the MITSS mission. Is the applicant:*
 - *Supporting patients, families and/or clinicians following adverse medical events?*
 - *Respectful of both groups (patients/families as well as clinicians)?*
 - *Including effective partnering?*
- *Goals (What do you hope to achieve?)*
- *Impact/Benefit of Work*
- *Innovations and Creativity (How is the work being accomplished?)*
- *Measures of Success/Ability to Effect Positive Change (quantitative, qualitative, **and/or** anecdotal evidence)*
- *Efforts to Document and Track the above results*
- *Replicability (Possibility of implementing program/work elsewhere?)*

Submission Format

Self-nominations will be accepted. Submissions will be accepted online only. For more information or to make a submission, please go to www.mitsshopeaward.org.

Timeline

The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 15th, 2017. Applications received after this date will not be considered. The award will presented at the **MITSS 16th Annual Dinner and Fundraiser** which will be held on **Thursday, November 2, 2017, at The Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA.**

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