

Ron W. Lee, MD - Excellence in Pediatric Care Awards

The *Ron W. Lee, MD - Excellence in Pediatric Care Awards* are presented annually by the Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children to recognize individuals and organizations dedicated to pediatric care and childhood injury prevention initiatives. The awards are presented each May during celebration of Emergency Medical Services Week. Dr. Lee was the Director of Emergency Medicine at Loyola University Medical Center and was instrumental in establishing and fostering the EMSC program in Illinois. When he passed away in 1998, these awards were set up in his honor to recognize those who carry on his commitment to childhood care.

Nominations for the awards are received from throughout the state. Individuals or organizations can be nominated in one of the following three award categories - Lifetime Achievement, Clinical Excellence and Community Service.

Award recipients are listed below:

Recipients of the 2022 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Meta Carroll, MD, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital, Chicago
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Lisa Mathey, APRN, FNP-BC, SANE-A, SANE-P, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital, Chicago
- ***Community Service*** – Jennifer Radtke, BSN, RN, Ascension St Joseph Hospital, Joliet

Recipients of the 2021 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Mary Clyde Pierce, MD, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Division of Child Abuse Pediatrics, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital, Chicago
- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Girish Deshpande, MD, FAAP, FCCM, Division of Pediatric Critical Care, Children’s Hospital of Illinois at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Paul Severin, MD, FAAP, Chair, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine, John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Chicago

Recipient of the 2020 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Robert Restuccia, MD, FAAP, Mercyhealth Javon Bea Hospital - Riverside campus, Rockford (posthumous award)

Recipients of the 2019 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Steven E. Krug, MD, FAAP, Division of Emergency Medicine, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, Chicago
- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – John Underwood, DO, FACEP, EMS Medical Director, SwedishAmerican Hospital/Infinity Healthcare, Inc., Rockford
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Sarah Maciolek, MS, APRN, PCNS-BC, CPEN, Advanced Practice Nurse, Pediatric Emergency Department, Advocate Children’s Hospital – Oak Lawn campus, Oak Lawn
- ***Community Service*** – Barrington Fire Department, Barrington
- ***Community Service*** – Patricia Casey, EMT-P, Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital, St. Louis, MO

Recipients of the 2018 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Colleen Andreoni, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, ANP-BC, ENP-C, Nurse Practitioner, Presence St Joseph Hospital, Elgin; Clinical Adjunct Faculty, Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University Chicago
- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Margaret “Peggy” San Filippo, RN, EMS Educator, Presence Saints Mary & Elizabeth Medical Center, Chicago
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Bridget M. Wild, MD, FAAP, Pediatric Hospitalist, NorthShore University HealthSystem, Evanston
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Monica A. Joseph-Griffin, MD, FAAP, Pediatric Hospitalist, NorthShore University HealthSystem, Evanston
- ***Community Service*** – Rebecca Bolluyt, EMT-P, Paramedic, Chicago Fire Department

Recipients of the 2017 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Evelyn Susada, BSN, RNC, Emergency Department, Advocate Children's Hospital/Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Teri Campbell, BSN, RN, CFRN, Flight Nurse, University of Chicago Air Medical Network (UCAN), Chicago.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Stefanie Clarke, BSN, RN, CPEN, CEN, SANE-A, TNS, SANE and Pediatric Quality Coordinator, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center/Children's Hospital of Illinois, Peoria
- ***Community Service*** – Elizabeth DeLong, MSN, RN, CEN, Trauma/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.

Recipients of the 2016 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Leslie Livett, MS, RN, EMS/Trauma Coordinator, Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center, Joliet..
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Stathis Poulakidas, MD, FACS, Chair, Burn and Wound Services, John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Chicago.
- ***Community Service*** – Village of Lake Zurich Fire Department, Lake Zurich.

Recipient of the 2015 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Sally Reynolds, MD, Medical Director, Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, and Associate Professor of Pediatrics-Emergency Medicine, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago.

Recipients of the 2014 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Harriet Hawkins, RN, CCRN, CPN, CPEN, FAEN, Resuscitation Education Coordinator, Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Chicago.
- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Thelma Kuska, RN, BSN, CEN, FAEN, Injury Prevention Volunteer, Retired Regional Program Manager/Highway Safety Specialist National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Olympia Fields.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Elizabeth "Sue" Emond, RN, BSN, TNS, CEN, Pediatric Emergency Department Nurse, Advocate Condell Medical Center, Libertyville.
- ***Community Service*** – Deborah Gulson, MD, Pediatrician, Lake Shore Pediatrics, Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, Lake Forest.

Recipients of the 2013 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Victoria Malley, RN, MSN, MEd, School Nurse, Rockford Public Schools District 205, Rockford.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Patricia O'Connor, RN, MEd, IL-CSN, School Nurse, Wheaton-Warrenville School District 200, Wheaton.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Teresa Riech, MD, Director, Pediatric Emergency Department, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

Recipients of the 2012 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Patricia Metzler, RN, TNS, SANE-A, SANE-P, CPN, Interpersonal Violence and Safety Education Coordinator, Pediatric Quality Coordinator, SANE Program Coordinator, Risk Watch Coordinator, Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.
- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Kay L. Saving, MD, Medical Director, Children's Hospital of Illinois, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Mary Anne Wesoloski, RN, MSN, NCSN, School Nurse, Barrington School District 220, Barrington.
- ***Community Service*** – Safety Village of Western Springs Board, Western Springs.

Recipients of the 2011 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Steven Lelyveld, MD, FAAP, FACEP, Director, Occupational Medicine, Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics, University of Chicago Hospitals, Chicago.
- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Cassandra O'Brien, RN, BSN, EMT-B, Pediatric EMS Coordinator, University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital, Chicago.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Jane Kramer, MD, FAAP, Associate Chair, Education, Department of Pediatrics and Associate Clinical Chair, Pediatrics, Department of Emergency Medicine, Rush Medical Center, Chicago.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Bonnie Mobley, RN, BSN, Manager, KidSTAR Education Program, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago.
- ***Community Service*** – Francis Ihejirika, MD, Director, Physician Assisted Student Success Program (PASS), Champaign.

Recipients of the 2010 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Kathleen Ferket, RN, MSN, APN, Director, Children's Services, Northwest Community Healthcare, Arlington Heights.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Dennis L. Vickers, MD, MPH, Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago.
- ***Community Service*** – The Illinois Poison Center (a program of the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council), Chicago.

Recipients of the 2009 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Earl Field, Paramedic Services of Illinois, Schiller Park (Posthumous award)
- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Charles Nozicka, DO, FAAP, FAAEM, Medical Director, Pediatric Emergency Services, Advocate Condell Medical Center, Libertyville.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Leslie Wilkans, RN, BSN, CQI Liaison, Emergency Department, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Barrington.
- ***Community Service*** – Children's Hospital of Illinois at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.
- ***Community Service*** – Zaida Nava, RN, Public Health Nurse, Pediatrics Department, Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago.

Recipients of the 2008 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Leslee Stein-Spencer, RN, MS, Manager, Quality Assurance for the Medical Administration of Regulatory Compliance Division, Chicago Fire Department, Chicago.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Mary "MO" Otting, RN, TNS, EMS Coordinator, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago.
- ***Community Service*** – Winnebago County Health Department, Refugee Program, Rockford.

Recipients of the 2007 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – W. Robert Elghammer, MD, FAAP, Pediatrician, Danville Pediatric Center, Elghammer Family Center, Danville.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Colleen Bingham, MD, FAAP, Pediatrician, St. Anthony's Hospital, Effingham..
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Susan Fuchs, MD, FACEP, FAAP, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago.
- ***Community Service*** – School Health LINK, Inc, Silvis.

Recipients of the 2006 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Karen Sheehan, MD, MPH, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Salil Gupta, MD, FAAP, Neonatologist, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – John W. Hafner Jr., MD, FACEP, Emergency Medicine, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.
- ***Community Service*** – Dawn Frank, RN, BSN, TNS, Manager, Acute Care Center, Grayslake Outpatient and Acute Care Center, Grayslake.
- ***Community Service*** – Marion Unit 2 School Board, Marion.

Recipients of the 2005 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Edward A. Millar, MD, Emeritus Chief of Staff, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago.
- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Rick Miller, MD, FACEP, FAAP, EMS Medical Director, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Lawrence C. Vogel, MD, FAAP, Chief of Pediatrics and Medical Director, Spinal Cord Injury Program, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago.
- ***Community Service*** – The Shrine Fraternity, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago.

Recipients of the 2004 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – The Children’s Memorial Hospital Transport Team, Chicago.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** –Carolynn Zonia, DO, FACEP, FACOEP, Emergency Medicine, St. Francis Hospital of Evanston, Evanston and Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – David Jaimovich, MD, FAAP, Section Chief, Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine, Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital, Oak Lawn; Associate Professor Pediatrics, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- ***Community Service*** – St. John’s Hospital, Springfield.

Recipients of the 2003 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Barbara Velsor-Friedrich, PhD, R.N., Associate Professor, Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Barbara Weintraub, R.N., M.P.H., M.S.N., C.E.N., Clinical Nurse Specialist, Emergency Department, Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights.
- ***Community Service*** – Commander Joseph J. Roccasalva, EMT-P, Coordinator of Community Services and Public Affairs, Chicago Fire Department, Chicago.

Recipients of the 2002 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Jeanne Meyer, R.N., B.S.N., N.C.S.N., Head Nurse, Highland School District No. 5, Highland.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Charles Nozicka, D.O., Medical Director, Pediatric Services and Pediatric Emergency Medicine, St. Alexius Medical Center, Hoffmann Estates.
- ***Community Service*** – John Manasse, Telephone Pioneers of America, Arlington Heights.
- ***Community Service*** – Ford Green, Telephone Pioneers of America, Alton.

Recipients of the 2001 Ron W. Lee, MD - Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Shrinivas Naidu, M.D., Vice Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, Advocate Lutheran General Children’s Hospital, Park Ridge.
- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Demetra Soter, M.D., Pediatric Trauma Coordinator, Cook County Children’s Hospital, Chicago.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Richard H. Pearl, M.D., Director, Pediatric Trauma Program and Surgeon-In-Chief, Children’s Hospital of Illinois, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.
- ***Community Service*** – Valerie Sye-Haritos, R.N., B.S.N., Trauma Coordinator/EMS Educator, Central DuPage Hospital, Winfield.
- ***Community Service*** – St. Mary’s Hospital, Lead Poisoning Initiative, East St. Louis.

Recipients of the 2000 Ron W. Lee, MD - Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- ***Lifetime Achievement*** – Susan Fuchs, M.D. Associate Director, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago.
- ***Clinical Excellence*** – Kimberly Joseph, M.D., Trauma Surgeon, Trauma Unit, Cook County Hospital, Chicago.
- ***Community Service*** – Ronda Satkamp, Safety Village of Hinsdale, Hinsdale.
- ***Community Service*** – Bloomington Fire Department, Bloomington.

Recipients of the 1999 Ron W. Lee, MD - Excellence in Pediatric Care Award

- *Peter Lazzara, EMS Coordinator, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago.*
- *Officer Eugene Richardson, Streamwood Police Department, Streamwood.*
- *Chicago Fire Department Engine Company 16 and Ambulance 35, Chicago.*