

2020 National Citizen Scientist Awards®

A first-of-its-kind program honoring Alzheimer's clinical trial volunteers



Every year, the Global Alzheimer's Platform® (GAP) celebrates Alzheimer's disease clinical trial volunteers with the National Citizen Scientist Awards®. Did you know that 99% of potential Alzheimer's clinical trial volunteers are never referred to or consider participating in Alzheimer's clinical trials? Citizen Scientists make the search for a cure possible. The National Citizen Scientists Awards honor and elevate the personal stories of extraordinary volunteers in order to raise awareness about the importance of Alzheimer's clinical trials and the need for more volunteers. The 2020 national honorees are...

Dennis Chan

Nominated by Brigham & Women's Hospital | Boston, MA

Catalyst Award - someone who acts as a stimulus in bringing about or hastening a result through creative, new, and novel approaches to encourage clinical trial participation.

"One of my children challenged me to DO something instead of just writing a check."



Dr. Collins Lewis

Nominated by Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis | St. Louis, MO

Cornerstone Award someone who has personally made extraordinary efforts to support local research and participate in a trial.

"Clinical trials matter because that is how we gain knowledge about diseases and learn what is effective - it's basic science."



Deborah Whelan

Nominated by Roper St. Francis Hospital | Charleston, SC

Champion Award - someone who fights for a cause and is an advocate for trial participation in the community.

"I want to help my daughters and my grandson and other people. I want to make as many people as possible aware that there is something you can do to help eradicate this disease."



Representative Matt Willhite (D-86)

Nominated by JEM Research Institute | Lake Worth, FL

Collaborator Award - a study partner for someone who is enrolled or was enrolled in an Alzheimer's disease or dementia trial.

"Joining an Alzheimer's clinical trial is a public service to your community, to your state and to the world."



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