

MITSS Annual **HOPE** Award

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

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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 11th 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 September 28, 2012. Applications received after this date will not be considered. The award will be presented at the MITSS 11th Annual Dinner and Fundraiser which will be held on **Thursday, November 29, 2012, at The Westin Copley Place, Boston, MA.**

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