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2016 LYMPHEDEMA AWARENESS DAY AWARDS ANNOUNCED BY THE NATIONAL  
LYMPHEDEMA NETWORK

The National Lymphedema Network (NLN) is pleased to announce its 2016 Lymphedema Awareness Day Awards. On March 6<sup>th</sup> each year since 1994, the NLN has recognized those patients, caregivers, therapists, support group leaders, advocates, and medical professionals who have inspired and served the lymphedema community in exemplary ways.

On March 6, 1988, the NLN was founded with the mission of creating awareness of lymphedema through education and promoting and supporting the availability of quality medical treatment for all individuals at risk for or affected by lymphedema. In 1994, the NLN established its annual Lymphedema Awareness Day Award.

Over the course of 22 years, the NLN has honored more than 250 exceptional individuals who make a difference, from throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad. In addition, March 6<sup>th</sup> has been recognized as Lymphedema Awareness Day by state legislatures including California, Florida, Missouri, New York, and Virginia.

The 2016 Lymphedema Awareness Day Awards are given to:

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March is Lymphedema Awareness Month, and March 6<sup>th</sup> is Lymphedema Awareness Day. For more information about lymphedema, contact the National Lymphedema Network at 1.800.541.3259 or visit our website at [www.lymphnet.org](http://www.lymphnet.org). For information about the Lymphedema Treatment Act, visit [www.LymphedemaTreatmentAct.org](http://www.LymphedemaTreatmentAct.org).

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