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ADAP Advocacy Association Names 2018 Leadership Awards Honorees

Award Honorees Reflect ADAP Conference's Theme, "Mapping a New Course to Protect the Public Health Safety Net"

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 9, 2018) – The ADAP Advocacy Association today announced the 2017-2018 ADAP Leadership Awards honorees, which recognizes individual, community, government, media and corporate leaders who are working to improve access to care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS – including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

The Annual ADAP Leadership Awards Dinner will be hosted on **Friday**, **September 21st at 7:00 pm in Washington, DC**. The dinner will be held in conjunction with the 11th Annual ADAP Conference, being held at the Westin Georgetown on September 20-21, 2018.

The following awards will be presented:

- ADAP Lifetime Achievement awarded posthumously to Gary R. Rose
- "William E. Arnold" ADAP Champion awarded to **Evelyn Foust**, Director of the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services' Communicable Diseases Branch
- ADAP Emerging Leader awarded to **Tori Cooper**, prevention specialist at Positive Impact Health Centers in Atlanta, GA
 - ADAP Corporate Partner awarded to Lambda Legal
 - ADAP Lawmaker awarded to the **Honorable Sen. John McCain** (AZ)
- ADAP Community Organization awarded to the Community Research Initiative, based in Boston, MA
- ADAP Media awarded to "5 good news stories about the fight against HIV/AIDS" by Larisa Epatko with PBS News Hour
- ADAP Grassroots Campaign awarded to "Long-Term Survivors Stories Public Service Announcement" by Let's Kick A\$\$ AIDS Survivor Syndrome
- ADAP Social Media Campaign awarded to "Jennifer's Positive HIV Life" by Jennifer Vaughan

Information about the awards is listed online at www.adapadvocacyassociation.org/awards.html.

To learn more about the 2018 Annual ADAP Leadership Awards, 2018 Annual Conference, or the ADAP Advocacy Association, please email <u>info@adapadvocacyassociation.org</u>.

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About the ADAP Advocacy Association: The ADAP Advocacy Association mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. aca+® works with advocates, community, health care, government, patients, pharmaceutical companies and other stakeholders to raise awareness, offer patient educational programs, and foster greater community collaboration.