



THE PHIL AWARD

for Outstanding Respiratory Therapists

The PHIL Award (**P**ulmonary **H**ealth and **I**llnesses of the **L**ungs) was established by The FACES Foundation to recognize outstanding respiratory therapists who provide care and treatment for patients with respiratory illnesses. Sharman Lamka established The PHIL Award as part of The FACES Foundation after her husband, Philip C. Lamka, passed away from an Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD). Sharman wanted to establish a way of acknowledging the valuable role that respiratory therapists play in the lives of patients with life-threatening pulmonary illnesses.

The PHIL Award honors the 'unsung heroes' in the respiratory therapy profession who understand that each breath matters. Otsego Memorial Hospital takes pride in implementing The PHIL Award program to honor respiratory therapists.

To learn more about The FACES Foundation and The PHIL Award, visit their website: www.TheFACESFoundation.org.

About The FACES Foundation

The FACES Foundation was founded in 2006 to acknowledge and promote professional excellence in the education and care of patients with life-threatening pulmonary illnesses. The FACES Foundation is dedicated to educating professionals, patients, and families on issues relevant to lung disease.

How will Recipients be Recognized?

PHIL Award recipients are presented a certificate of recognition and the *Appreciation* sculpture, adapted by artist MK Shannon specifically for The FACES Foundation. The sculpture represents the appreciation patients and their family members have for

respiratory therapists that work hard to help them breathe easier.

Along with the sculpture, information about the recipient and why they were selected will be displayed at Otsego Memorial Hospital.



Nominating a Respiratory Therapist

- The PHIL Award will be given annually to one respiratory therapist, who has been nominated on the basis of professional excellence and compassion in the education and care of patients with pulmonary illness.
- Respiratory therapists may be nominated for the award by patients and their family members, visitors, and other caregivers.

