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Started in 2007, Health Care Heroes honors health care professionals in the New Orleans area in the following categories: animal care, first responders, nursing, physicians, professionals and volunteers. Honorees are selected based on industry achievement and community involvement.

This year's honorees are:

Animal Care	
Scott Abadie	Abadie Veterinary Hospital
Catherine Wilbert	Big Sky Ranch, C.A.T.N.I.P. Foundation
First Responder	
John Michael Eddleman	East Jefferson, Kenner Fire Department
Bill Salmeron	New Orleans EMS
Benjamin Swig	Ready Responders
Nurses	
Stephanie Bush	Ochsner Clinic
Latanja L. Divens	LSU School of Nursing
Cate Dwight	St. Tammany Parish Hospital
Cindy Esmail	Tulane Health System
Euclide D. Gaines Jr.	St Bernard Parish Hospital
Shannon Grosch	Touro Infirmary
Theresa Jacobsen	Children's Hospital

Judy Zeringue	Children's Hospital
Physicians	
Jennifer Avegno	University Medical Center New Orleans
Nicholas DiSalvo	Ochsner Baptist
Christopher DuCoin	Tulane School of Medicine
George Ellis	Children's Hospital
Robert Hendel	Tulane Heart and Vascular Institute
Geoffrey Kitzman	New Orleans East Hospital
Christopher Lege	Touro Infirmary
Marianne Maumuse	Ochsner Health System
Rebecca C. Metzinger	Veterans Administration Medical Center
Christopher Sanchez	Sterling Surgical Hospital
Jack Saux	Northshore Oncology Associates
Rebecca Schroll	University Medical Center New Orleans
Steffan Sernich	Children's Hospital New Orleans
Edward L. Soll	Doctors Imaging
Professionals	
Wendy Beron	Methodist Health Systems Foundation
Jeremy Brewer	Bastion Community of Resilience
Christopher Brown	Touro Infirmary
Kristin L. Callahan	LSU Medical School
Jennifer S. Couvillon	Chamberlain University College of Nursing
Denise Danna	LSU School of Nursing
Miranda Dunnam	Children's Hospital
Connie Dupre Gaines	Cardiovascular Institute of the South

Grant Gautreaux	Touchstone
Elyria Kemp	University of New Orleans – College of Business
Kay Mabile	Cardiovascular Institute of the South
Julie Claire Morial	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana
Cheryl E. Myers	Delgado Community College
Gerald Parton	East Jefferson Medical Hospital
Else Pedersen	Bridge House, Grace House
Gretchen Penton	Touro Infirmary
Felicia Rabito	Tulane University
Patrick Torcson	St. Tammany Parish Hospital
Georgette Triche	Aetna Better Health of Louisiana
Volunteer	
Dick Buckman	Touro Infirmary
Bonnie Rivet	Slidell Memorial Hospital
Claire Elizabeth Thriffiley	Children's Hospital
Sara Wegener	Children's Hospital

The 2018 Health Care Heroes will be honored at 5 pm Monday, May 14, at the New Orleans Museum of Art. Tickets can be purchased [online](#). For more information contact Marilyn Miller at 504-293-9201 or mmiller@npg.com or Web Editor/Event Coordinator Meghan Keen at 504-293-9253 or mkeen@npg.com.

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