



2021 CHAMPS Awardees

Virtual Awards Ceremony | Monday, November 22, 2021

Stanley J. Brasher Legacy Award

**Don Gutstadt, PA-C, Retired Vice President of Medical Services
Salud Family Health Centers, CO**

The Stanley J. Brasher Legacy award was created by the CHAMPS Executive Committee in honor of Stanley J. “Jerry” Brasher, a CHAMPS founder and long-time Chief Executive Officer of Salud Family Health Centers, to honor individuals who have dedicated their careers to solving the problems of health, poverty, and human rights, and who have contributed toward the mission and recognition of community and migrant health centers in the Mountain/Plains States. It is with much pleasure that this year we present this award to Mr. Don Gutstadt.

Mr. Gutstadt recently retired after working for Salud for over 35 years. His work experience ranges from working in a physiology laboratory at The University of Colorado Health Sciences Center to being a child case worker at the National Asthma Center. Mr. Gutstadt joined Salud in 1984 as a physician assistant and Center Director at Salud’s Commerce City clinic, and he went on to become the VP of Medical Services from 2008 until his retirement in 2021.

Don Gutstadt was an integral part of Salud. He oversaw the Quality Team, Credentialing Committee, and the Care Coordinator Department for the entire Salud system, ensuring the highest quality of care was given to each patient. He was committed to supporting essential training for providers to give them the necessary tools to care for patients and accurately track medical records.

Don retired in 2021 after committing his entire health career of 36 years to Salud and Salud’s patients. He was outstanding in his roles as provider and clinical leader and contributed to the organization in innumerable ways.

Don Gutstadt embodies the Salud mission and is an incredible advocate for the dedicated work of community health centers.

For his dedication to patient empowerment and long-lasting advocacy for community health centers, we are pleased to present Don Gutstadt with the Stanley J. Brasher Legacy Award.