

THE HEALTH PROJECT

The 2021

C. Everett Koop National Health Awards

Including a History of Cost-Effective Wellness Programs

Health promotion and disease prevention with demonstrated results, available free online

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About Dr. C. Everett Koop

Dr. C. Everett Koop (1916-2013) was an American pediatric surgeon and public health administrator. He was a vice admiral in the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and served as the 13th Surgeon General of the United States under President Ronald Reagan from 1982 to 1989. Dr. Koop became a household name during his tenure and is widely regarded as the most influential Surgeon General in American history. During his term, he played a crucial role in changing public attitudes about smoking and advocating for a smoke-free America.

Dr. Koop spent the vast majority of his career as a practicing physician. For 35 years, from 1946 to 1981, he was pediatric surgeon-in-chief at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and in 1956, he established the nation's first neonatal surgical intensive care unit. While a surgeon in Philadelphia, Dr. Koop performed groundbreaking surgical procedures on conjoined twins, invented techniques that today are commonly used for infant surgery and saved the lives of countless children who otherwise might have been allowed to die.

The Health Project has been awarding annual prizes to organizations with proven health improvement and cost savings programs since 1994, when the organization was established, with Dr. Koop as its chairperson. Dr. Koop was known as 'America's Doctor' and The Health Project will continue to present the annual C. Everett Koop National Health Award in his honor.

2021 Winner of The C. Everett Koop National Health Award

University of Michigan MHealthy

MHealthy supports the health and well-being of University of Michigan (U-M) faculty and staff, as well as their families, U-M patients, retirees, community members and K-12 students. Since its inception in 2009, it has helped to improve lives and support a culture of health at the university by delivering effective, evidencebased health and well-being programs and services. Broadly, MHealthy programs address the following health behavior areas: mental and emotional well-being, physical activity, tobacco, cessation, alcohol use, nutrition, sleep, occupational health, and ergonomics. In examining data between 2016 and 2019, program participants were found to have lower medical and pharmaceutical claims costs, illness-related absenteeism, and turnover rates compared to non-participants. Moreover, U-M performed better than several national benchmarks on various measures, including illness-related absenteeism, turnover, and organizational health scores. MHealthy's success is in its ability to remain nimble and address the varying needs of U-M's 50,000-plus employees. The challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic serve as a timely example. Managers and teams feeling disconnected from one another could attend workshops focused on strategies for building connections while working on-site, remote, or a combination of both. MHealthy has also expanded its services to support issues such as caregiving, meeting basic needs, social isolation, and financial wellbeing.

2021 Honorable Mention Recipient

Union Bank & Trust
UBTwell

Past Winners of the C. Everett Koop National Health Award

You are invited to visit our website to learn more about these programs, and use that information to develop your own health promotion and disease prevention initiatives. More information can be found at: www.thehealthproject.com

Aetna, Inc.*

Alcon Laboratories

Alliance Data

AMERICAN Cast Iron Pipe Company

Applied Materials

Baylor College of Medicine

Boise School District

BP America Caterpillar

Center for AIDS Intervention Research

(CAIR)

Champion International Corp.*

Chevron CIGNA Citibank*

DaimlerChrysler Corp.

Dell. Inc.

Dow Chemical Company*

Eastman Chemical
Eli Lilly and Company

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Ericsson Inc.

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Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies

Marriott International Inc. McKesson Corporation Medical Mutual of Ohio

Motorola

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Northeast Utilities
O'Neal Industries, Inc.

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Pfizer Inc.*
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UNUM Corporation*

USAA

Vanderbilt University

WE Energies

Wisconsin Education Association

(WEA) Insurance Trust

*Multi-year Winner

Past Honorable Mention Recipients

In addition to full award winners, there have been many programs considered to be outstanding, but have lacked sufficient health improvement or business results data to meet The Health Project criteria. These programs are awarded the C. Everett Koop National Health Honorable Mention.

Almoosa Specialist Hospital

American Express

Arc

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Berkshire Health Systems

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee

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Lockton Companies

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Metro Nashville Public Schools*

MBNA

Michelin Tire Corporation

Monterey County

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company*

NYC Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene

New York Life Insurance Company

North Bay Health Resources Center

Norton Healthcare*

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PepsiCo*

Perdue Farms, Inc. Project Freedom

Roche, Inc.

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Company

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Consortium

Stanford Five Cities Project

Tenneco

The Travelers

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Union Bank & Trust*

Union of Pan Asian Communities

University of Iowa

University of Kentucky

University of Michigan University of Virginia

US Dept. Energy, Morgantown

Wachovia Corporation

Washoe County School District

*Multi-year Winner

Several programs that have been awarded Honorable Mentions have gone on to win full awards. The Health Project encourages Honorable Mention recipients to reapply. The following programs are Honorable Mention recipients that have become Award Winners:

CIGNA

Citibank

Dell Inc. Health Net

Honeywell, Incorporated

Johnson & Johnson

Motorola

Nationwide Mutual Insurance

Company

Union Pacific Railroad University of Michigan University of Vermont

UNUM Life Insurance Company

The mission of The Health Project is to seek out, evaluate, promote, and disseminate the lessons learned from exemplary health promotion and disease prevention programs with demonstrated effectiveness in improving employee population health and related business outcomes.

The Health Project salutes organizations that subscribe to this philosophy and have implemented evidence-based programs. These programs have produced significant, proven results for employers, communities, and the nation.

The Health Project Mission

The Health Project, Inc. (The Health Project), is a tax-exempt not-for-profit corporation formed to bring about critical attitudinal and behavioral changes in addressing the health and well-being of Americans. The Health Project focuses on improving personal health care practices and supporting population health by reaching adults where they spend most of their waking hours: at work. Many organizations have adopted health promotion (health and well-being) programs that encourage good health habits and improved understanding of how to use health services more effectively by individual workers and their families.

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Employers must play a leadership role in promoting good health and preventing serious chronic illnesses by establishing evidence-based programs, policies, and environmental supports that emphasize positive health habits and judicious use of health care services. At the same time, individual workers have a responsibility to adopt healthy lifestyles and all parties must recognize that good health habits are not only desirable, but also necessary for building and maintaining a healthy and productive workforce.

The Health Project is dedicated to spotlighting private and public health programs that have measurably improved the health and well-being of individuals and their families, and have done so cost-effectively. The programs recognized by The Health Project highlight positive, productive, and well-designed initiatives that support optimum use of community and business health care resources. These best-practice programs are stored in a free web-based repository so that public and private organizations and community agencies may draw on them according to their needs, constantly improving and enlarging them through a widening user network to improve population health outcomes.

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