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NCPG Announces 2022 National Awards Recipients

Washington, DC - The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2022 NCPG National Awards. The awards ceremony was held on Friday, July 22 in Boston, MA at the National Conference on Gambling Addiction & Responsible Gambling 2022. The award ceremony was exclusively sponsored by the Ohio Lottery.

The ceremony was emceed by Chip Polston, Senior Vice President, Communications, Public Relations and Social Responsibility for the Kentucky Lottery Corporation. The award recipients were chosen based on outstanding individual and organizational accomplishments in the field of problem gambling and responsible gambling during the 2021 calendar year. Two recipients also received Lifetime Awards for outstanding work and significant contributions to the field over the course of their careers

Lifetime Award Recipients:

Monsignor Joseph Dunne Lifetime Award for Advocacy: Marlene Warner

Lifetime Research Award: Lia Nower, JD, PhD

2022 NCPG National Award Recipients:

Don Hulen Annual Award for Advocacy: Julie Hynes

Joanna Franklin Annual Award for Direct Service: Jody Bechtold

Jim Wuelfing Annual Award for Prevention: Derek Longmeier

Jeffrey M. Beck Recovery Ambassador Award: Stephen Block

Dr. Durand Jacobs Dissertation Award: Michelle L. Malkin, PhD

Denise Phillips Community Outreach and Multicultural Wellness Award: Denise Phillips

Don Feeney Award for Responsible Gambling Excellence: Chrissy Thurmond

Media Award: "Powerball Experiment and Problem Gambling Awareness Month" Stephanie Haney, WKYC NBC 3 – Cleveland

Gift Responsibly Campaign Award: "Give a Child a Toy, Not a Ticket" Connecticut Lottery Corporation

Corporate Social Responsibility Award: DraftKings

Affiliate Multi-Cultural Communications Award: “Kaleidoscope” Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling

Affiliate Newsletter Award: Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health

Affiliate Public Awareness Award: Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling

Affiliate People’s Choice Award: "Ivy Tech Community College Media Contest" Indiana Council on Problem Gambling

Affiliate Website Award: Indiana Council on Problem Gambling

Corporate Multi-Cultural Communications Award: Oregon Lottery

Corporate Newsletter Award: North Carolina Education Lottery

Corporate Public Awareness Award: The Ohio Lottery Commission

Corporate People’s Choice Award: "Get Set Before You Bet- Life Can Be Complicated" Ohio for Responsible Gambling

Corporate Website Award: Hoosier Lottery

"Congratulations to all the recipients of the 2022 NCPG National Awards," said Keith Whyte. "Their exemplary work in problem gambling and responsible gambling serves as a template for others to follow."

About the National Council on Problem Gambling

The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) is neutral on legalized gambling. Based in Washington DC, NCPG is the only national nonprofit organization that seeks to minimize the economic and social costs associated with gambling addiction. If you or someone you know may have a gambling problem, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline, which offers hope and help without stigma or shame. Call or text 1-800-GAMBLER or visit www.800GamblerChat.com. Help is available 24/7 – it is free and confidential.

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