

## Rosa Shockey Distinguished Award for Advocacy

### Criteria

This award is presented to an individual in good standing with the APDA, Oklahoma Chapter who has demonstrated meritorious responsibility in the area of **ADVOCACY** in providing public support and defending the views of those with Parkinson's Disease by following all guidelines set forth by the American Parkinson Disease Association as a volunteer. This individual will display a consistent commitment to the motto of the American Parkinson Disease Association to help Ease the Burden. Find a Cure while displaying the characteristics of the Mission of the Oklahoma chapter "to help those with Parkinson's Disease and their families achieve and maintain a high quality of life, with dignity and hope for the future." The spirit of this award is most expressed in a quote by John Bunyan who stated:

"You have never really lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

### Naming of the award

The decision to name this award led us to identify someone who embodied that phrase of a love for Advocacy. This award is named for an amazing advocate in many realms, I'm sure, but in particular for the American Parkinson Disease Association, Oklahoma Chapter. Rosa Shockey, was a woman of many, many talents, but when Parkinson's Disease impacted her life in a very personal way, she chose not to lay down but to stand up and fight. As a member of the APDA, Oklahoma Chapter board, Rosa's passion to let every person know of the services provided by the APDA Information & Referral Center in Tulsa was infectious. Because of that infectious advocacy spirit in Rosa, it is with great honor and privilege that we name this award the Rosa Shockey Distinguished Award for Advocacy.

### Limitations

Nominees are only eligible for this award once every 3 years.