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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS
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AHA President, 2021-22

Nancy Brown
AHA Chief Executive Officer
Woman Changing the World Award

Elizabeth Elting
Founder & CEO, Elizabeth Elting Foundation

One thing people don’t know about me is ...

I am a huge baseball fan. There’s nothing I love more. From going to Mets games with my family growing up, to being an usherette for the Blue Jays all through college, to sharing my loyalties equally among the Mets, Yankees, Tigers, and Blue Jays—to keep all my family members happy!

Read Elizabeth Elting’s feature story.

About the Award

Conferred upon one woman who is a leader in her field or community in driving significant change and outcomes that forward the American Heart Association’s mission.
Louis B. Russell Jr. Memorial Award

Andréa & Ken Frazier
The Andréa W. and Kenneth C. Frazier Family Foundation

One thing people don’t know about me is...

“I played the violin and was a member of the Manhattan Opera Group Ensemble.”
- Andréa

“I haven’t missed an Eagles game in 10 years.”
- Ken

Read Andréa and Ken Frazier’s feature story.

About the Award

Honors outstanding contributions to communities of color and under-resourced populations.
Ron W. Haddock
Chairman & CEO, AEI Energy

One thing people don’t know about me is ...

“To make money to support myself during college at Purdue University, I played trumpet in a dance band at many clubs.”

Read Ron Haddock’s feature story.

Honors outstanding leadership in human resources, finances and organizational operations
Voice of the Mission Award

JT Laybourne
TikTok Influencer & Heart Disease Survivor

One thing people don’t know about me is ...

Most people don’t know that I was the one who created the viral golf trick shot. I’ll be in conversations with people and it’ll get mentioned and it’s always fun to tell them that was me.

Read JT Laybourne’s feature story.

About the Award

Recognizes an individual or a family who has made a major impact by using their voice and telling their personal story to amplify the American Heart Association’s mission.
One thing people don’t know about me is ...

Although I was not born with a silver spoon in my mouth, I was born with a gold sovereign in my hand.

Read Sir Rory Edwards Collins’ feature story.
Ron Haddock International Impact Award

Middle East and North Africa Stroke Organization

One thing people don't know about me is ...

I am a history lover! I love to read everything about general history, food history, war history, civilizations and science history.

— Dr. Suhail Abdulla Al Rukn, President, MENASO

Read MENASO’s feature story.

About the Award

Named in honor of the American Heart Association’s 2012-13 chairman of the board, Ron Haddock, for outstanding contributions to the achievement of international goals.
Award of Meritorious Achievement

Carol Barr
In Memoriam

Read Carol Barr's feature story.

About the Award

Presented for a specific accomplishment or project that supports the American Heart Association's national initiatives.
Award of Meritorious Achievement

Chris Tsakalakis
Chief Executive Officer, Kiva

One thing people don’t know about me is ...

Although I try to avoid gluten, I make sourdough bread for my family weekly.

Read Chris Tsakalakis’ feature story.

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CVS Health

Feature story coming soon.

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Quest Diagnostics

One thing people don’t know about me is ...

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I sang professionally. I opened for Bob Hope, was a multiple week winner of Showtime at the Apollo and was also selected to tour with ‘Up With People’ in 1987.

— Mandell Jackson, Vice President and General Manager, Quest for Health Equity, Quest Diagnostics

Read Quest Diagnostics’ feature story.

About the Award

Presented for a specific accomplishment or project that supports the American Heart Association’s national initiatives.
Earl B. Beagle Award for Staff Excellence

Youth Market Leadership Team

Dawn Allenbaugh, National Center
Paisley Payton, National Center
Kim Adams, SouthWest
Abby Bartley, Eastern States
Kyle Bright, Western States
Bill Repke, Midwest
Jason Shields, Southeast

Read the Youth Market Leadership Team’s feature story.

About the Award

Recognizes an employee who exemplifies leadership, professionalism, dedication and performance excellence.
American Heart Association Healthcare Volunteer of the Year Award

Jason Zachariah
President, Integrated Solutions, LifePoint Health

One thing people don't know about me is ...

I'm Canadian – a “Newfie” born in Newfoundland when my parents immigrated to North America, where my dad went to medical school. I saw “Come From Away” about the hospitality of Newfoundlanders after multiple international flights landed there on September 11th. I am a proud Newfoundlander because they reminded the world about human kindness and the strength of humanity.

Read Jason Zachariah’s feature story.

About the Award

Celebrates achievements in cardiovascular diseases or stroke patient care, or improvements in the delivery of care.
Jennifer Mieres,
M.D., FACC, MASNC, FAHA

Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer,
Associate Dean Faculty Affairs,
Northwell Health/Hofstra School of Medicine

One thing people don’t know about me is...

“In high school, I wrote calypsos during Carnival. I love to entertain and I dreamed of being a singer when I was growing up in Trinidad.”

Read Jennifer Mieres’ feature story.

About the Award

Honors longstanding commitment to the highest ideals of patient care and exemplary leadership in the American Heart Association’s mission.
Distinguished National Leadership Award

Donald M. Lloyd-Jones,
M.D., ScM, FAHA

President, 2021-22, American Heart Association

One thing people don’t know about me is ...

“ I’m headed soon to Alaska, which will be the 49th state I’ve visited. ”

Read Donald Lloyd-Jones’ feature story.

About the Award

Presented to outgoing officers of the American Heart Association to recognize their exemplary service to its mission.
Get with the Guidelines® Quality Improvement Initiative

One thing people don’t know about me is ...

“I’m a proud dog parent to Elliot Deacon, a delightful 2-year-old cockapoo.”
— Gregg C. Fonarow, M.D., FACC, FAHA, Interim Chief, Division of Cardiology, UCLA

“I’m a card-carrying member of the Screen Actors Guild.”
— Lee H. Schwamm, M.D., FAHA, Vice President of Virtual Care, Mass General Brigham

“I’ve communicated with fellow cardiologist Dr. Gregg Fonarow no less than every other day for years.”
— Clyde W. Yancy, M.D., M.Sc., FAHA, Vice Dean of Diversity & Inclusion, Chief of Cardiology, Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine

Read the Get with the Guidelines team’s feature story.

About the Award

The American Heart Association’s highest volunteer honor, recognizing a lifetime of transformative contributions.
Gold Heart Award

John J. Warner, M.D., FAHA

Executive Vice President,
UT Southwestern Medical Center

One thing people don’t know about me is ... 

I went to college planning to be a forest ranger.

Read John Warner’s feature story.

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