

Gina McCarthy:

Tonight is about celebration. Our goal is to recognize brilliance when we see it and to spread it around. Our job is to educate. Our job is to connect the dots. Our job is to form these partnerships at every level that we can because the challenge of asthma is not going to be solved by a single model, in a single state or single community. It's going to be solved by a thousand different wonderful ideas that reach out and to connect and that make people's lives better. So, that's really why we started six years ago to create the National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management.

It is about recognizing your brilliance, your enthusiasm, your energy, your creativity, your innovation, and to congratulate you. And, hopefully, just the small congratulations that we bring to you in this recognition, will give you the energy to keep going. To think more creatively, more innovative, to do the kind of outreach that we all know is so important. So thank you.

Mike Flynn:

...And the winner is...the Neighborhood Health Plan of Massachusetts. The Community Asthma Initiative of Children's Hospital of Boston. The Woodhull Medical and Mental Center. Washington Heights Inwood Network for Asthma. The Sinai Urban Health Institute.

Steve Conti:

To have that recognition from the EPA, to be able to say we are a nationally recognized program, here's our stories of the great things we have done, this is the impact we have on our patients, that goes a long way in communicating your value proposition to funders.

Lisa P. Jackson:

This is a disease that touches entire communities. It requires a community of support, and I want to thank you for leading the way towards real solutions. You are giving hope to the millions of Americans who battle asthma.

Narrator:

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