

**The following individuals and organizations were honored during this year's PROUD Awards:**

**PROUD Ally Award**

John J. Gantner, President and CEO  
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

**PROUD Friends Award**

Kathleen M. Roberts, Director of Marketing and Public Relations  
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset

**PROUD Star Award**

Saleena Marria, Corporate and Foundation Relations  
RWJBarnabas Health

**PROUD Advocate Award**

Vanessa Nazario, Director of Diversity and Inclusion  
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital New Brunswick

**PROUD Empowerment Award**

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset Nurse Educators  
The Center for Professional Development Innovation and Research (CPDIR)

**PROUD Leadership Award**

Larry Creech, Senior Vice President, Perioperative and Emergency Services  
RWJBarnabas Health

**PROUD Physician Leadership Award**

Gloria Bachmann, MD, Professor of Ob-Gyn Medicine; Associate Dean for Women's Health and Director of the Women's Health Institute  
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

**PROUD Community Partner Award**

Garden State Equality

**PROUD's Pride Award**

Nicole Brownstein, Group Facilitator, PROUD Transitions  
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset

**PROUD Human Rights Award**

Aaron Potenza, Director, Health and Wellness Program  
Garden State Equality

**PROUD Humanitarian Award**

Elaine Helms, Executive Director  
LGBT Rain Foundation

**PROUD Hero Award**

Martin Everhart, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer  
RWJBarnabas Health

**PROUD Legacy Award**

Barbra Casbar Siperstein, Director - Gender Rights Advocacy Association of New Jersey;  
Former Member - DNC Executive Committee and Deputy Vice-Chair - NJ Democratic State Committee