

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