This is the 15th year the National TB Coalition of America, formerly the National TB Controllers Association, (NTCA) will honor individuals or organizations for their dedication and distinguished service in the field of tuberculosis (TB). Nominations can be submitted by any one and nominees do not need to be members of NTCA. The award categories are described below.

**NTCA Annual TB Award Categories**

**TB Controller of the Year** – This is the National Tuberculosis Coalition’s highest award. It recognizes an outstanding contribution and impact on TB prevention and control at the local, state, regional, or national level. The award recognizes what TB controllers are all about!

**Carol Pozsik TB Nursing Award** --- This award honors exemplary care, service, dedication, or leadership in the field of public health TB nursing.

**William Stead TB Clinician Award** – This award recognizes outstanding commitment and performance by a clinician providing TB care, leadership, or mentoring.

**Ed Desmond TB Laboratorian Award** – This award honors exemplary service, dedication, or leadership to a TB laboratory professional.

**Robert Koch Award** – This award recognizes an outstanding contribution with a clinical, epidemiological or academic focus by a TB researcher or TB research organization working to eliminate TB. The recipient of this award can be anyone who has contributed to the science of TB using epidemiologic methods.

**Dixie Snider Award** – This award recognizes a CDC employee who has provided outstanding support, through partnership with a state or local TB community, in the interest of TB control and prevention.

**Charles DeGraw TB Advocacy Award** – This award recognizes an individual/organization, making an outstanding effort or achievement advocating for increased support and recognition of TB control and prevention efforts.

**Joe Ware TB Partner Service Award** – This award recognizes an organization that has made
a significant effort and/or contribution to the mission of TB control and prevention through partnership activities with public health TB programs.

**Unsung TB Hero Award** – This award, introduced in 2017, recognizes those within our TB programs working on the front lines, regardless of their professional training, who daily dedicate themselves to quality patient care and protecting our public’s health. The individuals eligible for nomination for this award conduct contact investigations, educate the community about TB, provide DOT services, build relationships of trust and respect with those they serve, and are the heart and soul of many public health TB programs.

Nomination forms and more information are available on the [NTCA website](http://www.ntca.org).