



## 2024 ATSPA Civilian Savior and Survivor Award

Presented by the American Trauma Society, Pennsylvania Division

Since the beginning of time, humans have relied upon each other for help in times of crisis and need. The Bible describes the heroism of an individual helping another in peril and distress with the parable of the “Good Samaritan”. In modern times, our Good Samaritans are most often those who participate in EMS, police, and fire service, collectively known as first responders.

There are times, however, when the resources of our first responders are overwhelmed and survival is relegated to the citizens of the Commonwealth. While these instances are rare, local citizens in our communities can be called upon to help their fellow man during periods of adversity and personal danger. Survival can be very complex and dependent upon both the person in need, and those who offer lifesaving efforts.

Due to the unique challenges presented to all parties involved in adapting to, overcoming, and achieving meaningful survival under gravely austere and dangerous conditions, the Pennsylvania Division of the American Trauma Society has elected to honor a civilian “Savior” and/or “Survivor” with the 2024 ATSPA Civilian Savior and Survivor Award. This award will honor one who takes it upon him/herself to offer a helping hand to a fellow citizen during a period of adversity or personal danger, and/or one who withstands peril and dangerous conditions and demonstrates a determined will to survive.

To nominate a “Savior” and/or “Survivor” for this award, please complete the online nomination form by following the link below.

This award will be presented to the selected recipient during the American Trauma Society, Pennsylvania Division’s annual conference on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 12:05 pm at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, in Lancaster, PA. **If, for some reason, the award recipient is unable to attend, it is expected that the nominator will attend the conference and accept the award on their behalf.**

The award recipient will be offered travel expenses to/from the conference (i.e., vehicle mileage, tolls, and travel meals, **excluding** alcoholic beverages) and is also invited to attend the conference that day and our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration that evening.

Nominations must be received no later than **Friday, January 26, 2024**. Submit a nomination by [clicking here](#).