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*Edward F. Tasch, NCADA Executive Director, is on the right in the photo above*The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) has named Edward F. Tasch as the Silver Key Award recipient for 2012.

The award will be presented during the NCADD 2012 Conference of Affiliates to be held October 24-26 in New Orleans, LA.

Ed Tasch is Executive Director of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse—St. Louis Area, a post he has held since 1979, making him one of the longest serving Executive Directors among NCADD Affiliates.

In his tenure as Executive Director, Ed has been responsible for the Council's growth from a small three-person operation to a well-respected agency with 43 employees and an annual budget of nearly three million dollars. He has expanded the Affiliate's scope to include protecting youth by creating quality prevention programs that have had a positive impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of young people in St. Louis.

At the same time, Ed has continued to foster the core services of an NCADD Affiliate: information and referral, public education and advocacy.

The NCADD Silver Key Award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the work of NCADD or in support of NCADD's mission and programs at a national level.

Candidates include spokespersons or sponsors of major NCADD campaigns; long-time members of the NCADD Board whose contributions are deemed to be extraordinary; heads of organizations with outstanding alcoholism and drug abuse programs, such as employee assistance programs; and physicians, researchers or others whose work has significantly enhanced NCADD efforts.

Over the years, The NCADD Silver Key Award has honored many extraordinary leaders in our field including: Harold Hathaway, III, James L. Abernathy, David Lewis, MD, Adele C. Smithers, Max A. Schneider, MD, Ann Streisguth, PhD, Leonard K. Firestone Martha B. Baker, Dana Andrews, Ruth Fox, MD and others. Only other Affiliate Executive Director has been so honored: the late Claude Retherford of the Tulare, CA Affiliate.

To read more about NCADD's Awards and Recognition, please click here.