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### **SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP IN CAREGIVING AWARD**

The 2015 Rosalynn Carter Leadership in Caregiving Award will go to the individual or organization that has taken concrete action in making the six strategic initiatives from the "[Averting the Caregiving Crisis: An Update](#)" a reality. Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter will present the winner(s) with a cash award of \$15,000 and a beautiful statuette at the RCI Gala Awards Banquet held in conjunction with the National Summit in October. Please email nominations by the deadline of August 1, 2015. [Guidelines and application instructions >>](#)

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### **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR NATIONAL SUMMIT**

Register for the [RCI National Summit and Training Institute](#) to be held October 22-23, 2015 in Americus, Georgia. These two days will be jam-packed with professional development workshops, keynote presentations from national experts, networking sessions, caregiver testimonies, tours of historical landmarks, awards banquet, and much, much more. Don't miss out on this monumental event! [Register today >>](#)

## RCI ATTENDS HIDDEN HEROES COALITION SUMMIT

Dr. Leisa Easom, Executive Director, and Laura Bauer, Director of National Initiatives, were invited to the 2015 Hidden Heroes Coalition Summit in DC hosted by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation. Senator Dole stated of **Operation Family Caregiver**, a program of the Rosalynn Carter Institute, as "doing magnificent work for caregivers offering problem-solving training that has a measurable impact of decreased depression, greater confidence, and increased satisfaction with life." The program featured remarks from First Lady Michelle Obama, Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald, and a special video message from Tom Hanks. [Read more >>](#)

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