



Vote for Dr. Stephanie Long in the 2019 Oticon Focus on People Awards!

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Stephanie Long, AuD of the Fox Valley Hearing Center has been selected as a finalist in the 2019 Oticon Focus on People Awards, a national competition that recognizes individuals who are helping to change perceptions of what it means to live with hearing loss. Dr. Long is honored as one of three finalists in the practitioner category, a category that recognizes hearing care professionals who go “above and beyond” to open doors of opportunity for people with hearing loss through humanitarian and public education efforts.

The public is invited to cast their votes for Dr. Long and other finalists in the Student, Adult, Advocacy and Practitioner categories at www.Oticon.com/FOP through September 26. The total number of votes received by each finalist will help to determine who will be the first, second and third place winners in each category.

As an audiologist for more than 20 years, with 14 spent caring for children in school settings, Dr. Long is acutely aware of how hearing issues can affect a child’s education. That passion for helping children led her to establish HEAR in Fox Cities, a non-profit with a mission to assist lower income families to obtain hearing aids for their children. Through the organization, Dr. Long works with local hearing care professionals and families to ensure children in the community have access to hearing aids. The Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association recently recognized Dr. Long with the Louis DiCarlo Clinical Achievement Award for advancing knowledge in clinical practice.

Voting for Dr. Long and all the 2019 finalists is open now through September 26 at www.Oticon.com/FOP.

Winners will be announced in November.

About the Oticon Focus on People Awards

Leading hearing solutions manufacturer Oticon, Inc. created the national awards program to honor hearing impaired students, adults and advocacy volunteers who drive awareness and understanding that can change attitudes and open doors of opportunity for all people with hearing loss. Hearing loss is the third most common physical condition, after arthritis and heart disease. It has been shown to affect physical health, cognition, social skills, family relationships, self-esteem and more. Outdated stereotypes of what it means to live with hearing loss often discourage people from seeking life-changing help.