

# Jeanne White Ginder

## Associate Administrator's Award



**J**eanne White Ginder is a voice of reason. For over a quarter century, she has given her time, privacy, and love to help educate our Nation about HIV/AIDS.

One week before Christmas 1984, she was told that her son Ryan had contracted AIDS and had six months to live. Ryan and Jeanne were determined to live a normal life but instead faced a years-long struggle that played out before the entire world as reason and compassion fought ignorance and fear. They won that battle when the Whites moved to a new and welcoming community. Ryan's health eventually deteriorated. He died April 8, 1990.

The very next month, bearing the full weight of a grieving mother, Jeanne spoke to Congress about the need for health care for people living with HIV/AIDS. The Ryan White CARE Act was passed a few months later and continues today as the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program—the embodiment of her story of tragedy and triumph.



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