



## ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

### VINCE HUTCHINS LEADERSHIP AWARD

For leadership in promoting a society responsive to the needs of  
women, children, youth and families

#### **Background**

In 1998, AMCHP launched what was then called the “AMCHP Leadership Award” to recognize outstanding individuals, living or deceased, whose work has contributed to significant societal changes that have resulted in improvements in the health of American families and their various members. The first honoree, former First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, is exemplary of the stature of Leadership Award recipients.

In 2001, AMCHP renamed the Leadership Award for Dr. Vince Hutchins, a beloved national leader and life-long advocate for children’s health. During fifteen years as director of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Dr. Hutchins expanded the federal government’s commitment to women, children, youth and families. He also led development of new initiatives for children and families such as the *Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition*.

#### **Criteria**

Nominees for the Vince Hutchins Leadership Award must meet the following criteria:

- Be a recognized national leader, living or dead, with a long record of significant contributions to society.
- Demonstrate accomplishments that advance, directly or indirectly, the health of American women, children, youth and families, including those with special health care needs.

#### **Selection Process**

The award is not routinely awarded annually. Nominations for the award must be received on or before October 31, and submitted directly to the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee will provide recommendations for consideration by the Board of Directors, at the fall council meeting held yearly in December. The Vince Hutchins Leadership Award will be granted only upon 90 percent approval by the full board.

#### **Prior Awardees**

2012 John Rossetti, DDS MPH  
2011 Jennifer Howse, PhD  
2009 Senator Edward “Ted” Kennedy  
2008 Peter Van Dyck, MD MPH  
2005 Marian Wright Edelman  
2002 Senator Tom Harkin  
2000 David Satcher MD PhD

