

CT AMTA Community Service Award presented for the first time.

This year the CT Chapter presented the first Community Service Award. This award is presented to an individual and/or group that:

Demonstrates an ongoing commitment to the Massage Therapy community through involvement in activities that positively promote the profession to the general public and/or legislative community

Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the AMTA CT Chapter through support of chapter activities. Demonstrate leadership in the field of Massage Therapy through promotion of legislative, education and/or community endeavors.

This year's award recipient was Steve Kitts and the CT Center for Massage Therapy. Over the years Steve has led CCMT in a direction that supports the Massage Therapy community in general and the CT AMTA specifically. He has through his leadership established an initial direction for the Massage Therapy Profession in Connecticut. This direction has included facilitating the development of high educational standards, licensing standards and standards of conduct and professionalism that continue to be emphasized throughout the operations and philosophy of the CT AMTA.

Through Steve Kitts' guidance the CT Center for Massage Therapy has continually and generously displayed financial support for the AMTA CT Chapter. Year after year they sponsor the CT Sports Massage Team at numerous events including but not limited to the Greater Hartford Marathon. They stepped up during 9/11 providing educational space for our MERT Team trainings, debriefings and refresher courses.

Steve Kitts' foresight regarding Massage Therapy and the need for a strong, member driven national organization paved the way for the current CT Chapter of the AMTA. His commitment to education and to the support of the Massage Therapist following graduation has been instrumental in making Massage Therapy more than simply a job. It is a profession that bonds practitioners through the state together. For these reasons and many more it was the pleasure of the AMTA CT Chapter to present this year's Community Service Award to such a deserving candidate as Steve Kitts. Thank you Steve for your commitment, vision and perseverance on behalf of the Massage Therapy community.