



2025

Power of Our Impact Award

Mitzi Lovell
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ADCES is proud to announce the recipient of the **2025 Power of Our Impact Award**, which honors an individual's day-to-day commitment to clinical care to ensure the best outcomes for people with diabetes. This year's recipient is **Mitzi Lovell**, whose compassion, innovation, and unwavering dedication have transformed lives in her community and beyond.

Mitzi has devoted more than 32 years to diabetes self-management education—and over 25 of those years at Northside Hospital Diagnostic Clinic in Georgia. Throughout her career, she's remained laser-focused on one thing: improving the lives of people with diabetes. And she does that through a powerful combination of experience, empathy, and cutting-edge technology.

Mitzi is a certified insulin pump trainer and a true trailblazer. When a patient who was blind needed to improve their glucose levels, Mitzi didn't hesitate—she recommended and trained them to use an insulin pump with an app and VoiceOver on an

iPhone—proving that independence and innovation can go hand-in-hand. That kind of thinking is what sets her apart.

She's played a key role in developing and managing her clinic's recognized DSMES program, ensuring that participants receive the highest standard of care. And her commitment goes far beyond the clinic walls. For many years, Mitzi organized an annual "Diabetes 101" day—bringing together people with diabetes to learn, connect, and feel supported in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

The Awards Committee was especially inspired by Mitzi's passion for mentoring others and making DSMES accessible to everyone in her region. Whether she's working with patients, guiding colleagues, or championing new technologies, she leads with heart, purpose, and a deep belief in the power of education to change lives.

Congratulations to Mitzi, an extraordinary educator, advocate, and difference-maker.