

# Breath of Life Honorees



## Dr. Michele and Terry Wright



Terry and Michele Wright have dedicated their lives to making a difference for others in Arkansas and across the country. When Terry was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the age of 54 years old, they made it their mission to ensure that others would not suffer in the same way.

Terry was the recipient of a 2020 Impact Grant from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He and Michele are the founders of the National Organization of African Americans with CF (NOACFF) a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to connect individuals with CF, help build diverse communities, and raise CF awareness within the African American community and beyond.

Terry is the real-life subject and inspiration behind the film, “54 YEARS LATE”: The Terry Wright Story, which gives the account of his unexpected diagnosis of cystic fibrosis at the age of 54. Terry also shares his surreal journey with cystic fibrosis in his children’s coloring storybook, “Terry’s Journey to CF Land,” which was listed in the top spot on BookAuthority’s “8 Best New Cystic Fibrosis Books to Read In 2021”.

Today, at the age of 59, Terry wholeheartedly utilizes his deep-rooted passion for gardening, nature, agriculture, horticulture, fitness, nutrition, and health to help individuals from all walks of life to achieve the best in health. Because of his life-altering health challenges, he is fully committed to utilizing his expertise to help others achieve a better quality of health and life.

Michele Wright, Ph.D. is the 2022 USA TODAY Women of the Year for Arkansas. She is the recipient of the Nations of Women Change Makers 2021 Global Leadership Award and a nominee of the EveryLife Foundation of Rare Diseases’ RareVoice 2021 Award for Diversity Empowerment. Michele is a multi-dimensional senior executive with experience providing leadership in diverse roles, including pharmaceutical/biotechnology sales, healthcare administration, and business development to Fortune 100 companies and an international non-profit organization. Dr. Wright is also the CEO and Founder of My Water Buddy® and My Learning Buddy® corporations.

As the 2022 Breath of Life Gala Honorees, Terry and Michele continue to give their time, energy, and passion to raise funding to support the 30,000 children and adults impacted by cystic fibrosis to ensure each has the opportunity to live full and productive lives.