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## **The Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative 2011 Innovation Award Recognizes Samaritan Health Services for “Access for All”**

*Award recipients work to improve access to information about medical funding and research opportunities*

TAMPA, Fla. (September 13, 2011) — Officials with the Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative have announced the winner of the Rethinking Resource Sharing (RRS) 2011 Innovation Award: Samaritan Health Services for their Access for All: Gateway to Information about Health Research Funding and Resources.

Access for All consists of two web-based services - [Scangrants.com](http://Scangrants.com) and [Researchraven.com](http://Researchraven.com) - that dramatically improve access to health research information. It is available not only to the 5,000 employees, medical residents and medical students affiliated with the community health system in Oregon’s Willamette Valley, but is also “free-of-charge to all who are engaged in research and other activities aimed at improving individual and community health.”

Samaritan Health Services which is “a nonprofit network of Oregon hospitals, physicians and senior care facilities that serves the needs of people in the mid-Willamette Valley and the Central Oregon Coast, established the Center for Health Research and Quality in 2008 to improve the quality of patient care and build healthier communities by advancing research and health promotion activities.”

ScanGrants™ facilitates “the search for funding sources to enhance individual and community health...Finding and listing less traditional funding opportunities is also a priority.”

ResearchRaven™ advances “health research, program development and scholarship by enabling users to efficiently find current information about [funding opportunities](#), [professional conferences](#), [calls for papers](#) and other research-related materials.”

This award comes with a \$1000 stipend, and honors individuals or institutions for changes they have made to improve users’ access to information through resource sharing in their library, consortium, state or country. The award winner will be recognized for their resource sharing efforts at this month’s Interlending and Document Supply (ILDS) Conference, “Resource Sharing in the Digital Age,” in Chicago.

Funding for the 2011 Innovation Award is provided by Relais International and OCLC.

The Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative is an ad hoc group that advocates for a complete rethink of the way libraries conduct resource sharing in the context of the global internet revolution and all of the developments that have arisen from that. The group is advocating for a revolution in the way libraries conduct resource sharing.

For more information, please visit [www.rethinkingresourcesharing.org](http://www.rethinkingresourcesharing.org).