



Dr. Glenn Cosh Receives 2005 Harold E. Williamson Award

When Glenn Cosh, D.O., F.A.A.F.P., became a physician, he made an unconditional commitment to help. This unconditional commitment led him to be an advocate for the uninsured and underinsured populations in Colorado.

A family physician for 40 years, Dr. Cosh's history of providing volunteer medical service makes him an ideal recipient of the Harold E. Williamson Award. Not only has he voluntarily treated the indigent and uninsured throughout the metro area, he's served as an advocate for the population – founding volunteer medical clinics, establishing a network uniting these clinics, serving in leadership roles in organizations dedicated to the indigent, and recruiting other physician volunteers.

COPIC Chairman and CEO Dr. Ted Clarke presented Dr. Cosh with the award at COPIC's annual meeting luncheon on February 24. Clarke said that although there were many outstanding candidates, Dr. Cosh's work represents the true spirit of the award.

“Dr. Cosh stood out because of his 40 years of service in using his medical skills to improve our community. He has and will continue to make Colorado a better place for all to live,” said Clarke. “He clearly embodies the humanitarian traits essential to all doctors, and he is a role model for the next generation of physicians. We are extremely proud to have him as the recipient of this year's award.”

Dr. Cosh humbly accepted the award at COPIC's annual meeting luncheon.

“Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent the hundreds of physicians in Colorado who volunteer in their communities,” said Cosh. “Volunteering to help the indigent has been a privilege and a great source of satisfaction. When physicians treat homeless and low-income families, the patients receive medical care that they often desperately need and would not otherwise receive. In addition, patients feel important, worthy, and dignified – all qualities they may have forgotten.”

As the recipient of the Harold E. Williamson Award, Dr. Cosh was given \$10,000 to direct to the nonprofit organization of his choice. Dr. Cosh chose Doctors Care because he believes that through this organization, the true beneficiaries of the award are the uninsured children and young adults who seek care at the clinic. Doctors Care is a nonprofit program designed to provide affordable medical care to the uninsured and underinsured in Arapahoe, Douglas and Elbert counties. Dr. Gary VanderArk, president of Doctors Care, accepted the donation on behalf of the organization.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Cosh and all those nominated for this award. We wish to thank those who took the time to honor the outstanding physicians in their communities and the physicians whose tremendous contributions benefit us all.

Dr. Cosh was nominated for the award by Raquel Alexander, Executive Vice President of the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians.

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