



## **Dr. Robert Heyl Receives 2007 Harold E. Williamson Award for Volunteer Medical Services**

Physicians tend to keep busy in an area that has at least 3,000 patients for every health care provider. Lucky for patients in the four corners area of Colorado, Dr. Robert Heyl of Cortez is up for the challenge.

Dr. Heyl moved to Montezuma County in 1978. That same year, he helped establish a child protection team which eventually became a child advocacy center. The Four Corners Child Advocacy Center serves more than 250 child victims each year, and Dr. Heyl has personally helped at least 80% of these victims.

Dr. Heyl has also been a part of the following:

- Assisted in the development of the Kids in Stressful Situations Program, which recognizes and assists potentially abusive parents.
- Served on a community task force that developed a family center for families in need.
- Heavily involved in the development of the health curriculum for the local public schools.
- Board member for the Montelores Mental Health Association and Montelores Task Force on Drunk Driving Prevention.
- Acted as physician representative to the Montelores Child Protection Team and physician consultant to Southwest Mental Health.
- Often used his own home for “casino nights” and other fundraisers to benefit the advocacy center and for the enjoyment of the community.

According to Dr. Bill Rainer, Dr. Heyl has truly made their region a better place. “He is a natural leader with constant energy, but quiet and unassuming at the same time,” said Rainer.

Dr. Rainer also said that Dr. Heyl is a leader and source of stability among the area physicians. He also credits Dr. Heyl’s wife Jan, saying that “behind every successful physician is an equally successful spouse.” She is frequently involved in projects with her husband.

COPIC is honored to present the Harold E. Williamson award to Dr. Heyl. The award provides a \$10,000 donation from COPIC Medical Foundation to the non-profit organization of his choice. Dr. Heyl has directed this donation to the Four Corners Child Advocacy Center.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Heyl. We thank everyone who took the time to honor the outstanding physicians in their communities and the physicians whose tremendous contributions benefit us all.

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