

Recognition of

GEORGE P. GARMANY, JR, MD, FAAN

2009 Harold E. Williamson Award Recipient

Thursday, March 11, 2010—12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

About Dr. Garmany

Dr. Garmany is a compassionate neurologist who has served the Boulder community for more than 30 years. Through his volunteerism, he has improved the quality of life for people living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Dr. Garmany has provided pro bono medical services to uninsured and underinsured persons diagnosed with MS in the Boulder community. He also volunteers with the neurology department of the University of Colorado and Denver Health Medical Center, providing countless hours of teaching and direct patient care.

Annually, Dr. Garmany gives more than 300 hours to the Colorado Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. His most notable contribution to the Colorado Chapter was the creation of the Bike MS Event in 1985. Currently the event hosts more than 3,000 cyclists who ride 150 miles in two days and raise nearly \$3 million for programs and research. Today the Colorado ride is the third largest in the nation. He continues to ride as a participant and fund-raiser.

In addition to his work with the MS Society, Dr. Garmany also contributes to Can Do Multiple Sclerosis (formerly the Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis). Here he has helped improve wellness programs and products designed for persons living with MS. He has served on their board since 2004. Dr. Garmany's community involvement also includes extensive work with the Boy Scouts and the Boulder Rotary Club.

Dr. Garmany was nominated by the Colorado Chapter President Carrie H. Nolan. According to Nolan, Dr. Garmany is truly deserving of recognition. According to Nolan, despite his busy schedule, Dr. Garmany is always there for his patients.

"The concern he shows for those living with such an unpredictable disease is remarkable in a field where patients have commented on the perceived insensitivity of their neurologist when they have been told they have a diagnosis of MS," said Nolan, explaining that Dr. Garmany volunteers to speak at their "newly-diagnosed" program. "His patience, compassion and communication skills are welcomed traits by our constituents who are dealing with the emotional reality of hearing the words, 'You have MS.'"

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