

2016 COPIC HUMANITARIAN AWARD RECIPIENT DR. MONTE UYEMURA

Physician from Wray, Colorado recognized for his contributions

Dr. Monte Uyemura of Wray has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 COPIC Humanitarian Award in honor of Harold E. Williamson.

Dr. Uyemura is a Family Practice physician who has spent the majority of his career in Wray, where he was the Medical Director for its hospice for 20 years. He has been known to make house calls to patients during their final stages of life and he started an organization with his wife called “The Space,” which is a place for community members (young and old) to come together for creative activities.

The Humanitarian Award recognizes a physician going above the call of duty to donate time to the Colorado health care community. Dr. Uyemura has chosen the Wray Community Hospital Foundation as the beneficiary of the \$10,000 grant associated with the Award. The grant will support its scholarship program, which helps local community members fill much-needed health care positions.

Janet Brug, a Registered Nurse and Risk Manager at Wray Community District Hospital, nominated Dr. Uyemura. “Monte is one of the most compassionate people I know—the kind of person who goes out of his way to help no matter what the situation is. When he is not spending time with his family or at work, he devotes much of his time to helping our community in a variety of ways,” she wrote.

Dr. Uyemura was invited to the state capitol where he was welcomed and introduced before the Colorado General Assembly.

Dr. Uyemura was selected from a robust pool of nominees, and we would like to thank the other nominated individuals who contribute to improving care in Colorado:

- Dr. Amy Gesler; Parker
- Dr. Barbara Zind; Grand Junction
- Dr. David Kelsall; Englewood
- Dr. Michael Anger; Westminster
- Dr. Paul Docktor; Denver
- Dr. Randi Wagner; Kremmling
- Dr. Ross Wilkins; Denver



Dr. Monte Uyemura, with his wife and two sons, received acknowledgement for his volunteer work at the Colorado State Capitol on March 1, 2017.

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