



2017 COPIC HUMANITARIAN AWARD DR. CARL BARTECCHI

In 1970, Dr. Carl Bartecchi arrived in Pueblo, Colorado with two other physicians to establish the Southern Colorado Clinic. Since then, Dr. Bartecchi has displayed a selfless dedication to improving health care. For this, and many other reasons, he was chosen as the recipient of the 2017 COPIC Humanitarian Award in honor of Harold E. Williamson.

One of Dr. Bartecchi's accomplishments was founding the health care clinic at Los Pobres Center in Avondale in 2005. The Center helps migrant farm workers and their families with a broad range of services, including health care, through the generosity of volunteers and donations.

Dr. Bartecchi was also the lead investigator/organizer of the Pueblo Heart Study, which illustrated the decline in myocardial infarction admissions when secondhand smoke was eliminated from public areas in 2003. The study provided science-based evidence for the Pueblo Smoke-Free public health campaigns.

Additionally, he authors a weekly "Ask Dr. Bartecchi" column for the *Pueblo Chieftain*, has co-authored three books about the medical benefits of healthy lifestyle choices, serves as a Distinguished Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and established the Carl and Kay Bartecchi Special Collections Reading Area of the Health Sciences Library on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

The Humanitarian Award recognizes a physician going above the call of duty in the Colorado health care community. Dr. Bartecchi chose the clinic at Los Pobres Center as the beneficiary of the \$10,000 grant associated with the Award. In March 2018, Dr. Bartecchi was recognized at the state capitol, where he was welcomed and introduced before the Colorado General Assembly. He was accompanied by his wife along with Sister Nancy Crafton, the Director of Los Pobres Center.



Dr. Carl Bartecchi, with his wife, Kay and Sister Nancy Crafton, received acknowledgement for his volunteer work at the Colorado State Capitol on March 7, 2018.

COPIC would like to recognize and thank those who were part of the impressive group of nominees for the award:

- ★ Lynn Philip Beaulieu, M.D.; Colorado Springs
- ★ Donald Stader III, M.D.; Morrison
- ★ Joshua Blum, M.D.; Denver
- ★ John Tarr, M.D.; Gunnison
- ★ Robert Gibbs, M.D.; Monument
- ★ Barbara Troy, M.D.; Alamosa

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