



## 2021 IMS/COPIC HUMANITARIAN AWARD **DR. SELDEN SPENCER**

The Iowa Medical Society (IMS) and COPIC are proud to announce that Dr. Selden Spencer of Ames, IA, was selected as the 2021 recipient of the IMS/COPIC Physician Humanitarian Award. Dr. Spencer is known for his extraordinary amount of volunteer service with numerous organizations over the years, in addition to his daily responsibilities as a busy neurologist. Locally, he donated his services as a physician at the Ames Free Medical clinic for more than 15 years (until the clinic closed in 2014) and he volunteers for Food at First, a nonprofit organization that provides a free meal program and food pantry to support the needs of residents in Story County.

Dr. Spencer has also volunteered his time on many international medical missions to Afghanistan, Haiti, and Ecuador, giving medical lectures and sharing his knowledge to help these communities. He has been on four trips as a volunteer for Living Waters for the World, an organization that focuses on offering ways to supply safe and pure water to indigent rural residents in Central and Latin America. In addition, he traveled to Central America with an organization called Solar Under the Sun, which promotes solar energy sources for rural sites.

The IMS/COPIC Physician Humanitarian Award is presented each year to honor a physician in Iowa for volunteer medical services and contributions to their community through principles focused on human dignity, social justice, and compassion.

Dr. Spencer has designated Primary Health Care to receive the \$10,000 donation associated with the award. Primary Health Care manages clinics and a mobile health unit that provide medical and dental care to underserved individuals and families in Iowa since 1981.

The IMS/COPIC Physician Humanitarian Award was presented to Dr. Spencer on April 16 at the Presidential Reception of the Iowa Medical Society, held as a virtual event this year.



To nominate a physician for the COPIC Humanitarian award, visit [www.callcopic.com](http://www.callcopic.com) and select "COPIC Humanitarian Award" from the About COPIC drop-down, or email Laura Wadleigh at [lwadleigh@copic.com](mailto:lwadleigh@copic.com).