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2023 IMS/COPIC HUMANITARIAN AWARD DR. JAY BROWN

We are proud to announce that Dr. Jay Brown, from Ames, IA was the 2023 recipient of the IMS/COPIC Physician Humanitarian Award. Dr. Brown has enjoyed a successful career in medicine. He has also, most notably, had an impact through his volunteerism and charitable gifts in service of humanity – serving patients and the community.

Over the past 30 years, Dr. Jay Brown has adhered to the highest professional standards of medical practice geared to the welfare of his patients. His commitment to his patients goes well beyond the clinic hours of operation. His dedication to the quality of life for his patients is demonstrated through the charitable work and support he provides in the Central Iowa community.

Dr. Brown opened the Ames Free Medical Clinic in 1998 serving the residents of Story County and nearby communities until 2016. During its 18 years of operation, the Ames Free Medical clinic served 27,000 patients and had over 150 volunteers. Dr. Brown was a reliable and frequent volunteer himself as well as helping to recruit primary care providers and specialty physicians in the community to provide pro bono services for patients in need.

More recently, Dr. Brown has been an advocate for YSS (formerly known as Youth & Shelter Services), an organization that provides education, counseling and stability to youth in Iowa. In 2020, Dr. Brown donated 52 acres of personal property and farmland to YSS to build a new youth recovery campus located centrally in Iowa to benefit youth from all of Iowa's 99 counties. Dr. Brown's generous and timely gift was the foundation and catalyst for a now \$25 million capital campaign to build the Ember

Recovery Campus.
The facility will
provide a welcoming
environment that
facilitates hope,
wellness, and healing.
Additionally, Dr.
Brown has selected



YSS as the recipient of the Humanitarian Award donation.

These are just a few examples of the selflessness and dedication Dr. Brown has demonstrated throughout his career at McFarland Clinic.

Each year, the recipient of this award is asked to designate a \$10,000 donation from IMS and COPIC to be provided to a healthcare-related nonprofit organization within their community – it comes as no surprise that Dr. Brown has designated YSS as that recipient.

To nominate a physician for the COPIC Humanitarian award, visit **www.callcopic.com** and select "COPIC Humanitarian Award" from the About COPIC drop-down, or email Laura Wadleigh at Iwadleigh@copic.com.

