



2021 COPIC/MMA Foundation Humanitarian award: Dr. Matthew Bernard

We are proud to announce that Dr. Matthew Bernard an Orthopaedic Surgeon from Mantorville, was chosen as the recipient of the 2021 COPIC/MMA Humanitarian Award. Dr. Bernard is recognized for his commitment to making a difference in health care. The award was presented to Dr. Bernard at the Minnesota Medical Association Annual Meeting on September 24th.

In addition to Dr. Bernard's already full schedule as a family medicine physician at the Mayo Clinic and as an associate professor at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Dr. Bernard co-founded The Center Clinic in 2004. The Center Clinic, or TCC, provides primary care, family planning, counseling, and education to uninsured and underinsured people in rural Dodge County and Steele County, Minnesota. Dr. Bernard is still active in the day-to-day management and leadership of TCC serving as its president. For 16 years, TCC has been a safety net for vulnerable individuals and families living in rural southeast Minnesota. TCC has helped decrease health disparities, inequities, and improved the lives of those negatively impacted by social determinants of health in rural Minnesota.

Dr. Bernard truly goes above and beyond in his volunteer efforts and is well deserving of the award.

COPIC is thrilled to honor Dr. Bernard as the 2021 COPIC Humanitarian winner, and on his behalf, grant \$10,000 to The Center Clinic.

To learn more about the COPIC Humanitarian Award or to nominate a physician, visit our website:

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