

## 2016 NEBRASKA HUMANITARIAN AWARD: GRAND ISLAND PHYSICIAN HONORED FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Donald Wirth of Grand Island, who was recently awarded COPIC's 2016 Nebraska Humanitarian Award in honor of Harold E. Williamson. Dr. Wirth was recognized and presented with the award at the Nebraska Medical Association's Annual Meeting on Friday, September 16.

Twenty-two years ago, Dr. Wirth and his colleagues saw the developing need for a clinic that would assist low income individuals in Grand Island and surrounding areas who were not eligible for health insurance. With the help of Dr. Wirth, an endowment was set up to open the Third City Community Clinic to fulfill this growing need. Following the clinic's opening, Dr. Wirth assumed the position of Medical Director and voluntarily served in this capacity for 10 years as well as serving on the clinic's Board during this time. He continues to volunteer at the clinic on a regular basis.

The COPIC Medical Foundation's annual Nebraska Humanitarian Award recognizes a volunteer physician in Nebraska and provides a \$10,000 grant to the health-related nonprofit organization of the recipient's choice. After reviewing an impressive slate of candidates, Dr. Wirth was selected as the 2016 recipient of this award, and he elected to provide his grant to Third City Community Clinic.



Harris Frankel, MD; Susan Aguilar, Executive Director of Third City Community Clinic; Gerry Lewis-Jenkins, COPIC's COO and Dr. Donald Wirth.

The other candidates who were nominated for this year's award include the following:

- Dr. Cristina Fernandez of Omaha
- Dr. David Dyke of Lincoln
- Dr. Josue Gutierrez of Lincoln
- Dr. Lisa Mansur of Lincoln
- Dr. Omofolasade Kosoko-Lasaki of Omaha
- Dr. Robert Plambeck of Lincoln
- Dr. Shannon Thompson of Kearney

Thank you to all of the individuals who nominated a physician colleague for this award.

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