



## *The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons*

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Dear Colleague:

The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons is proud to continue the **ASCRS Community Impact Award**. We know that there are many members doing important volunteer work in the community and would like to acknowledge and promote their efforts. The recipient will be announced at the ASCRS Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN in May 2010. The award will include a plaque, a \$1000 donation from the ASCRS to the physician's charity of choice and a press release for the recipient's local news media.

Past recipients include:

- 2009 -- Dr. Rudolph Rustin, III, Mount Pleasant, SC for his work with Welvista, a nonprofit organization that provides free medical care and prescription drugs to uninsured in South Carolina.
- 2008 -- Dr. Gordon Klatt, Tacoma, WA, founder of the American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life*.  
Dr. Michael Keighley, Warwickshire, UK, for his work as a pro bono advisor and mentor at Christian Medical College and University Hospital, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, South India.
- 2007 -- Dr. Peter Cataldo, Burlington, VT, for his leadership in establishing a free surgery clinic that serves many of Burlington's most impoverished residents.
- 2006 -- Dr. Dennis Fried, Charleston, SC, for his role in establishing a colorectal surgery clinic in Belize and for performing colorectal surgery on patients from Belize in Charleston.

### **Criteria:**

ASCRS Public Relations Committee will review all submitted nominations and select one nominee as the recipient for the ASCRS Community Impact Award. Nominations will be graded on the following criteria:

- Community Impact
- Humanitarianism
- Long-Term Effect
- Number of People Served
- Length of Service
- Organizational Leadership
- Frequency of Service

### **Application:**

Please include the following information with the nomination:

#### **Demographics:**

- a. Nominee's name and address
- b. The nominating person or Regional or International ASCRS society
- c. Contact information/name of their local newspaper (ASCRS press release for the award recipient)

#### **Summary of Community Service Activity (1 page limited to 500 words) should include:**

- Name and mission of the organization(s) *served by the nominee*
- Nature of activity
- Role in the organization (leadership position, etc.)
- Length and frequency of service
- Location

- Scope and number of people served
- Funding sources
- Relation to ASCRS and other professional organizations and charitable institutions

We invite nominations from ASCRS Regional Societies, affiliated International Societies, as well as the general ASCRS membership. The nominee must be an ASCRS member or fellow in good standing. Please submit your nomination electronically to [ascrs@fascrs.org](mailto:ascrs@fascrs.org) by **March 18, 2010**.

We look forward to learning of the contributions and achievement of our members through this award.

Sincerely,



James Fleshman, MD  
President



Harry Papaconstantinou, MD, Chair  
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