

COPIC Topics

COPIC Companies' Bimonthly Newsletter

Recognizing Volunteer Physicians

This year's call for nominations for our volunteer physician award resulted in a phenomenal response—making the task of choosing just one recipient very challenging.

Each nominee has greatly contributed to their communities and deserves to be thanked for all of their hard work and dedication. Please join us in congratulating all of our nominees for the Harold E. Williamson Award.

- Greg Arfsten, MD—Littleton
- Jeffrey Berkosky, MD—Delta
- Francesco Gallatin Beuf, MD, FAAP—Boulder
- Jack T. Dillon, MD, FACEP—Colorado Springs
- David Ehrenberger, MD—Broomfield
- Bruce Evans, MD—Aurora
- Kris Johnson, MD—Lakewood
- Dale Kemmerer, MD—Colorado Springs
- Nancy Mitchell, MD—Littleton
- Martin O'Brien, MD—Centennial
- Paul Radway, MD, FACS—Westcliffe
- Bruce Richards, MD—Parachute
- Marc Ringel, MD—Brush
- Greg Roberts, MD—Craig
- Randolph Robinson, MD—Centennial
- Malcolm Tarkanian, MD—Lakewood
- Leigh Truitt, MD—Denver
- Kurt Wever, MD—Cripple Creek
- Mary Zavadil, MD—Denver

Dr. Malcolm Tarkanian Helps Ensure that Homeless People Receive Proper Eye Care

Dr. Tarkanian Receives Harold E. Williamson Award to Honor a Lifetime of Volunteer Service

Nearly ten years ago, ophthalmologist Malcolm Tarkanian saw the need for providing proper eye care to homeless residents in Denver. Lives are changed when vision is improved—from reading a job application to being able to safely cross the street. Dr. Tarkanian founded the Stout Street Eye Clinic to provide eye care to the more than 10,000 homeless people in the Denver city limits.

Because of his dedication to the metro-area's homeless population, COPIC has awarded Dr. Malcolm Tarkanian with the 2008 Harold E. Williamson Award. The award provides a \$10,000 grant to the non-profit organization of Dr. Tarkanian's choice.

This all-volunteer clinic provided free exams for nearly 4,000 homeless people in 2007 alone. Under Dr. Tarkanian's guidance, the Stout Street Eye Clinic delivers eye care to high risk homeless people with conditions such as diabetes, glaucoma, low vision, infections, eye trauma, retinopathy, and cataracts.

Stout Street Eye Clinic also provides consultations for Denver Health Medical Center and provides additional treatment when necessary.

According to Dr. Ed Farrell, Medical Director of the Stout Street Clinic, Dr. Tarkanian has changed lives because of his service to the homeless.

“Dr. Tarkanian is a bright light. He exudes humility and kindness. He treats each patient, whether mentally ill, drug or alcohol addicted—or just plain devastatingly poor and without shelter—with equal respect,” said Dr. Farrell. “His quiet dedication to both patients and volunteer staff is impressive and he is renowned for his active listening and problem solving. He is revered and loved for both his professional accomplishments and personal characteristics.”