

## 2013 WILLIAMSON AWARD RECOGNIZES TWO PHYSICIANS

The slate of nominees for the COPIC Medical Foundation's 2013 Harold E. Williamson Award was so impressive that we couldn't select just one recipient. We are honored to have Dr. James Williams and Dr. Robert Sawyer join an impressive list of prior recipients.

Dr. James Williams left private practice in 2008 and followed his passion for helping the medically underserved and became the Medical Director at Clinica Tepeyac, a health clinic serving uninsured patients in central Denver. After seeing the demand for such services was much greater than could be supplied by available clinics, he decided to launch a new clinic to address the needs of uninsured patients. In April 2011, Dr. Williams was part of a team that opened Clinica Colorado. Since then, the clinic has seen an average of 600 visits a month. Clinica Colorado strives to be a medical home for underserved patients, providing screening and preventative services, in addition to care of acute illnesses and chronic medical conditions. Dr. Williams has chosen to direct the \$10,000 grant provided to him as part of the Harold E. Williamson Award back to Clinica Colorado to help the clinic expand its capacity.



*From left: Dr. Brian Harrington (COPIC), Mrs. Marsha Williams, Dr. James Williams, Dr. Ted Clarke (COPIC)*



*From left: Dr. Ted Clarke (COPIC), Dr. Robert Sawyer, Mrs. Clarice Sawyer, Dr. Brian Harrington (COPIC)*

Dr. Robert Sawyer's volunteer efforts have spanned five decades across the Colorado health care landscape. He has dedicated his time and experience to a variety of organizations, but his main focus has been on helping health-related entities. Since the mid-1980s, Dr. Sawyer held numerous positions with 9Health Fair, serving on its Medical Advisory Committee, Board of Trustees, and as its Secretary and President. In 2002, the Health ONE Alliance and Colorado Medical Society honored Dr. Sawyer's service and commitment by initiating the first Dr. Bob Sawyer Health Education Forum. The Forum is now an annual series of lectures addressing health topics. The list of Dr. Sawyer's achievements are too numerous to list, and despite turning 80 this year, he still practices as the Medical Director of the Denver Wound Healing Center at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center. Dr. Sawyer has chosen to split his \$10,000 grant between the 9Health Fair and the Bonfils Blood Center Foundation.

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