



2019 COPIC HUMANITARIAN AWARD DR. GAYLE FRAZZETTA

Dr. Gayle Frazzetta has been described as a “crusader for physical education, sports, and health awareness.” For over 20 years, she has been an active participant in the Montrose community.

A graduate of the Colorado University Family Practice Residency at Rose Hospital, Dr. Frazzetta has helped orchestrate lasting changes that have improved her community. For these reasons, she was selected as the recipient of the 2019 COPIC Humanitarian Award, an annual award that honors a physician for outstanding volunteer medical services and contributions to his or her community.

Among her volunteer accomplishments, Dr. Frazzetta created the Physician’s Health and Wellness Committee which served as a medical advisory board for the Montrose School District. This board helped to initiate changes including improving the school lunch program, complying with state nutrition guidelines, improving food access, and implementing a “recess before lunch” program to improve consumption and decrease waste. Additionally, Dr. Frazzetta has played an instrumental role in the school district’s reproductive health education program for fifth and ninth graders. She also initiated the school district’s concussion protocol, now a standard part of the district’s athletic policy. A dedicated leader, Dr. Frazzetta is well-respected by her colleagues and patients alike.



Dr. Frazzetta with COPIC board member, Dr. Sophia Meharena at March 4, 2020 award presentation.



Dr. Frazzetta with her family and Montrose County Representative Marc Catlin, after being recognized by the Colorado General Assembly at Colorado's state capitol.

Dr. Frazzetta has chosen the San Juan Healthcare Foundation to receive the award’s \$10,000 donation to support health services in the Montrose schools. On March 4, Dr. Frazzetta was recognized at Colorado’s state capitol, where she was introduced on the floor of the House before the Colorado General Assembly for her exceptional volunteerism. Congratulations to Dr. Frazzetta!

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