

# 2017 NEBRASKA HUMANITARIAN AWARD: OMAHA PHYSICIAN HONORED FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Dr. Cristina Fernandez of Omaha is the 2017 recipient of COPIC Medical Foundation's Humanitarian Award in honor of Harold E. Williamson.

"She is the most giving person I have ever met," a former administrative assistant wrote in Dr. Fernandez's nomination letter. "She has been quintessential to the Omaha area as a leader in patient care, a teacher to residents and medical students, and an aid to the underserved population through her volunteer work."

Dr. Fernandez's notable contributions include participating in the Maya Community Health Collaborative in 2007, establishing a program like the that pairs medical students with first-time moms, and creating initiatives that promote healthy eating and activities.

Dr. Fernandez has chosen to give the \$10,000 grant associated with the award to Families in Action, a grassroots nonprofit organization in Omaha promoting health and education for Latino parents and children. Virginia McGill, Families in Action's Executive Director, looks forward to using the grant to support health-related services for their younger participants.



*Christina Fernandez, MD and Sandy Johnson of COPIC*

The Foundation would like to recognize the following physicians also nominated for the 2017 COPIC Humanitarian Award, whose efforts make a tremendous difference:

- Dr. David Dyke of Lincoln
- Dr. Jonathan Fuller of Omaha
- Dr. Richard Legge of Omaha
- Dr. Rowan Zetterman of Omaha

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

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