

2019 ACP -Minnesota Chapter Community Volunteer Award



Minnesota Doctors for Health Equity

This volunteer organization, established in 2017, has a mission of **“activating health professionals to work toward health equity.”** The organization invites MN physicians to join them in their advocacy and current membership is **184 physicians**. A majority of the MDHE Board are MN-ACP members and internists and/or med-peds physicians. These volunteer physicians have taken on advocacy for health policy, health equity, and increasing health care access with the following activities between 2017 and 2019:

- Opposed the Medicaid work requirement in 2018;
- Increased access to Hepatitis medications for Medicaid enrollees in 2019;
- Opposed elimination of the Minnesota Provider tax in 2019;
- Opposed the Title X Gag Rule change that recently went into effect and co-signed on letter to the editor with MN-ACP and MMA;
- Promoted the Immigrant protection Toolkit in conjunction with the Minnesota Immigration Health Alliance;
- Submitted letters to the Editor to advocate for health care policies such as paid medical leave, transparency in developing health care policy, expanding Minnesotacare and many more;
- Authored article published in MN Medicine on Health Equity, presented *“Physicians as Advocates: How You Can DO Something.”* At the U of M Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, sponsored three workshops for members, and collaborated with other organizations/coalitions.

Minnesota Doctors for Health Equity are donating their award of \$1000 to the **Simpson Housing** of Minneapolis, MN <https://www.simpsonhousing.org/>



Community Volunteer Award

The Community Volunteer Award honors an Internal Medicine physician and member of MN-ACP who exhibits a high degree of both personal and professional integrity. The recipient has demonstrated an active commitment to community service and may be recognized for a single significant community or volunteer achievement or a career of community volunteerism. The nominee's community/volunteer achievement is not a component of his/her paid employment or position and is not related to a specific political or religious affiliation. The award recipient's community/volunteer work has contributed to the sustainability of the community effort. Nominations are accepted at Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com by August 1st of each year. The recipient of the award selects a charity who will receive a check for \$1000 from MN-ACP in honor of the award winner.

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Udaya BS Prakash, MD, MACP- 2010

Thomas G. McLeod, MD, FACP -2011

Charles Reznikoff, MD, FACP-2012

David R. Hilden, MD, MPH, FACP- 2014

Peter T. Smyth, MD, FACP- 2015

Sarah M. Kesler, MD- 2016

LaPrincess C. Brewer, MD, MPH, FACC- 2017

Mark L. Wieland, MD, MPH, FACP- 2018

“I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy, I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy.”

-Mother Theresa-