

# MEDICAL MISSION HALL OF FAME

AWARDS PRESENTATION  
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COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM 2009



*Honoring those who serve humanity*



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AWARDS PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION

**The University of Toledo**

Atrium, Center for Creative Education

Health Science Campus

**March 28, 2009**

**7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Medical Mission Hall of Fame has been created to honor those individuals and/or organizations that have made significant and substantial contributions to advancing the medical well-being of their brothers and sisters throughout our world.

**The Medical Mission Hall of Fame Congratulates**

**THE 2009 INDUCTEES AND AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**2009 Medical Mission Hall of Fame Inductee**

**BRUCE C. STEFFES MD, MBA, FACS, FWACS**

*CEO, Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons*



*Bruce C. Steffes*

From Fayetteville, North Carolina to the farthest reaches of human existence, Dr. Bruce Steffes is truly on a medical mission.

It's a never-ending mission that started more than a decade ago, when a self-described "personal and spiritual crisis" changed Dr. Steffes' view of life's importance and sent him in pursuit of a bounty more significant than financial success.

Since then, Dr. Steffes has spent at least six months in each of a dozen or more countries. As a volunteer physician and general surgeon in Haiti, Belize, Guatemala, Brazil, Kenya, Uganda, Togo, Zambia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Angola, Papua New Guinea, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, Dr. Steffes has worked tirelessly to serve, protect and improve the

quality of life for countless citizens in the developing world.

Returning just this week from a two-month trip to Kenya, Zimbabwe, Thailand and the ship Africa Mercy off the coast of Benin, Dr. Steffes is unrelenting in his quest to expand the reach of modern health care.

In his current role as the Chief Executive Officer of the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons, Dr. Steffes is doing just that. Using rural mission hospitals in Africa, he is helping to train African physicians to become surgeons, as he says, "in Africa, for Africa and for a lifetime."

His medical career started at the University of Michigan College of Medicine. He then trained in general surgery at The University of Florida. When in the United States during breaks from his mission work, Steffes is the Surgeon-in-Residence at Methodist University Physician Assistant Program where he teaches anatomy, physiology and general surgery. He holds an assistant professorship in surgery from Loma Linda University and guest lectures at the West Virginia University Clinical Tropical Medicine and Parasitology Training Course.

In an effort to help rally attention and interest in the work of medical missionaries, Dr. Steffes speaks to church congregations, service groups and missionary conferences around the United States. He has also written two books on the subject, *Handbook for Short Term Medical Missionaries* published in 2002 and *Medical Missions: Get Ready, Get Set, GO!* published just this month.

Later this year Dr. Steffes will travel back to Togo to work in a hospital there and fly to Cameroon to continue his work of training the next generation of medical missionaries.

2009 Medical Mission Hall of Fame Inductee

**JOHN P. HOWE III MD**

*CEO, Project HOPE*



*John P. Howe III*

**D**r. John P. Howe III is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Project HOPE, a medical missionary organization started in 1958 with the help of President Dwight Eisenhower, a couple hundred bucks and the need to bring modern health care to the Third World.

At its inception, Project HOPE consisted of a refitted U.S. Navy hospital ship. The S.S. Hope, as it was called, would take American doctors, nurses and technologists around the world and afford them the opportunity to share their skills and knowledge with the people of developing nations.

Though the S.S. HOPE was retired in 1974, the land-based initiatives of the organization are stronger than ever. With Dr. Howe at the helm, Project HOPE's programs span more than 90 countries and focus on a variety of health-related fields.

In decreasing exposure to infectious disease by preventing its spread and promoting its proper treatment, Dr. Howe is giving people the tools they need to create self-sufficient healthcare systems. He's helping people help themselves.

Dr. Howe started helping people after graduating from the Boston University School of Medicine. He served two years in the Army Medical Corps and later completed the Health Systems Management Program at Harvard Business School.

He serves as the Chair of the Harvard College Board of Overseers Committee at the Medical School and the School of Dental Medicine. This, combined with his history of becoming the founding President for the Texas Society for Biomedical Research, being a member and past chair of the American Medical Association's Council on Scientific Affairs and being a past member of the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, has given Dr. Howe the connections indispensable to making Project HOPE a success.

These connections help train the staff necessary to operate hospitals and clinics, especially those targeted to the needs of children. These facilities provide a unique vehicle through which training resources can be focused, making the maximum contribution to the improvement of the health of children in developing nations.

They may no longer be physically located on the sea, but from South America to Africa, Asia and the Middle East, Dr. Howe and Project HOPE are continuing to ship medical knowledge and know-how across the world.

2009 Medical Mission Hall of Fame Inductee

**JEFFERY E. HECK MD**

*Founder and Executive Director, Shoulder to Shoulder*



*Jeffery E. Heck*

**I**t was probably pretty easy for Dr. Jeffery, Heck to name the charitable organization he founded in 1996. Six years before its official launch, he stood face to face and shoulder to shoulder with the members of poor, rural communities in Honduras, providing them with much-needed healthcare services.

Now his Shoulder to Shoulder organization is a network of partnerships between nine academic health centers and nine in-need communities, seven in Honduras and two in Ecuador and Tanzania.

Dr. Heck's interest in bringing modern health care to the Third World started a few years after he graduated from the Medical College of Ohio in 1979. Two trips to Kenya to relieve doctors covering a 200-bed hospital sent Dr. Heck on a mission to find, as he says, "a foothold where a long-term commitment could make a meaningful difference."

In 1990, he found that foothold. A trip to Central America while he was a clinical associate professor at the University of Cincinnati brought the problems of Santa Lucia, Honduras, to his attention. The nearest doctor in Santa Lucia was five hours away, ten when it rained: an unacceptable distance for a community with high risk factors for infectious disease and malnutrition.

But thanks to Dr. Heck's work and vision, these communities now have full-time medical and dental personnel. Dr. Heck and his organization also provide more than 2,500 children per day with clean water and food. They offer 165 scholarships to poor children to help advance their education and have enrolled 23 schools in a program that works to increase the self-esteem of young girls.

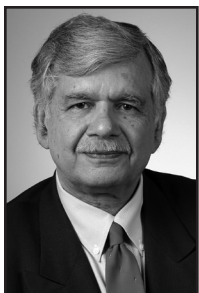
Currently a professor at the University of North Carolina, Dr. Heck holds the position of Director of Medical Education for Mission Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina where he is helping train the next generation of volunteers and surgeons in the field of international health.

Since the inception of Dr. Heck's program, more than 3,000 doctors, residents and volunteers have stood side by side with needy communities in rural Honduras and around the world, helping to shoulder the burden of health care.

## 2009 Lawrence V. Conway Distinguished Service Award

### S. AMJAD HUSSAIN MD

*Professor Emeritus, The University of Toledo*



*S. Amjad Hussain*

Every year for the past 33 years, Dr. Amjad Hussain has volunteered his time at Khyber Medical College in Peshawar, Pakistan.

During these three decades of service, Dr. Hussain has been a Visiting Professor at five universities around the planet. From Pakistan to Libya, India and Kentucky, Dr. Hussain has traveled the world, spreading the knowledge necessary to advance modern healthcare practices.

Dr. Hussain has published 50 papers in American and international medical literature and has also invented two surgical devices.

He graduated with distinction from Khyber Medical College in Peshawar, Pakistan, in 1962, and several years after completing his residency at Maumee Valley Hospital in Toledo, Dr. Hussain started his yearly volunteer visits to Pakistan.

In 1982, Dr. Hussain was appointed by the Government of Pakistan to serve on its Health Policy Panel where he helped to formulate a five-year health plan for the country.

He has also contributed his time to the Midwest Medical Mission, an organization that has been traveling to the Dominican Republic since 1974 to offer much-needed alternatives to expensive, low-quality health care. Midwest Medical Mission sends four teams, one per week during a month-long period, to the Dominican Republic, giving each team the chance to treat about 1,000 patients.

In addition to Dr. Hussain's interest in medical missionary, he is also an explorer. He founded Team Indus, a group aimed at the exploration of the Indus River in Pakistan and Tibet. In 1996, his team became only the third team to reach the source of the Indus River in the Kailas mountain ranges.

Currently, Dr. Hussain is Professor Emeritus in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at The University of Toledo College of Medicine. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for that university, the third largest in Ohio.

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## SPECIAL APPRECIATION

The foundations wish to express our special thanks and deep appreciation for the tremendous efforts of the UT Alumni Association staff in support of the Diller Foundation and the Medical Mission Hall of Fame Foundation. Our special thanks to Daniel J. Saevig, associate vice president of the UT Alumni Association, for his extraordinary work on behalf of our foundations. The Medical Mission Hall of Fame Foundation is now an official affiliate of the College of Medicine of The University of Toledo.

### **Students for Medical Mission Symposium Program**

**Saturday, March 28, 2009**

**8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Room 110, Health Education Building  
The University of Toledo, Health Science Campus**

Inductees of the Medical Mission Hall of Fame have been specially honored by The Board of Trustees of The University of Toledo. Each inductee has been designated as a "Distinguished Global Faculty of The University of Toledo."

The Students for Medical Missions, an organization affiliated with the College of Medicine of The University of Toledo, hosted a Medical Mission Symposium on the Health Science Campus of The University of Toledo. Program presenters included, among other honorees, the recipients of the class of 2009 Medical Mission Hall of Fame Foundation. The program began at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Each of the award recipients had an opportunity to discuss his or her medical missionary efforts and contributions to the underserved of the world.

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Toledo, Ohio

**The Medical Mission Hall of Fame Foundation**  
and  
**The Diller Foundation**

The Medical Mission Hall of Fame has been created to honor, through annual public awards ceremonies, those individuals and/or organizations that have made significant and substantial contributions to advancing the medical well-being of their brothers and sisters throughout the world.

It is fitting and appropriate that they be recognized for their noble humanitarian efforts. Additionally, it is hoped that these commendatory efforts will serve as an inspiration to others to actively participate in or support medical mission work activities and programs.

There are two types of Medical Mission Hall of Fame Awards: individual and organization awards.

Award recipients are selected by the Medical Mission Hall of Fame Selection Committee based on extensive and deliberate reviews of the endeavors and accomplishments of individuals and organizations in the medical mission field. Awards are announced and presented on an annual basis. The Diller Foundation is a conduit between those with resources and those with medical needs. The Diller Foundation is an organization dedicated to the coordination of benevolent health-care services. Its mission is to facilitate an efficient and effective deployment of health-care personnel, hospital and medical equipment, medicines and other healthcare resources to those who have underserved health care needs both domestically and internationally.

We welcome your voluntary efforts and financial support.

James G. Diller, MD, FACS  
Chairman  
**Diller Foundation**  
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