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AMA Foundation Honors Compassionate Physicians with Excellence in Medicine Awards

CHICAGO – The American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation will honor six physicians with awards representing the highest ideals of medical service in providing care to underserved patients. These physicians are recognized for their altruism, compassion, leadership, excellence, integrity and high ethical standards. The physicians will be presented with awards during the seventh annual Excellence in Medicine Awards dinner on March 9, 2009 preceding the AMA's National Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C.

AMA Recognizes Van's Founder with Excellence in Medicine Award



▲ Oriol, Dorsey, Blanc, and Bennet

March 9, 2009 in Washington, D.C., the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation honored Dr. Nancy Oriol, founder of The Family Van with an award for "Pride in the Profession" representing the highest ideals of medical service in providing care to underserved patients. She was one of six doctors across the nation who was recognized for her altruism, compassion, leadership, excellence, integrity and high ethical standards.

"These physicians make a difference in the lives of uninsured and under insured patients through efforts that range from providing mobile health clinics, to opening facilities in both cities and rural communities, to improving health care on a global level," commented AMA Foundation President Jean Howard. "They are selflessly volunteering their time, effort, knowledge and resources to improve people's health and well being, and I can not think of a more noble calling."

Jeffery Flier, MD, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Harvard Medical School who nominated her for the award said "Through Dr. Oriol's indefatigable effort and creativity, not only have her patients benefited, but underserved communities both local and far flung have been enriched. She is a clinician who is able to see beyond her own hospital, an educator who is able to see beyond her own campus, and a role model who is able to inspire the younger members of our profession."

About The Family Van

The Family Van is a mobile healthcare program designed to promote wellbeing, prevent chronic disease, and improve healthcare access. Our mission is to educate, counsel and screen men, women and youth about their health. As a vehicle-based, community outreach program, the Family Van offers free, culturally and linguistically appropriate health education, medical screenings, and innovative special programs directly to Boston neighborhoods with the poorest health outcomes.