

Family Medicine Teaching Excellence Award

I would like to nominate Dr. Bill Morehouse for a Teaching Excellence award because he embodies what he teaches through a consistent life of sacrificial love. A graduate of our very own Family Medicine Program at Highland in 1973, for almost forty years he has selflessly devoted himself to the physical and spiritual care of the underserved in our society, forgoing personal praise, fame, renown, and fortune.

Taking on the lowly and often unnoticed task of caring for those who have little status in our society, Dr. Morehouse founded His Branches Inc. with a vision for promoting healthy and whole communities. What began as a free community clinic has evolved to include Grace Family Medicine, Joy Family Medicine, Embracing Options, and Arnett Block Association providing full spectrum care for the community. In addition, the Arnett Block Association collaborates with local agencies to improve safety and develop a greater sense of community.

We are all aware of the problems of poverty, crime, and sickness that plague the inner city of Rochester. As a family physician, Dr. Morehouse has made it his life mission to draw his battle line on this hallowed ground. Not only does he work in the neighborhood, he also lives with his family just around the corner from the clinic. From my limited elective experience at Grace Family Medicine, I appreciated first-hand his medical knowledge and, more importantly, wisdom and compassion for patients. It is not easy to serve the poor, the "non-adherent" patient who has no idea how to put together their CPAP machine at home, whose smell from chronic smoking intoxicates your olfactory nerve fibers, or who came to you because no one else accepted their Medicaid insurance. One does not labor for almost 40 years in such an office because of material or financial compensation. Dr. Morehouse stands firm and fights this battle because he loves his patients, a love that is both real and palpable in its sacrificial expression!

To conclude, I would be remiss if I didn't mention his life as a loving husband and father, but, to keep from turning this into a 50-page thesis paper, the details will have to wait until the next nomination.

Thank you Dr. Morehouse - from Chanh Huynh '16

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 19:17

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Rochester AAFP Chapter awards dinner

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