

2024 IMS/Copic Physician Humanitarian Award: Dr. David Muller

Copic and the Iowa Medical Society (IMS) are proud to announce that Dr. David Muller is the 2024 recipient of the IMS/Copic Physician Humanitarian Award. Dr. Muller is a Cedar Rapids-based ophthalmologist who is recognized for his dedication to service and commitment to the needs of others.



Dr. Muller has volunteered at Community Health Free Clinic (CHFC) in some capacity since December 2006 and currently serves on the clinic's 2023-2024 Board of Directors as Vice President. CHFC is a volunteer-driven organization, with more than 1,630 volunteers working to forward the clinic's mission to alleviate human pain and suffering by providing access to and delivery of compassionate health care.

Dr. Muller is responsible for the opening of CHFC's eye clinic and volunteered his time treating patients there over the years. The idea for a designated eye clinic was envisioned by Dr. Muller and his wife, Amy. Through their generous support and generous support from the Hall-Perrine Foundation, CHFC was able to open an in-house eye clinic in 2008, which operated until March of 2020 (since COVID, CHFC eye services have moved to partner providers).

Dr. Muller's enthusiasm and many years of service have been instrumental in allowing CHFC to provide over 3,760 eye care services to the community. This degree of service has only been possible because of the resourcefulness, ingenuity, and dedication of volunteers like Dr. Muller.

Each year, the recipient of this award is asked to designate a \$10,000 donation from Copic to be provided to a health care-related nonprofit organization within their community. It comes as no surprise that Dr. Muller has designated CHFC as that recipient. The IMS/COPIC Physician Humanitarian Award was presented to Dr. Muller on April 19 at the Annual Meeting of the Iowa Medical Society.

To learn more about the Copic Humanitarian Award or to nominate a physician,
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