Patterson-Doherty Award

Recognizing an Extraordinary Legacy of Activism

For 40 years, Jeffrey Patterson, DO, was a family physician at the UW Department of Family Medicine and Community Health’s (DFMCH) Northeast Family Medical Center. He was deeply respected for his clinical excellence, his innovation in prolotherapy and osteopathic manipulative medicine, his dedication to teaching and his commitment to social justice.

Tragically, Jeff died unexpectedly in January 2014. The Jeff Patterson-Mary Doherty Award for Activism recognizes his legacy as an activist with his partner, Mary Doherty.

An International Leader

Jeff was known internationally as a board member and president of Physicians for Social Responsibility. He was also a member of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, an organization that received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.

For over 20 years, Jeff also served as medical director of the Hackett Hemwall Foundation. In that role, he and Mary Doherty organized medical trips to Honduras to teach prolotherapy and provide much-needed medical care there.

We invite you to help honor Jeff’s legacy.
About the Award

The Patterson-Doherty award recognizes an individual or group at the DFMCH’s Madison residency program who has promoted healthier and more resilient communities—locally, nationally or internationally. Recipients demonstrate substantial leadership and commitment in key aspects of social justice, such as:

- Climate stabilization;
- Nonviolent conflict resolution;
- Education and advocacy on the effects of nuclear proliferation;
- Compassionate care to marginalized people;
- Chronic pain treatment; or
- Other outreach activities that address the social and political issues that intersect with health.

Inaugural award winner Melissa Stiles, MD, has worked to reduce domestic violence and gun violence, is a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility and has advocated for universal health care with Physicians for a National Health Plan. She has also advocated for sustainable, local, and healthy food systems as a board member of Reap Food Group.

How Can You Help?

The Jeff Patterson-Mary Doherty Award for Activism is funded exclusively by donations. Your contribution will honor Jeff’s extraordinary legacy and support those who carry on his and Mary’s commitment to making the world a better place.

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