

# Medical Society of Milwaukee County: Announces 2019 award winners

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Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele and Dr. Barbara Horner-Ibler among recipients recognized at annual awards on March 9, 2019, at the Wisconsin Club benefitting Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

MILWAUKEE (Jan. 10, 2019) - The Medical Society of Milwaukee County (MSMC), an organization representing nearly 3,700 physicians and medical students, released its list of annual award winners, as selected by the MSMC board of directors:

## **Health Care Champion Award**

Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele

The MSMC established this prestigious award to recognize individuals who demonstrate extraordinary leadership, vision and commitment to advance health care at the city, county and/or state level. As Milwaukee County's torchbearer to help end chronic homelessness through the Housing First Initiative, Mr. Abele is a formidable leader who ensures that housing is made available to those most in need without pre-condition.

## **Community Impact Award**

Bob Burmeister - Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

The MSMC established this prestigious award to recognize individuals who provide leadership in advancing a critical health care topic on behalf of our community. Mr. Burmeister's hands-on leadership in advancing awareness of Milwaukee's homeless is exemplary and aligns with the MSMC's strategic initiatives to ensure that good health starts with basic needs such as food, clothing and housing.

### **Dr. Erastus B. Wolcott Distinguished Service Award**

Dr. Barbara Horner-Ibler – Bread of Healing Clinic/Care for the Underserved  
The MSMC established this esteemed award to recognize physicians who carry on the distinguished legacy of the MSMC's founder, Dr. Erastus B. Wolcott, who is honored with a statue in Lake Park. As stated of Dr. Wolcott, Dr. Horner-Ibler is also "Eminent in [her] profession. A lover of humanity. Who delights to serve."  
Medical Student Leader Award.

### **Megan Cory, Medical College of Wisconsin**

The MSMC established this significant award to recognize a dynamic medical student who has exemplified the attributes, skills and passion beyond academics to be a leader in the field of medicine, and as such is an inspiration to fellow medical students.

"Each of these award recipients lead by example," said Kathy Schmitz, MSMC Executive Director. "Their public health approach to addressing the greatest needs of our community is not only saving and improving lives, it is improving the health of our entire community. The Medical Society of Milwaukee is honored to recognize these four outstanding professionals at this year's event."

The annual awards program, presented by the MSMC and MSMC Foundation will give the public an opportunity to join the organization in honoring and recognizing the award recipients. The MSMC and MSMC Foundation are also honored to recognize this year's Presenting Sponsor, Network Health.

"At Network Health, we strive to help create healthy and strong Wisconsin communities," said Coreen Dicus-Johnson, president and chief executive officer of Network Health. "Our partnership with the MSMC and the MSMC Foundation allows us to live out our mission."

As the MSMC takes a lead to address the social determinants of health, proceeds from the live auction and fundraising at this year's dinner will support Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge to help the homeless in Milwaukee. More than 300 physicians, health care, businesses and community leaders will attend the event at the Wisconsin Club on March 9, 2019. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m., featuring delicious hors d'oeuvres, professional photographs by Babboni and cash bar. Dinner and program will begin at 7 p.m. The emcee for this year's event is Joyce Garbaciak, News Anchor, WISN-TV. The evening entertainment will be National Comedian Harry Freedman. The evening attire is dress business.

Sponsorships are still being accepted, and those interested in attending may register for the awards dinner online at [www.Medical19.givesmart.com](http://www.Medical19.givesmart.com). Register soon, as this year's event is expected to sell out again like it has in the past four years.

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### **About the Medical Society**

Established in 1846, the Medical Society of Milwaukee County is an organization of 3,700 physicians and medical students that provides leadership on critical health issues, such as prescription drug safety and social determinants of health including poverty, hunger and nutrition, and homelessness to improve the overall health status of the community. We believe physicians have a profound impact on our community.