

## Announcing the 2018

# Michael J. Daly, MD, Humanitarian Award



Dr. Michael J. Daly (1941-2010) was, from the start, destined for adventure. Born in Scotland, Mike was raised in Kenya, completed medical school in Ireland and residency in England. He later practiced in Kenya, England, Dubai and Saudi Arabia. In the mid-1970s, he was a British Red Cross surgeon in Cambodia, where he at once had his heart captured by Elizabeth, the woman who would soon become his wife, and who survives him and mothered their three daughters, and, where he was also captured, with more immediate and more immediately life-threatening consequences, by the Khmer Rouge. Mike's experiences during this time are depicted in the Oscar-winning film, *The Killing Fields*, in the guise of Dr. MacEntire.

In 1988, Mike made his way to Cedar Rapids, where he practiced as a general surgeon until his retirement in 2007. Along the way, he became a friend to many in greater Cedar Rapids, not just to his fellow physicians and to his own staff, but to nurses, volunteers and, most especially, to patients. During this time, too, Mike was particularly devoted to teaching, with many a Family Medicine resident having had the privilege of working — and learning — at his side, this Program Director among them, me blessed all the more by knowing Mike and his family as friends.

To honor Mike, to honor all that he accomplished in his lifetime, to honor all the good that he himself exemplified in the practice of medicine, the Cedar Rapids Family Medicine Residency instituted the Michael J. Daly, MD, Humanitarian Award in 2011, conferring it annually since.

## The Award

The award, *The Thistle*, will be presented at the graduation ceremony of the Cedar Rapids Family Medicine Residency in late June.



## Purpose

To each year recognize a Cedar Rapids community physician who exhibits the kind of courage, compassion and love for life that Dr. Michael Daly himself exemplified.

## Criteria

- A physician practicing in the Cedar Rapids community, or in the broader community, who also:
  - In practice exemplifies the values of Dr. Michael Daly, whether through service to the local population or through volunteerism elsewhere, and, specifically in the areas of professional service and personal sacrifice
  - Is committed, overall, to the greater good
- Alternatively, a physician who once practiced in the Cedar Rapids community and who meets the above criteria by prior or current experience

## Nominating Process

- Complete and submit the attached nomination form to Dr. Dónal Kevin Gordon
- Feel free to include any other supporting documents, e.g. letters, newspaper articles, curriculum vitae

## Selection Committee

Selection will be internal to the residency program, specifically to faculty.

## Deadline for Nominations

**Friday, May 18, 2018**

**Sponsoring Institution:** Cedar Rapids Family Medicine Residency

**Contact:** [dgordon@crmef.org](mailto:dgordon@crmef.org)

The Michael J.  
Daly, MD,  
Humanitarian  
Award

**Nomination Form**

Please complete this form and return, with any supporting materials, by Friday, May 18, 2018, to Dr. Dónal Kevin Gordon's inbox on his desk, or scan and e-mail to [dgordon@crmef.org](mailto:dgordon@crmef.org), or fax to his attention at 319.297.2280...

**Nominator:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Supporting Information:**

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