



GRINDSTONE AWARD



2010

Dr. Edward White

The strength of a community is reflected by the civic mindedness of its citizens, strong leadership, and its humanitarian outreach. Dr. Edward White, selected as the recipient of the 2010 Grindstone Award, represents the best of each. Words to describe him would be: leader, friend, humanitarian, scholar, and teacher.

Born in 1933 in Iodi, Ohio, Ed White's family first moved to Berea when his father accepted the position as Director of Admissions at Baldwin-Wallace College. Eventually moving to Medina, and it was there that Ed White attended Medina High School, graduating in 1951.

After Dr. White's high school graduation, he attended Baldwin Wallace College and received his Bachelor's Degree in 1955. He began his studies in pre-med at Western Reserve University in 1955 and graduated in 1959. Following his graduation from Western Reserve University Medical School, a two-year Rotating Internship at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York, not only provided him with his first professional training, but it was there that he met and married his wife, Diane.

In 1963 well-known Berea physician, the late Dr. Robert Lechner, asked Ed to become one of the physicians in his office. Located at 10 Beech St., it was there that he got started in his practice. Soon realizing that living and practicing medicine in Berea was right for them, he and Diane purchased their first home and began raising a family.

Community involvement has always been a major focus of Ed's life. He actively worked in the B-W Student Health Center for 44 years and was its director from 1971 until he retired in 2007. He served as president of the Berea United Fund from 1971 to 1974 and the Berea City Schools'

Board of Education from 1973 to 1985, serving as its president from 1979 to 1983. He has also served on the National Ski Patrol, Francis Payne Bolton School of Nursing as a member of the Visiting Committee, a Trustee for the Berea Children's Home and Family Services from 1990 to the present, the United Way Medical Division Committee Chairman from 1995 to 2001, Berea City Schools Health Advisory Committee from 1996 to 1999, volunteered as a tutor at Willow Elementary School in Cleveland, the Medical Director of Southwest Neighborhood Care Center (Free Clinic) from 2006 to the present, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Berea.

Although Dr. White's honors are too numerous to list, they include the Alumni Trustee Award, CWRU Medical Alumni Association in 1989; chosen as "Clinician of the Year" by his peers at the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland in 1994, and the CWRU Family Practice Medicine Teaching Award in 1993. He was inducted into the Berea City Schools Hall of Fame in 2002, Southwest General Hospital's "Emeritus Medical Staff" in 2007, and received Southwest General Hospital's "Mighty Oak Award" in December, 2007. Until Ed's selection as the 2010 Berea Grindstone Award recipient, the awards of which he has been most proud are his induction into the Berea Schools Hall of Fame, being selected as "Clinician of the Year" and the "Mighty Oak Award."

For many years, he and Diane have enjoyed hosting foreign students from many nations around the world. Although they have lost count as to how many they have hosted, at least twenty students have lived with the Whites during the time in which they spent studying in the United States. Many have remained their friends and are regular visitors at the "White House."

Ed and his wife, Diane, enjoy skiing, traveling, and their church choir. He and several life-long friends run daily, and he was a member of the Berea Community Band. At the end of October, 2010, Ed and Diane will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They have four sons and 10 grandchildren.

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