

The Distinguished Alumni Award

OF

Northern Michigan University

IS PRESENTED TO

Dr. Stephen P. Klinker

In recognition of his tireless dedication to improving the health and welfare of Third World citizens.

Choosing to devote his life to providing dental service and improving the well-being of all people, he has worked diligently to fulfill that commitment in his Texas practice.

In 1988, he and an associate founded the Central America Medical and Dental Foundation, which provides medical, dental, optometric and chiropractic care for needy Central Americans. Through their efforts, they have defied the myth that one person's voice cannot be heard. More than 50,000 residents of Honduras alone have been treated for medical and dental disorders as a result of more than a dozen trips to that area.

With no budget, but with donated medicine, supplies and equipment and a dedicated volunteer corps, the Central America Medical and Dental Foundation provides treatment for between 7,000 and 10,000 men, women and children in each of the week-long trips. Dr. Klinker's endeavors have been noticed on a national level. In 1989, he was the recipient of the American Institute for Public Service Gold Jefferson Award, which is given annually by the U.S. Department of State to the five outstanding volunteers in the United States. In December of that year, he was selected by *Esquire* magazine to be included among the handful of 1989 additions to its annual Register of the nation's leaders.

Dr. Klinker's humanitarian accomplishments reflect a commitment to a deeper cause than most people can fathom. He serves as an inspiration to us all, and his exemplary performance is most deserving of this honor and praise.

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