Board News From The Executive Director

In a recent publication, *Contemporary Pediatrics* (1988; 5:2-5), one of our colleagues, Dr. George Sturtz, is featured for his voluntary work in helping the "working poor." Dr. Sturtz, a pediatrician and member of the American Board of Family Practice Board of Directors, is cited for his efforts for those whom he calls, "the people that even God forgot," the working poor who do not qualify for governmental medical benefits and are not making enough money to afford regular medical care.

Dr. Sturtz, with the help of community leaders founded the "North Country Children's Clinic," a nonprofit organization that has been recognized by Governor Cuomo of New York as well as Senator Daniel Moynahan.

In the *Contemporary Pediatrics* article, "Remembering the 'children that God forgot,'" Dr. Sturtz is recognized as "sort of a soul father to the clinic, a patron saint as well as a patron." Dr. Sturtz has provided training for nurses, supervised medical services, and treated children who otherwise had no physician. He, according to the article, "convinced skeptical physicians and community leaders of the importance of preventive health care for their children." In addition to rendering medical care to the children, there are other programs in the clinic, including an adolescent pregnancy program and a car seat loan program.

Dr. Sturtz, an ex-Marine World War II pilot, graduated from the Georgetown University School of Medicine and trained at the Mayo Clinic. He is a valuable contributor to the American Board of Family Practice and is one who can be called on any time for help and guidance. We salute *Contemporary Pediatrics* for honoring this remarkable physician, whom we call our friend and colleague; one who indeed "puts his money where his mouth is."

Another colleague, Dr. Robert Avant, who is currently president of the American Board of Family Practice has been again honored for his contributions to the Mayo Clinic. Bob has received the "Faculty Recognition Award" for contribution to the education of Mayo medical students. He has been advisor for more medical students than any other faculty member.

Incidentally, Mayo has been hovering above the one-fifth mark in producing students entering family practice. We bow to Bob Avant for his fine work at one of our country's prestigious medical institutions.

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