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## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

### **Hari S. Conjeevaram, M.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine*



Hari S. Conjeevaram's dedication to community service began 20 years ago, spans three continents and often is conducted at personal expense and risk. Repeatedly, colleagues and members of the community use the words "selfless" and "loving" to describe Dr. Conjeevaram's contributions and service.

As part of the Sri Sathya Sai Service Organization whose mission is selfless service with love, Dr. Conjeevaram conducts and supervises medical camps and soup kitchens in the United States and India. In 1998, he began traveling at least once a year to remote villages in the poorest part of southeast India, using his vacation time and personal resources to provide health screen-

ing, education and care.

In 2005, shortly after the Indian Ocean tsunami hit Sri Lanka, Dr. Conjeevaram traveled to Sri Lanka to help assess distressed areas, volunteer medical help and plan for future efforts to serve the people affected. When he returned to the United States, he served as a physician mentor and advisor to the Ross School of Business on University of Michigan's Tsunami Response Project.

Last year, in response to Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Conjeevaram volunteered his time on weekends from October through December to provide health screening and medical care to displaced people. He helped organize a health clinic in a local church and worked in other health clinics set up by volunteers from across the U.S. In addition to medical service, he also helped young adults organize non-medical relief efforts that provided food and clothing to citizens, and cleaned and repaired homes. He helped to organize the S.A.I. Katrina Project with young adults from several states to provide relief efforts including medical service for people affected by Katrina in the state of Mississippi.

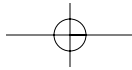
This year, he was part of a medical team that organized a health camp for displaced and battered women at a Fort Wayne, Indiana, clinic where he provided much-needed health screening and health education. He also went on a Medical Service Mission to Guyana, South America, with 54 medical doctors and other health care workers from the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Dr. Conjeevaram's volunteer work even extends to cyberspace. In 2004, he gave medical advice to patients on the Web via the Hepatitis Neighborhood Web site.

Closer to home, Dr. Conjeevaram works as a voluntary faculty physician at the Ashley Clinic, providing care to patients at the Delonis Shelter, as well as teaching medical students who assist in that clinic.

In inner-city Detroit, he organized two education and screening health fairs and rallied medical students, residents, fellows and local community members to participate.





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In recognition of his volunteer work, Dr. Conjeevaram has received the University of Michigan Hospitals Shining Hero Award and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation's Humanism in Medicine Award.

One of his colleagues says, "It is refreshing to know that one of our own faculty cares enough to sacrifice his highly precious time and personal resources for the less privileged here and abroad."

In addition to serving the community, Dr. Conjeevaram is a role model and inspiration to medical students. Among his many teaching awards are the Nu Sigma Nu Award for Teaching, the Lotus Award from the Asian American Medical Student Community and the H. Marvin Pollard Award for outstanding teaching of residents.

*Dr. Conjeevaram says, "I like to spend time with my wife and children, whether it is at home or traveling with them. The rest of the time I am working my mind and trying to see what I can do next to help others who need help – and encourage my family to do the same. The best relaxation for me is to go out and 'serve.' Seeing a smile in another person when you 'serve with love' is the greatest joy for me.*

*"I want to thank the divine in all of us for showing me that being able to serve others with love is the greatest gift I have. I want sincerely to thank my late father, Dr. Rama Murthy, who taught me that helping others is our duty in life. I also want to thank my mother, Dr. Sarojini, my loving wife, Lata, and our children, Sai and Nishita, for encouraging me and supporting me as I travel the globe in my desire to serve others. I hope my children follow the same path and spend their lives helping others."*

