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## **Justin V. Bartos III, M.D., named Physician of the Year**

AUSTIN, TEXAS — Justin V. Bartos III, M.D., of North Richland Hills, Texas, has been awarded the highest honor among family doctors in Texas by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Bartos was named the 2012 Texas Family Physician of the Year during TAFP’s Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Austin on July 14. Each year, patients and physicians nominate extraordinary family physicians throughout Texas, and a panel of TAFP members chooses one as the Family Physician of the Year.

Dr. Bartos currently serves as medical director of the Dr. David Pillow Senior Health Clinic in North Richland Hills, where he provides comprehensive geriatric care for Medicare patients. He also serves as a physician for the Medical Clinic of North Texas – North Richland Hills and as medical director of cardiac rehab at North Hills Hospital. He previously practiced for more than 25 years at North Hills Family Medicine, providing multigenerational care in the private practice setting, and has also served as medical director of the Bishop Davies Nursing Center, medical director of Bishop Hospice, and chief of staff at North Hills Hospital.

His nominators specifically identified his outstanding advocacy for his patients and in the political arena, and for his passion for the advancement of the specialty. Dr. Bartos has been a leader at the local, state, and national levels of organized medicine. Within AAFP, he has served as alternate delegate and delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates since 2003 and served on the AAFP Commission on Practice Enhancement. Within TAFP, he has served as president, on the board of directors, and on numerous other committees and commissions.

However, as he told attendees of the awards lunch, “Even though I received this award for a lot of things I do outside of the office, I still feel like I should dedicate this award to my patients. They make me.”

His patients praise his empathy and compassion, patience and wisdom, and genuine concern for their overall wellbeing. One patient describes a challenging health event 20 years ago during which Dr. Bartos provided care and hope. Dr. Bartos is still very active in her life and her husband’s life, and she wrote one of his nomination letters. “He listens to what we say, he knows what he is doing, he is very

thorough, he explains things well, he really cares about his patients, and he goes the extra mile. Most importantly, being a doctor is not just a job to him, it is a calling.”

In addition to providing comprehensive, compassionate, and caring family medicine, Dr. Bartos is known for his dedication to quality. He has been certified as an ACLS provider (advanced cardiovascular life support) and received his certificate of recognition for diabetes care from the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

In his community, Dr. Bartos has served as the physician advisor for schools in the Diocese of Fort Worth since 1995 and on the Tarrant County Hospital District Board. He has been a member of the Northeast Leadership Forum since 2002. He previously served as president of the Diocese of Fort Worth School Advisory Council and served many years as a council member.

Dr. Bartos was awarded his medical degree by the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and completed a family medicine residency with the Tarrant County Hospital District, John Peter Smith Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program.

He and his wife of 35 years, Sheryl, have three daughters.

Criteria for the TAFP Physician of the Year award requires that candidates be compassionately dedicated to their patients; active in their communities; and act as a credible, invaluable role model as a professional in the science and art of medicine. The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is honored to name Dr. Justin Bartos the 2012-2013 Family Physician of the Year.

*The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. It has 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit [www.tafp.org](http://www.tafp.org) for more information.*