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Lewis E. Foxhall, MD, honored for philanthropy in medicine

DALLAS, TEXAS — Lewis E. Foxhall, MD, of Houston, Texas was named the 2016 Philanthropist of the Year by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Foundation during the 2016 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Dallas on Nov. 5.

Dr. Foxhall is a family physician, professor, and senior leader at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Throughout his career, he has been a leader in organized medicine on all levels, including serving as TAFP president and on the Texas Medical Association Board of Trustees.

He served as director of the Texas Statewide Family Medicine Preceptorship Program for more than a decade and remains a vocal champion of student interest activities. The preceptorship program matches medical students with an experienced family physician for a two- to four-week period to help them gain real-life experience in a community setting. By participating in a family medicine preceptorship, students have the opportunity to explore what being a family physician is really about and many have decided to pursue family medicine as a result of their participation.

Foxhall has served on the Foundation's Board of Trustees for close to 25 years including seven years as treasurer and is a generous monthly donor who reached the fifth level of our monthly donor program in 2015.

The TAFP Foundation Philanthropist of the Year Award was initiated in 1995 to recognize physicians whose contributions have made a significant impact in fulfillment of the TAFP Foundation mission: to support the educational and scientific initiatives for the specialty of family medicine and to improve the health of all Americans.

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 for more information.