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**Adrian Billings, MD, PhD, honored for philanthropy in medicine**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — Adrian Billings, MD, PhD, FAAFP, of Alpine, Texas, was named the 2019 Texas Academy of Family Physicians Philanthropist of the Year during TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands on Nov. 9. The 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 family medicine research and future family physicians.

Billings is a generous donor to the TAFP Foundation, but he also embodies its mission through the work he does on a daily basis. He’s been a full-spectrum family physician providing care in West Texas for more than 10 years. In that time, he’s precepted more than 250 medical students and 40 residents. He is Chief Medical Officer of the Presidio County Health Service and the Medical Director of the local EMS. He serves on the National Advisory Council to the National Health Service Corps and his local school board, and he is the director of the Texas Family Medicine Preceptorship Program. He leaves a lasting impression on the students who rotate with him – both for his patient care and the service he provides to the community. He is a role model for them and they eagerly sing his praises.

“Time is the most precious commodity we have. It’s sometimes easier to write a check than to carve out time in our busy lives. Adrian does both,” said Linda Siy, MD, chair of the TAFP Foundation Board of Trustees.

Family physicians like Billings are qualified to work in all major medical areas and are trained to treat more than 90 percent of all cases they encounter. Family physicians care for patients of all ages.

*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 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit [www.tafp.org](http://www.tafp.org) for more information.*