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Lesca Hadley, MD, MBA honored for philanthropy in medicine

GRAPEVINE, TEXAS — Lesca Hadley, MD, of Cleburne, Texas, was named the 2022 Texas Academy of Family Physicians Philanthropist of the Year during TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Grapevine on Oct. 29. 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.

Hadley has been faculty at John Peter Smith Health Network since 2003 and currently serves as the director of the geriatrics fellowship. She has served on the TAFP Foundation Board of Trustees since 2015 and is quick to volunteer her time to the Foundation. She is also heavily involved with the Texas Geriatrics Society.

“Years ago, I decided caring for the vulnerable would be my personal mission in life, and I have been blessed beyond my imagination to have had the opportunity to provide patient care and medical education in places across Texas and around the world,” Hadley said. “Some would call what I do work, but to me it is just fun, pure joy.”

Hadley was unable to be in person Oct. 29 to receive the award, as she was in Kyrgyzstan to teach family medicine at a new training program. She previously worked with Russian family physicians and frequently takes students across the globe on medical mission trips.

In addition to her leadership, Hadley is a very generous financial supporter. She is at the Trailblazer level of giving in TAFP’s cumulative donor program.

Family physicians like Hadley are qualified to work in all major medical areas and 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 for more information.