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Lakeland Volunteers In Medicine Announces Opening of Second Annual Medical Awards Nominations

It's not often physicians in Polk County are recognized for improving the health of our community. For this reason, Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine is proud to announce open nominations to recognize area physicians for their achievements in medical research and community service. For the second year in a row, Dr. Ed Goodemote, from Radiology Imaging Specialists, is heading a panel that is overseeing the nomination and selection process. The two main awards will honor Polk County physicians who have made a significant impact in community health. The awards will again be presented at the VIP Derby dinner following LVIM's premier community event, The Lakeland Derby.

Nominations for these prestigious awards are encouraged from physicians and non-physicians and must be submitted by January 31st, 2009. Nomination forms are available online at www.thelakelandderby.com

The 2008 inaugural Polk County award recipients were Dr. Douglas Scott Reintgen for Medical Research and Dr. Thomas McMicken for Medical Community Service. Additionally, Dr. Glotfelty was recognized as the LVIM Physician of the Year and Dr. Gregory Scott as the LVIM Dentist of the Year.

ABOUT THE LAKELAND DERBY

The Tradition continues...

The Lakeland Derby is an annual "Derby" event staged on beautiful Lake Mirror in downtown Lakeland. With the entertaining style of the event and the competitive spirit of the race, the Derby again promises to be a memorable occasion in 2009. Adding to the excitement, the Derby is scheduled just one week prior to the famous Kentucky Derby on Friday, April 24th, 2009.

The Lakeland Derby captures the thrill of a race and the purity of sports entertainment in a hometown setting. The true essence of the Derby is the reward of knowing the proceeds will support Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine, a vital local charity.

Derby gates open at 4:30pm with entertainment, concessions, and under card races. The beautiful hand-crafted swans, each sporting their own company sponsored jockey, will race to the finish line as spectators enjoy the second annual Lakeland Derby. The event benefits Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine, a non-profit medical clinic serving the working uninsured of Polk County.

LVIM's Chief Administrative Officer, Bobby Yates, believes this premier event will generate more awareness of the level of quality medical services in our community.

“We are thrilled to be having a community event of this scope and to be able to recognize area physicians who have made significant contributions to medical science and to our community.”

ABOUT LVIM:

LVIM provides free medical, dental and mental health services to eligible working uninsured residents of Polk County through the volunteer participation of doctors, various health specialists, technicians and administrative volunteers.

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