

PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Jean L. Arthur receives Rhode Island Dental Association Humanitarian Award

Dr. Jean L. Arthur of Providence was presented with the Rhode Island Dental Association (RIDA) Humanitarian Award at the Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island Dental Association on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, held at the Westin Providence Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island.

The RIDA “Good Citizenship” Award is granted to that person who has exhibited outstanding public service to improve the quality of human life; providing leadership and volunteer efforts that reflect favorably upon the profession of dentistry, and whose acts of kindness exhibit a significant inspiration to members of the dental profession and are beneficial to the community.

It is Dr. Arthur’s life-long commitment to public service that is noteworthy. Since 1982, early in her professional career, Dr. Arthur began volunteering her dental services. Over the past 27 years she has provided dental care to the under-served in the United States and to people in numerous foreign countries with no access to dental care. In 2004 Dr. Arthur started a free clinic, “Good Shepherd Dental Care” at the Providence Rescue Mission for working poor adults with no dental insurance. Currently six dentists and numerous hygienists and dental assistants volunteer their services. To date over \$700,000 in free dental care has been provided to the poor in Rhode Island.

Dr. Arthur has rendered outstanding public and clinical services to improve the quality of human life and oral health, domestically and abroad. Her service has been beyond the scope of private practice and the usual functions of organized dentistry.

Dr. Arthur, the first recipient of this prestigious award, earned her dental degree from Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1980 and holds a certificate in Esthetic Dentistry from Case Western Reserve University. She is married to Dr. Stephen Allen, also a dentist, and resides in Barrington, Rhode Island.