

## Presentation of Mayo Clinic Alumni Association Awards

*These awards are designed to honor the significant contributions by Mayo Clinic alumni to humanity and to the medical profession. Recipients are nominated by their peers, with the awards presented at the biennial meetings of the Mayo Clinic Alumni Association.*

### Mayo Clinic Alumni Association Humanitarian Award

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#### John P. Creasman, M.D.

John P. Creasman, M.D., has been awarded the 2005 Mayo Clinic Alumni Association Humanitarian Award for his work in

establishing regular medical care in a small Mexican community, as well as offering his skills and materials in underserved areas of Africa, the South Pacific and South America.

Dr. Creasman was born in Miami, Arizona, and received his medical degree from Baylor University College of Medicine. After an internship, Dr. Creasman served in the U.S. Air Force as a flight surgeon from 1964 to 1966. He followed his military service with a residency in ophthalmology at Mayo Clinic from 1966 to 1969, and completed a fellowship in ophthalmology at Ahmadu Bello University, Guinness Ophthalmic Clinic in Kaduna, Nigeria, sponsored by Mayo Graduate School, in 1970.

He returned to his home state in 1971 to enter a private practice in Mesa, Arizona. It was shortly after his return to Arizona that Dr. Creasman learning of an opportunity to help the residents of Vera Cruz, Mexico, a small community south of Yuma, Arizona. Over the past 30 years, he has recruited a dentist, a family practitioner and a nurse practitioner to fly with him to this community to provide care. He has also recruited others to assist in community building projects.

Dr. Creasman has also volunteering his time, skills and money to help humanitarian efforts in Mexico, Africa, Micronesia and Equador. Today, he dedicates several trips each year to Ciudad Victoria to do ophthalmologic surgery for needy patients in the region.

Dr. Creasman joined the Mayo Clinic Scottsdale staff in 1987, where he continues as an assistant professor in ophthalmology. He has twice served as chair of the Department of Ophthalmology, Mayo Clinic Arizona.

