



The Gene Parks, M.D., Community Volunteer Service Award

The Gene Parks, M.D., Community Volunteer Service Award is given for exemplary volunteer service to Westside Family Health Center. It is named for Dr. Gene Parks, Westside Family Health Center's medical director since 1985.

Dr. Parks graduated with honors from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine in 1972. He completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology and has been in private practice in Marina del Rey since 1976.

Dr. Parks has dedicated his career to providing quality healthcare to women. Since 1980 he has been a volunteer physician at South Bay Family Health Care Center and the UCLA School of Medicine. He is a lecturer at the UCLA Harbor General Hospital Nurse Practitioner program and Vice-President of the UCLA OB-GYN Clinical Faculty Association. He co-founded the Small Step Obstetrical program providing free OB care to Westside Family Health Center patients from 1992 to 1996. He has been an expert medical consultant for the Medical Board of California since 1980.

Since 1988, Dr. Parks has been a member of the Obstetrics Committee at Saint John's Health Center. He retired from WFHC's board of directors in 2006.

Gene Parks, M.D., Community Volunteer Service Award winners:

2002: Dr. Gene Parks, M.D.

2003: Michelle Williams

2004: Christoph M. Heinicke, Ph.D

2005: No honoree

2006: Young Grannies: Binky Patrol, Santa Monica Chapter (Organization); Cheryl McDonald, Karen ("Kiwi") Burch and Josephine Burch (Family); and Sandy Silver (Individual)

2007: No honoree