

The Dr. Sebastian Russo Memorial Award

Purpose

The Dr. Sebastian Russo Award was created by the Baltimore City Health Department in 2007 to recognize healthcare providers who have made significant contributions to their fields by providing dedicated and compassionate service to low-income individuals and families.

This award honors Dr. Sebastian Russo, a Baltimore City family physician known for tireless and devoted service to his patients. Over his long career, Dr. Russo exemplified a commitment to reducing barriers to health care access. Before his tragic death in 1981, he was embraced by his community, who recognized the value of a physician who made house calls, learned multiple languages to communicate more effectively with patients, and charged only when patients were truly able to pay.

Eligibility

Any active Baltimore City health care provider may be nominated for the Dr. Sebastian Russo Memorial Award.

Guidelines

1. To nominate a healthcare provider for the Dr. Sebastian Russo Memorial Award, please complete and submit the nomination form. Nominations must include a descriptive narrative of no more than 500 words, detailing the qualities and accomplishments of the nominee. Additional letters of support may be submitted with the nomination form, but are not required.
2. The deadline for nomination submissions is May 28, 2010. Completed forms may be faxed to 410-396-8457 (Attn: NiiAmah Stephens), or mailed to:

Dr. Russo Award Selection Committee
c/o NiiAmah Stephens
Baltimore City Health Department
1001 E. Fayette St.
Baltimore, MD 21202

3. Copies of nomination forms are available at <http://www.baltimorehealth.org/russoaward>.
4. The award will be presented to the winner at an award ceremony.