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2010 David Satcher Community Health Improvement Awards

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On March 22, 2010 the University of Rochester Medical Center hosted the 2010 Dr. David Satcher Community Health Improvement Awards "SPECIAL GRAND ROUNDS". The event centered around the presentation of inaugural awards to honor four individuals for their commitment and dedication to community health. Honorees included Dr. Peter Szilagyi, Dr. Katrina Smith Korfmacher, Mardy Sandler, and Senator Jim Alesi.

During the ceremony, an honorary award was given to New York State Senator Jim Alesi for his advocacy and support for outreach and health education programs aimed at underserved populations. Senator Alesi has sought and secured funding for the Center for Community Health's Healthy Living Program, a fitness and health education program that works with the African American and Latino communities, and the Healthy Living Library, a unique educational resource dedicated to health and wellness.

"Senator Jim Alesi has been a champion for those at greatest risk for poor health," said Bradford C. Berk, M.D., Ph.D., CEO of URMC. "Thanks to his foresight and steadfast support for the Center for Community Health these programs are making a difference and improving the health of the most vulnerable in our community."

"I am honored to receive award and it has been my privilege to advocate and secure funding for many community health initiatives," said Senator

Alesi. "I strongly support the mission of the UPMC Center for Community Health and their efforts on education and prevention. This organization recognizes the importance of and focuses on reaching the underserved population in our community to combat diseases such as diabetes and obesity. Hopefully, we can teach younger people to establish healthy lifestyles, thereby improving the quality of life for future generations."