

Champions for Children

William Farris, MD



has been selected to receive the Division of Specialized Care for Children's Outstanding Physician Champions for Children Award on July 19, 2007. This award recognizes distinguished professionals who have had a positive impact on children with special health care needs by partnering collaboratively with DSCC.

For nearly 70 years, DSCC has served over one million families in Illinois. During this time we have had the privilege of working with many individuals who have been strong advocates for children with special needs. The Champions for Children Award is being given to Dr. Farris to recognize him for his many outstanding contributions and commitment to children with special health care needs.

Dr. Farris was a member of the DSCC Medical Advisory Board for 17 years, beginning in 1989 and continuing until his retirement in 2006. During this time, he was a staff pediatric neurologist at the Carle Clinic in Urbana. As a member of the DSCC Advisory Board, he was asked on numerous occasions to provide comment and advice to the DSCC Director on complex neurological conditions. His contributions to the Board reflected his philosophy in caring for patients.

Dr. Farris advocated strongly for his patients; he accepted all patients: the indigent, the difficult to deal with, and the hard to manage. He often continued to follow his patients long after they outgrew the need for his expertise. Some regarded him as their primary care medical home physician. His colleagues regarded him with high respect and as an outstanding resource for difficult clinical problems requiring the most expert care. He never made any distinction whether patients were private pay, Medicaid or DSCC. He was deeply devoted to DSCC, both as a Board member and as a neurologist treating DSCC clients for many years. DSCC is very appreciative of his services.

DSCC is honored to present Dr. Farris with a certificate recognizing his commitment and dedication to children with special health care needs. His name will be placed on a plaque that is displayed in the reception area of the DSCC Central Office in Springfield, IL representing the 2007 Outstanding Physician for the DSCC Champions for Children Award.