

Jessie F. Richardson Foundation Ladd Award recognizes Housecall Providers founder Dr. Benneth Husted

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PORTLAND, OR—The Jessie F. Richardson Foundation (JFR) has selected Dr. Benneth Husted as the 2011 recipient of its Ladd Award for Home and Community Based Care. Dr. Husted is founder and medical director of Housecall Providers, a Portland, OR-based nonprofit that provides primary medical care and hospice services for homebound adult patients.

In selecting her for the award, the Foundation said: “Since 1995, Dr. Husted has worked tirelessly to help older adults, particularly those difficult to serve in traditional medical networks. Housecall Providers

has helped countless older adults to remain in less restrictive environments and receive the medical care they need. Housecall Providers is unique among health care providers, known for sending physicians to the settings where their patients live. For many, particularly those with chronic physical and mental conditions, this makes the difference in their ability to remain in more independent settings.

“Dr. Husted’s vision and commitment to increase access to medical care for this type of patient has resulted in wide recognition and admiration of Housecall Providers.”

Jessie F. Richardson was the mother of Keren Brown Wilson, who founded the JFR Foundation and co-founded Concepts in Community Living (CCL) with her spouse, Michael DeShane. CCL manages The Taft Home, a residential community serving low income older and disabled adults in downtown Portland.

Dr. Husted holds a D.O. degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and is board certified in family practice by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. She began making medical house calls as a sole practitioner in 1992, and incorporated Housecall Providers in 1995. Over the years, she has cared for numerous residents of The Taft Home. Currently, family nurse practitioner J.C. Provost, a lead clinician for Housecall Providers, serves as the “house doc” for The Taft.

Dr. Husted said she was honored to receive the award, particularly coming from an organization she has long admired.

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“Many thanks to Keren Brown Wilson, president of the JFR Foundation, for this acknowledgement, and to Mauro Hernandez, CEO of CCL, who nominated me,” Dr. Husted said. “Our organizations are both dedicated to providing access to basic services for underserved populations, particularly older adults. I am very grateful to receive recognition from the Foundation, which plays such a vital role in our community.”

About the Ladd Award and the Jessie F. Richardson Foundation

The Ladd Award for Home and Community Based Care is given annually to an individual who helps the Jessie F. Richardson Foundation create and disseminate evidence-based, sustainable and replicable approaches which improve the lives of vulnerable older adults, particularly in developing areas. JFR is committed to approaches that enhance internal capacity and promote sustainable solutions to problems adversely impacting the quality of life of elders. Its founder, Dr. Keren Brown Wilson, also founded Concepts in Community Living, a Portland-based company serving older adults in the Northwest and California.

About Housecall Providers

Housecall Providers is a primary care medical practice which offers in-home physician and nurse practitioner services to homebound seniors and persons with disabilities, as well as hospice services. Since its founding in 1995, it has grown from a one-physician operation to a practice that employs more than 60 people and makes more than 10,000 residence visits annually. For more information, visit **www.housecallproviders.org**.

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