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**Nomination Form:
Dr. Bernard F. Gipson Sr.
Health Leadership Award**

Dr. Bernard F. Gipson Sr. Health Leadership Award

2009 Nomination Form

Nominations due by August 17, 2009
Award presented on November 20, 2009

**This award recognizes individuals
who through their leadership
and service have made
outstanding contributions to the
health and well-being of the
African-American community.**

Past Award Recipients

Terri L. Richardson, M.D. (2007)
Major W. Tappan, DDS (2008)

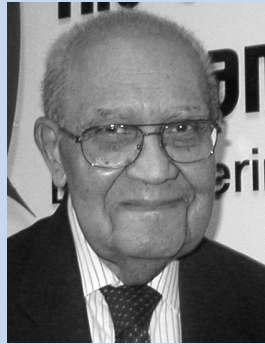


About the Award

The Center for African-American Health established the Dr. Bernard F. Gipson, Sr. Health Leadership Award in 2006 to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the health and well-being of the African-American community. The award is presented each year at the Center for African-American Health's Annual Dinner event in November.

The award is named after Dr. Gipson, the first board-certified African-American surgeon in Colorado. Dr. Gipson retired from practice in Denver in 1995, after serving the community for 41 years. He is still active today as a volunteer in the Denver community.

Dr. Gipson grew up in Texas and graduated from Morehouse College in 1944. He later received his M.D. degree from Howard University College of Medicine and performed his internship at Harlem Hospital in New York City. He was elected to the Kappa Pi Medical School Honorary Society. His residency, under the direction of Dr. Charles R. Drew, was performed at Howard University and the U.S. Public Health Hospital in Boston Massachusetts, after which he became a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. Following his residency at Howard University Hospital, he signed up for the Air Force and was assigned to Lowry Air Force Base, where he served as Chief of Surgery. After completing his military obligation, Dr. Gipson entered the private practice of surgery in Denver. He was the first African-American board certified surgeon in the state of Colorado. He was also a member of the faculty of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in the Department of Surgery, where he served for over 25 years and retired as a Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery



In recognition of his tremendous service to the Denver community, Denver Health and Hospital Authority renamed the Eastside Neighborhood Health Center as the Bernard F. Gipson, Sr. Eastside Family Health Center.

Nomination Instructions

- Please use a separate form (copies allowed) for each nomination.
- Self-nominations are accepted.
- On a separate sheet of paper, describe why you feel this nominee should receive this award, by addressing the award criteria. Cite concrete examples of accomplishments and the nominee's most significant contributions to community. Type this narrative and use no more than two pages.
- No cover letter, letters of support, or attachments.
- Submit nomination: 1) by fax: 303-355-1807; 2) by e-mail to info@caahealth.org; 3) by mail to: Gipson Award Committee, Center for African-American Health, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Denver, CO 80205; or 4) online at www.caahealth.org.
- Deadline: Monday, August 17, 2009 (Postmarked or electronically submitted).
- Award will be presented: Friday, November 20, 2009 at the Center for African-American Health's Annual Dinner.
- For questions, call: Grant Jones at 303-355-3423.
- For more information about the Center's programs and services: go to www.caahealth.org

Award Criteria

Nominees for the Bernard F. Gipson Sr. Health Leadership Award should exhibit:

- commitment and passion for the mission of improving the health and well-being of African Americans;
- demonstrated leadership in his/her field and community;
- dedication to volunteerism and community engagement;
- a history of serving as a role model to others in his/her field;
- unique contribution(s) in health and service to community (a "trailblazer" for others).

In addition:

- the primary focus of the nominees' work must be in Colorado;
- Nominations are **not** limited to physicians and may include other health professionals or policy/organizational leaders.

Nomination Form *(Please include this form with the other nomination information)*

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Nominee's Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

How did you hear about this award? _____

The deadline for submitting nominations is August 17, 2009