



Family Physician of the Year

Thomas E. Albani, Jr., M.D., F.A.A.F.P.

Dr. Albani has been practicing family medicine for 27 years and currently practices as a solo practitioner in Canfield, Ohio. He is a volunteer faculty member for the family medicine residency program at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio, and is an assistant clinical professor at Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy (NEOUCOM), Rootstown, Ohio.

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“He lives an ‘on call’ life. His care for families day and night is a part of his professional and personal make-up. During the holiday season he comforts families who have lost a loved one that year in his care by sending a poinsettia honoring their life and bringing comfort to the family,” said Tom and Georgia Backus, patients of Dr. Albani and award nominators.

Albani’s contributions to his community go above-and-beyond the typical volunteer citizen. He gives his personal time to help others. In 2008, he helped start a free clinic in his community to assist individuals in need. He currently serves as the medical director of the free clinic, promoting activities, developing and coordinating medical care for the indigent, and staffing the clinic with volunteers.

“From conversations with him I know he believes that his role as a family physician is to not only serve the health care needs of his patients and volunteer his services to the community, but to share his philosophy with the younger generation,” said Susan Sheridan, a patient of Dr. Albani.

“From the moment you walk into his office, you are met with a sense of family, respect and compassion. Dr. Albani has the innate ability to make you feel comfortable, unhurried and cared for. He has treated us not only as individuals but in a way that encompasses the entire family,” explained Jenise Sacui, a patient of Dr. Albani. “It is not what he says, but rather what he does not say and his actions that let you know he would be caring for you even if you did not have a cent to your name.”

“I thank my primary care physician (Albani) for his forthrightness, his trust and his humanity. I thank him for teaching me lessons that are not found in books,” said Paul Harkey, a past student of Dr. Albani.

Albani and his wife, Karen, reside in Boardman, Ohio, and have five children, Thomas J., David, Sarah (fiance, Todd McCormick), Rebecca and Matthew. He enjoys sailing, especially with family and friends and has an interest in travel, music, photography and carpentry.

