

# Awarding Outstanding Humanitarianism: **THE THIRD NICHOLAS M. GREENE AWARD**

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**Now in its third year, the Nicholas M. Greene Outstanding Humanitarian Award continues to draw nominations** for extraordinary anesthesiologists who have made it their life's work to serve others. This year at the ANESTHESIOLOGY™ 2013 annual meeting in San Francisco, **George Gregory, M.D.** was honored for his career-long commitment to service for children in low-income settings and education of future volunteers.

This humanitarian award honors life-long volunteer, teacher and humanitarian Dr. Nicholas M. Greene (1922-2004). It was Dr. Greene's vision, dedication and persistence that created the ASA Overseas Teaching Program (OTP) (1990-2010), and it was his leadership that fostered the "teach the teacher" programs in Africa. The creation of the OTP was not without controversy as, in its initial format, the program was a two-year initiative teaching technicians to deliver a safe anesthetic in their home countries of Tanzania and Ghana, whose populations were then served by only one anesthesiologist in each country. The program has evolved and still exists today in Rwanda with the support of ASA, the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS) and the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA).

Dr. Gregory exemplifies the work and example of Dr. Greene. He has worked for more than 20 years as a volunteer for Interplast (now Resurg), an international non-profit devoted to providing free reconstructive surgery and improving the training and expertise of providers of such care in the developing world. As Director of Anesthesia for Interplast and then ReSurge, Dr. Gregory pioneered and established teaching conferences and educational programs in Asia, South America



and Africa. During much of this time, Dr. Gregory was also Professor Emeritus at UCSF and deeply involved in promoting global health and anesthesia care. Recently, Dr. Gregory initiated an "e-book" on anesthesiology for practitioners in the developing world and has enlisted the collaboration of many anesthesiologists here in the U.S. with experience working in low- and middle-income countries.

We are proud to honor both Drs. Gregory and Greene with this much-deserved recognition. Again this year, the Committee on Global Humanitarian Outreach (GHO) reviewed the nominations of many anesthesiologists deserving of this award who were recommended by their peers and the organizations they have served. This award seeks to recognize ASA members with long-term commitments to volunteerism in resource-poor settings or disasters, dedication to international anesthesia education, contribution to the humanitarian aid and disaster literature, or contributions to the international relief community through innovation, technology, scholarship or unique personal sacrifice.

The vision and commitment of Dr. Greene live on through the GHO [www.asahq.org/gho](http://www.asahq.org/gho). The GHO remains committed to education, training and collaboration and has broadened ASA's vision of global outreach by supporting service delivery through volunteerism, disaster relief through rapid communication and collaboration with non-governmental organizations, and by encouraging the global activities of residents, fellows and ASA members.

Nominations will be solicited annually for the Nicholas M. Greene Outstanding Humanitarian Award. Nominations are reviewed by the GHO. For more information on the award, and to make nominations for future recipients, please visit the GHO website at [www.asahq.org/GHO/History.aspx](http://www.asahq.org/GHO/History.aspx).



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