



### **James F. Quilty, Jr. Award for Champions of Oral Health**

Dr. James F. Quilty, Jr. served as the Chief of the Division of Maternal and Child Health, Ohio Department of Health from December 1980 to January 1993. Remembering the harmful effects of dental disease that he had seen in his pediatric patients over the years, Dr. Quilty knew that oral health was an important part of child health. As Division Chief, Jim put some money where the mouths were. Under his leadership, the Department's dental program grew in size and stature until it was recognized as one of the outstanding state dental public health programs in the United States. If not for Jim Quilty, and his support for community water fluoridation, fluoride mouthrinse and dental sealant programs, many more Ohio children would suffer tooth decay and its sequelae.

In November 1992, Dr. Quilty announced his intention to leave his position as Division Chief. At a meeting in late November, the (then) Bureau of Dental Health voted to establish the Dr. James F. Quilty, Jr. Award for Champions of Children's Oral Health. The purpose of the award was to recognize a group of people, a program, or an individual who had distinguished themselves through actions to promote the oral health of Ohio's children at a community or state level. The first award was presented in December, 1992 and has been awarded annually to a deserving person or group. In 2004, the award was renamed the Dr. James F. Quilty, Jr. Award for Champions of Oral Health to recognize efforts of recipients that result in improved oral health for all Ohioans, not only children.

ODH continues to honor Dr. Quilty each year by recognizing people throughout the state who carry on his legacy of positively impacting the oral health of Ohioans. Recipients of the award are presented with a plaque and their names are engraved on a perpetual plaque on display at ODH.

Past recipients of the award are:

2013 Janet Mesenburg, RN

2012 The Humility of Mary Health Partners (HMHP) Foundation, the HMHP Oral Health Safety Net  
Dental Clinic and St. Elizabeth's Dental Residency Program

2011 Gary Ensor, DDS

2010 Dental OPTIONS Referral Coordinators Nancy Arnot, Barbara Crawford, Erin Dodds and Barb  
Hanlon

2009 Homa Amini, DDS, MPH, MS

2008 Rebecca Earlie, MPH, CHES

2007 Barbara Stichter, RDH  
2006 Theresa Wukusick  
2005 Dental Center of Northwest Ohio  
2004 Healthy Smiles for Lancaster  
2003 Jenny Kattlove, Terri Donlin  
2002 Jackson County Dental Task Force  
2001 Lawrence Hill, DDS, MPH  
2000 Kathryn Peppe, RN, MS  
1999 Paul Casamassimo, DDS, MS  
1998 Robert Creedon, DDS  
1997 Nancy Goorey, DDS  
1996 Judith Taylor, RN  
1995 Jack Whittaker, DDS and John Gerstenmaier, DDS  
1994 Nancy Carter, RDH, MPH  
1993 Dian Partlow, RN  
1992 Middletonians for Dental Health