



MEDIA ALERT

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Milwaukee Urban Indian Health Center Founder and Family Make History

Dr. Gerald L. Ignace and his family made history at their alma mater, Marquette University, Saturday (April 27) when they were presented with the All University Service to the Community Award.

“While some husbands and wives have been jointly awarded over the years, this Service to the Community Award is so distinctive because of the family cluster,” said Jacqueline Schram, director of Public Affairs and Special Assistant for Native American Affairs.

“It is a beautiful reminder for me that the Indigenous voices on past winds here and those from nearby places have shaped this landscape over time and still carry. The wisdom in them lift me (and many others) up - always.”

Honorees included Dr. Ignace, (Med 1965) Couer d’Alene, his wife, Georgianna Webster Ignace, of the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin (Speech 1988); son, Dr. Lyle A. Ignace, (Arts 1992); and daughter Thekla Ignace, (Arts 1997).

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Gerald Ignace, a co-founder of the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Inc., (GLIIHC) was honored earlier this month at the center’s fundraiser, the 14th Annual Red Shawl Gala for his tireless and humble work in establishing the clinic, which is a ground breaking healthcare facility. Dr. Gerald Ignace and Georgianna Ignace

“The foundation for our award-winning healthcare services is based on our tradition that in order to heal, every part of a patient must be addressed. This includes the mind, body, spirit, and emotions and involves the whole family, including the community,” GLIIHC Executive Director Dr. Lyle Ignace said.

“The seeds for our center grew from awareness in the 1970’s of the poor health among Milwaukee’s Native American community,” He said. “Since its inception, GLIIHC has tripled in size, has a built a pharmacy, dental clinic, behavioral health center and serves a low-income community that is rich in culture and pride.”

This year’s Red Shawl Gala theme is “*A Legacy of Native Health Under One Roof*,” said Dr. Lyle Ignace, of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the Coeur D’Alene Tribe of Idaho

Lyle Ignace, by preenting him with an Eagle feather, for building and continuing to grow his legacy by adding a pharmacy and Dental Clinic to 930 W. Historic Mitchell St. site.

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At the Red Shawl Gala, GLIHC Board Chair Steven Ninham, shared a year-in-review with the 400+ people in attendance.

- Received an Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) in which within the Indian Health System, of the 35 Urban Indian Health Centers (UIHC) the GLIHC is one of six Urban Indian Health Centers who have been Fully Accredited by AAAHC as a Health Care Entity.
- Certificate or recognition from NCQA – National Committee for Quality Assurance for Systematic Use of Patient – Centered, Coordinated Care Management Processes making us the only Urban Indian Clinic in the nation with this certification.

“I would have to say that with no uncertainty, that our clinic is leading the way and making history as being the leader in our industry,” Ninham said. “This makes me and our Board of Directors very proud of all of the staff and the work that they do under the leadership of Dr. Lyle Ignace.

Founder of Milwaukee’s Urban Indian Health Center to Be Honored

Milwaukee – Dr. Gerald L. Ignace, a founder of the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center (GLIHC), will be honored at the **14th Annual Red Shawl Gala** fundraiser Friday (April 12), at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, 1721 W. Canal St.