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**AMA FOUNDATION HONORS CANTON, OHIO PHYSICIAN FOR INCREASING  
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN THE U.S.**

CHICAGO- Murli Manohar, M.D., Ph.D, FACP, of Canton, Ohio, is a recipient of the 2008 Pride in the Profession Awards. Presented by the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation, the award is given to domestic physicians who aid underserved populations in the U.S. The AMA Foundation presents the award in association with the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative.

The award will be presented on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at the 2008 Excellence in Medicine Awards Ceremony preceding the AMA National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Manohar has dedicated much of his career to community service and political advocacy. He co-founded the Canton Community Clinic, a free clinic for the uninsured population and also volunteered to establish about a dozen other free clinics in Ohio. After realizing that fear of malpractice litigation was hurting the Clinic's ability to recruit volunteer physicians, he helped develop legislation adopted in Ohio that gives malpractice immunity to physicians working in free clinics. He was also instrumental in creating the Ohio legislation that allows people to donate unused, unexpired medications in their original sealed packages to Ohio free clinics. Dr. Manohar was appointed to the Ohio State Commission on Minority Health, and in this capacity, has shaped many laws and ideas regarding the indigent and minority population of Ohio.

"Dr. Manohar has demonstrated that one physician's leadership can make a dramatic difference in reshaping the healthcare system," said AMA Foundation President Barbara Rockett, M.D. "His efforts have led to legislation that has a direct impact on patient care. The country is fortunate to have such an advocate for physicians and patients."

The Pride in the Profession Awards were created by the AMA Foundation to honor physicians who, through their service, have brought a sense of pride to the medical profession and whose actions promote the art and science of medicine and the advancement of public health.

As the philanthropic arm of the American Medical Association, the AMA Foundation is committed to advancing healthcare in America through programs in medical education, research and public health. For more information, please visit [www.amafoundation.org](http://www.amafoundation.org) or call (312) 464-4200.

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