

David B. Case, M.D.

David, the arc of your career in medicine has been marked by a series of achievements — first as a student and then as an educator, researcher, and clinician. Your research began as an undergraduate student at Princeton where you investigated the physiology of plant growth. Your findings were published in a major academic journal. That was quite a coup for a promising undergrad. At Columbia Medical School you became interested in the physiology of hypertension and decided to become an investigator in that field.

Upon earning your medical degree, good fortune brought you to an internship in medicine in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins where you met Jean. You served two years in the US Army Medical Corps as chief of the outpatient civilian and troop clinics. There you developed a curriculum for nurse practitioners, which became a textbook. For that contribution you were awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

When you and Jean returned to New York, Columbia welcomed you to its faculty in the hypertension group, where you help develop new ways to understand, diagnose, and treat hypertension. The American Heart Association elected you to its Council for High Blood Pressure Research.

Other institutions offered you more senior administrative positions. But Jean and your friends reminded you that what you found most fulfilling was patient care. You agreed and helped found New York Physicians, LLP, a multispecialty practice group in Manhattan.

David, that's a brief snapshot of your medical career. Intriguing as well is the variety of jobs you did during college and medical school to support yourself. You taught nursery school, were a busboy, summer camp counselor, and private duty nurse attendant. You taught one summer at Central State College in Ohio, one of the nation's oldest historically black institutions of higher education. And, you were a contestant on the TV quiz show *Password*.

As a trustee of HealthCare Chaplaincy, you have brought tremendous passion for our mission to advance the profession of multifaith spiritual care. Nothing has so commanded your attention and engaged your passion as the residential project that HealthCare Chaplaincy is developing. You are helping us to create a new model of spirit-centered residential care for people with serious, progressive terminal illness. You know the need; you are single-mindedly committed to translate vision to reality.

David: for your contributions as educator, researcher, compassionate physician, and trustee, we are pleased to present HealthCare Chaplaincy's *Wholeness of Life* award for your lifetime achievements.