

## 2024 Copic Humanitarian Award-Nebraska:

# Dr. Melvin Campbell

Copic and the Nebraska Medical Association are proud to announce that Dr. Melvin Campbell is the 2024 recipient of the Copic Humanitarian Award. Dr. Campbell is a Ainsworth-based internal medicine physician who is recognized for his dedication to service and commitment to the needs of others.

Dr. Melvin Campbell's journey is a remarkable one, starting as a local boy who returned to provide care for generations of families in the area. He graduated from Ainsworth High School in 1966 and earned his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1974. His medical career includes service with the U.S. Public Health Service, Indian Health Service Branch, and Ainsworth Family Clinic, where he practiced from August 1978 to June 2024.

Throughout his career, Dr. Campbell has held several notable positions, including Chief of Staff at Brown County Hospital, Medical Director of the Brown County and Keya Paha County Ambulance Associations, and the local nursing home, Ainsworth Care Center. One of the few internists in the state to deliver babies, Dr. Campbell performed over 500 deliveries until the late 2000s when Brown County Hospital stopped doing obstetrics. For many years, he was the sole provider in the community, covering the emergency room at the hospital 24/7.

Dr. Campbell's dedication to his community is evident in his actions. In 2001, he attended to a patient with severe burns and numerous injuries during a transfer to St. Elizabeth's in Lincoln, manually ventilating the patient for approximately 275 miles.

He is also an active member of the United Methodist Church in Ainsworth, serving as the choir director since 1988 and playing the tuba in a local brass quintet. Additionally, he has played the part of the "beggar" in the annual community Christmas Pageant for 35 years.

Dr. Campbell and his wife, Sherry, received the Brown County Arts Council Partner in the Arts Award in 2014. During track and cross country seasons, he can be seen on the field timing running events, sports he participated in with enthusiasm during his school years.

Dr. Campbell received the Copic Humanitarian Award on August 16 at the Nebraska Medical Association (NMA) Annual Meeting in La Vista. Each year, the award recognizes a physician for volunteer medical services and contributions to their community. This award is presented jointly by the NMA and Copic, NMA's endorsed medical liability insurance carrier.

Dr. Campbell chose Brown County Hospital Auxiliary to receive the \$10,000 donation associated with the award.

To learn more about the Copic Humanitarian Award or to nominate a physician, visit our website: [www.copic.com/about-copic/copic-humanitarian-award](http://www.copic.com/about-copic/copic-humanitarian-award) or email Laura Wadleigh at [lwadleigh@copic.com](mailto:lwadleigh@copic.com).