

The Josiah Kirby Lilly, Sr. Distinguished Service Award Gala

The 24th Annual *Josiah K. Lilly, Sr. Distinguished Service Award Gala* is the Indiana Area's annual gala event which honors an individual(s) making an outstanding contribution in the field of diabetes.

In 1990, the national Josiah Kirby Lilly, Sr. Distinguished Service Award was created to honor the vision of Eli Lilly's only son. As president of Eli Lilly and Company, J.K. Lilly was the driving force behind the manufacturing of insulin to make it commercially available to the world. Because of J.K.'s foresight for the future of medicine, the manufacturing of insulin for commercial availability worldwide has truly changed the lives of all people with diabetes in the world.

According to his biography, ... "when all parties involved with the discovery and production of the insulin began to realize the significance of what they were doing, J.K. wrote to Dr. Clowes (head of the research division at Eli Lilly and Company), 'I am almost overwhelmed with the tremendous situation and experience some difficulty in keeping my feet on the ground and my brain in normal operation... MacDonald (one of the Indianapolis clinicians) says it looks to him like the biggest thing that ever happened in medicine, and that is saying a good deal for some very big things have happened in medicine.' " It is in honor of this vision and passion that this award is given each year at this event.

The support of corporations such as Eli Lilly & Co., Roche Diagnostics, BD, Novo Nordisk, Sanofi, LifeScan, Bayer, local hospitals, banks, law firms, and many other companies over the past 23 years has allowed the Josiah Kirby Lilly, Sr. Distinguished Service Award event to become one of the most well known and respected diabetes events in Indiana, as well as the United States. This event is not only a fundraiser, but an opportunity for the American Diabetes Association to spotlight the latest developments in diabetes research and programs to the Indianapolis area. It is a celebration of the outstanding progress in the field of diabetes and showcases how far the vision of J.K. has come to fruition since those days in the early 1900's.

Past Honorees:

1990	Josiah Kirby Lilly, Sr.
1991	Wendell Mayes, Jr.
1992	Rachemiel Levine, MD
1993	Harold Rifkin, MD
1994	Oscar Crofford, MD
1995	Gerald M. Reaven, MD
1996	Maria L. deAlva
1997	American Association of Diabetes Educators
1998	John A. Galloway, MD
1999	Frank Vinicor, MD, MPH
2000	Paula Harper, RN, CDE
2001	James Gavin III, MD, PhD
2002	Alan D. Cherrington, PhD
2003	Charles M. Clark, Jr., MD
2004	Larry Ellingson, RPh
2005	George S. Eisenbarth, MD, PhD
2006	Lois Jovanovic, MD
2007	Linda M. Siminerio, RN, PhD
2008	David G. Marrero, PhD
2009	Richard R. Rubin, PhD, CDE
2010	Francine Kaufman, MD
2011	Jaime A. Davidson, MD, FACP, MACE
2012	Ann Albright, PhD, RD