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Bread for the City's Dr. Randi Abramson wins American Medical Association's "Excellence in Medicine" Award

JANUARY 2009: Bread for the City is proud to announce that Dr. Randi Abramson, medical clinic director, will receive the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation's prestigious Pride in Profession award.

The award, which comes with a \$1,000 AMA Foundation grant for Bread for the City's medical clinic, will be presented at the AMA Foundation's Excellence in Medicine awards banquet at the Washington Grand Hyatt on March 9.

The Pride in Profession awards honor physicians who "bring a sense of pride to our noble profession and whose actions promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health," says Jean Howard, President of the AMA Foundation.

"There are some people who have a way of inspiring others to do more—Randi Abramson is one of those people," says Dr. Nicole Lurie, Bread for the City volunteer and Director of the RAND Center for Population Health and Health Disparities. "She loves her job, she loves her patients, and she loves teaching others to be the kind of physicians we would all hope to have."

Since 1991, Dr. Abramson (Dr. Randi, as she is affectionately known at BFC) has provided direction and management for all aspects of Bread for the City's medical program. She manages the recruitment of medical volunteers and residents, oversees and coordinates multiple medical clinics, and conducts patient examinations.

Dr. Abramson also co-chairs the DC Primary Care Association's Standards of Care Committee, is a member of the Physicians for Human Rights Asylum Network, and serves as Assistant Clinical Professor at George Washington University Medical Center. The DC Primary Care Association named her the Distinguished Caregiver of 2008.

"Dr. Randi is one of the greatest advocates I know for the poor and medically underserved," says Bread for the City Executive Director George Jones. "Throughout the DC nonprofit community, she is widely regarded as a quintessential champion for those in need. Every day I am comforted by the fact that Dr. Randi is the person who leads our medical practice."

To learn more about the Excellence in Medicine awards program, visit www.amafoundation.org/go/excellence.

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If you would like to interview Dr. Randi Abramson, learn more about Bread for the City and our medical clinic, or schedule a tour of Bread for the City, please contact Greg Bloom at 202-386-7609 (work) or 305-962-2859 (cell), or at gbloom@breadforthecity.org.