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August 15, 2020 – Willow Springs Physician Named MAFP Family Physician of the Year

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) presented Robert Shaw, Jr., MD, FAAFP, of Willow Springs, Missouri, with the 2020 Family Physician of the Year Award at the Academy's 72nd Annual Show Me Family Medicine Conference held August 14-15, 2020 via Zoom. Dr. Shaw was chosen as the award recipient by a committee of family physicians from nominations made by patients, community members, and fellow physicians.

Dr. Shaw has been active in the Academy throughout his career as a family physician. He became board certified during residency and continues his certification today. He has served over 20 years as an alternate or director on the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians board of directors. During his time as a family physician, he delivered approximately 1,000 babies before retiring from obstetrics in 2009. He has served in a variety of positions on local and state societies and committees. He has practiced full scope family medicine throughout his career as a family physician, an emergency room physician, director of a rural health clinic, and medical director of nursing homes. Putting "family" in family practice, Dr. Shaw is involved in local programs, schools, Boy Scouts, his church, rural health clinics, and mission trips. His hobbies include kayaking, rappelling, camping, bicycling, and downhill skiing. He's not afraid of anything!

Dr. Robert Shaw, Jr., MD, FAAFP, completed medical school at University of Missouri Columbia, and residency at Family Practice Residency, St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis. He is married to Janet and they have two children and four grandchildren.

About the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)

Founded in 1947, the MAFP is a non-profit professional medical society of more than 2,400 physicians, residents and medical students across the state. It is the only medical society devoted solely to primary care.

Family physicians conduct approximately one in five office visits -- that's 192 million visits annually or 48 percent more than the next most visited medical specialty. Today, family physicians provide more care for America's underserved and rural populations than any other medical specialty. Family medicine's cornerstone is an ongoing, personal patient-physician relationship focused on integrated care.

Headquartered in Jefferson City, the MAFP is dedicated to optimizing the health of patients, families, and communities of Missouri through patient care, advocacy, education, and research. The MAFP is a constituent chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), representing over 136,700 physicians and medical students nationwide. The AAFP is headquartered in Leawood, Kansas.

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Our Mission: The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians is dedicated to optimizing the health of the patients, families and communities of Missouri by supporting family physicians in providing patient care, advocacy, education and research.