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#### **November 29, 2022 – Rasmussen Named MAFP Family Physician of the Year**

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) presented Charlie Rasmussen, DO, FAAFP, of Reeds Spring, Missouri, with the 2022 Family Physician of the Year Award at the Academy's 74th Annual Meeting on November 12, 2022, at Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, Missouri. A committee of family physicians selected Dr. Rasmussen from nominations made by patients, community members, and fellow physicians.

Dr. Rasmussen has continuously practiced full-scope family medicine in southern Missouri, including obstetrics, inpatient medicine, pediatric medicine, and adult medicine. He knew rural healthcare was his passion due to mentors sharing their joys of working in a rural community. A highlight in his career as a family physician was delivering his own daughter at a rural hospital.

Dr. Rasmussen practiced in Houston, MO, at Texas County Memorial Hospital. There he became board certified in hospice and palliative care and took a position as the director of Texas County Hospice. He currently serves as the regional director for Good Shepard Hospice in Branson, MO and describes this as one of his favorite areas of medicine.

Following his time in Houston, he and his family moved to Branson to be closer to family. In 2017 Dr. Rasmussen opened a solo practice, Table Rock Family Medicine and Obstetrics, which is a culmination of his previous experience of caring for patients throughout their lifespan. Among many other accomplishments, he has attended to the birth of over 1,200 babies.

Dr. Rasmussen describes his career in family medicine as remarkable. "There have been some incredible saves and painful losses," he said. "If I stopped right now, I don't think anyone would argue what an incredible and fulfilling career I have had serving the patients of rural Missouri, but I can't wait to see what the second half of my career brings."

The hard work continues, though, as Dr. Rasmussen has formed a partnership teaching a rural family medicine residency program in Salina, KS, on top of mentoring medical

students at programs throughout the state of Missouri. He is also in the process of starting a drug and alcohol treatment clinic with a fellow physician.

A Kansas City University Medical and Biomedical Science graduate, Dr. Rasmussen was one of the chief residents at CoxHealth Family Medicine Residency program in Springfield. He is married with one daughter and continues to reside in Branson.

***About the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)***

Founded in 1947, the MAFP represents over 2,300 physicians and medical students nationwide. It is the only medical society devoted solely to primary care. Headquartered in Jefferson City, MAFP is dedicated to optimizing the health of patients, families, and communities of Missouri through patient care, advocacy, education, and research.

Family physicians conduct approximately one in five of the total medical office visits in the United States annually – more than any other specialty. Family physicians provide comprehensive, evidence-based, and cost-effective care dedicated to improving the health of patients, families and communities. Family medicine’s cornerstone is an ongoing and personal patient-physician relationship where the family physician serves as the hub of each patient’s integrated care team. More Americans depend on family physicians than on any other medical specialty.

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians is the state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians, which represents 136,700 physicians and medical students nationwide and is located in Leawood, Kansas.

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