

# Announcing our 2009 Salute to Service Winners

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The following individuals have been selected as the 2009 recipients of the Foundation's Annual Salute to Service Awards. They will be honored at the upcoming Physicians' Gala at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia. For more information about the 2009 MSV Annual Meeting and the Physicians' Gala, please visit:

[www.msv.org/annualmeeting](http://www.msv.org/annualmeeting)

## **John Gerard Kenerson, MD and Lisbet M. Hanson, MD, FACOG**

### **Virginia Beach**

#### *Service to the International Community*

Both graduates of University of Vermont Medical School, Drs. Kenerson and Hanson are a rare couple united by their commitment to improving health care and living conditions in one of the poorest and hard to reach areas of Haiti. For the past seven years, they have provided Haitians with needed medical supplies and services, including medicines, hospital facilities, and personnel. Despite the challenging physical and political environment of Haiti, they have had great success in creating collaborations which facilitate care. They have partnered with the International Society of OB Gyn Ultrasound and GE to initiate an OB ultrasound training program, allowing week-long training for physicians and nurse midwives. They were also able to secure two high-level Vivid cardiac machines from GE and will be training Haitians to perform advanced cardiac ultrasound. In addition, in partnership with the Ministry of Public Health, Partners in Health, and their church community, they led the development of medical facilities at Baptiste in Central Haiti. Recognizing the need in Baptiste for clean water, Drs. Kenerson and Hanson have been collaborating with the Haitian Government to construct a pipeline to bring clean potable water to the local population.

*"Their contributions are significant, extremely effective, and combine individual dedication, clinical commitment, as well as persistent, determined leadership and innovative collaboration with other critically influential partners in the care of the poorest people in the Western Hemisphere. I know of few individuals who have excelled in so many ways to create success in an environment where failure and non-sustained programs are the norm."* – Kurt Elward, MD, MPH