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South Burlington Dentist Receives Distinguished Service Award

Dr. George "Spin" Richardson honored for contributions to dentistry

South Burlington, Vt. --- Dr. George "Spin" Richardson, D.D.S., has received the Vermont State Dental Society's (VSDS) Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions to Vermont dentistry during his 35 years of practicing in the state.

The award was presented September 17 at the VSDS annual meeting in recognition of his years of "unselfish service to the profession of Dentistry, and in particular his advocacy for the children of Vermont, that they receive comprehensive dental care from preventive to hospital treatment, always representing his profession with integrity," according to the citation of the award.

Richardson received his BS from the University of Notre Dame, and his DDS from Georgetown Dental School in 1971. He then spent the next two years at Children's Hospital Boston becoming a specialist in pediatric dentistry.

Upon graduating in 1973, Richardson and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Burlington where he became an associate of what became Timberlane Dental Group in South Burlington.

Richardson has been active with multiple dental organizations at all levels of his profession. His attention to detail and fairness served to make his contributions worthy of the VSDS honor.

He served on several committees of the VSDS, most recently the VSDS Committee on State Government Programs. He became a leading advocate for

well-managed state dental programs for low-income Vermonters – especially children.

Richardson also served on the Board of Trustees of Delta Dental Plan of Vermont.

“Spin’s commitment to the children of our state had made him a champion of dental care for the young, and an excellent recipient of this award,” said VSIDS President Dr. Paul Kenworthy.

As an advocate for Vermont’s children and his profession, Richardson was the founding member and president of the Vermont Society of Pediatric Dentistry, as well as the founding member and president of the Northeast Society of Pediatric Dentistry. Throughout his career, he has been a member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Spin retired at the end of 2008, but remains a leader of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the Vermont Office of Head Start’s “Dental Home” Initiative which will launch an important initiative Thursday September 24 at the lake Morey Inn in Fairlee, Vt.

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About the Vermont State Dental Society

The Vermont State Dental Society is a voluntary membership organization of dental professionals who, together with the American Dental Association, work to improve the oral health of the citizens of Vermont and serve the profession of dentistry.

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