

2008 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



VERONICA BIKOFSKY, DMD YOUR 2008 AWARDS MEDALIST

NOMINATED BY ABRAHAM SPEISER, DDS



From left: Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards, medalist Veronica Bikofsky, and Chris Fahey from Schering-Plough



From left: Veronica Bikofsky and her nominator, Abraham Speiser

Imagine an indigent special care patient in need of dental treatment with nowhere to go because they have no money and/or there are no clinicians willing to spend the hours necessary to treat them in a hospital operating room under general anesthesia for little or no fee. Whether that patient's special care need is due to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, Alzheimer's disease or any one of various handicaps, Veronica M. Bikofsky, DMD is at the forefront for these patients at Newark Beth Israel Medical

Center of the Saint Barnabas Heath Care System. No patient gets turned away. She is a private practitioner who has devoted one half day a week to Operating Room Dentistry for indigent special care patients since 1980. One half day a week for twenty-seven years is the equivalent of almost three full years of service to these unfortunate, underserved patients. For over twenty years, she has served as a Northern NJ Trustee for the Handicapped under the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped.

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