

## **2018 Robert E. Parker, III Memorial Award for Community Service**

### **Wayne C. Jarvis, DDS**

A graduate of the University of Michigan (both undergraduate studies and Dental School) Dr. Wayne Jarvis practiced general dentistry in Coldwater Michigan in 1977 before starting his Oral Surgery residency at SUNY Buffalo in 1979. Wayne practiced in Buffalo NY from 1982 until 1994 when he joined Dr. Alan Cassara here in Rochester in a partnership practice.

Wayne and his wife Leann live in Brockport, NY and have five daughters, two step daughters and eleven grandchildren. Number 12 is on the way. They have had a farm (animal breeding) for twenty years. Wayne is an avid reader and plays weekly chess at the Community chess Center.

#### Quechua Benefit

In 2001 I read a magazine article by Dr. Mario Pedroza of Portland, OR telling about how he his office staff went down to the altiplano of Peru, high in the Andes Mountains, to extract teeth for the Quechua Indian people, some of the poorest and most underserved people of the world. I was inspired by that and contacted him to offer to come with him and help.

In 2002 I went to Peru with Mario for two weeks and spent ten days extracting teeth with him and some volunteer staff. We would work from dawn to dusk with portable equipment we had brought in and take out hopeless teeth for as many people as possible. On one trip the two of us extracted almost 1900 teeth.

I have made 13 trips to do extractions over the last 16 years. My wife Leann has come with me as a surgical assistant on each trip since 2011. During those years Quechua benefit grew and grew from donations and volunteers. Eventually NPOs were set up in both the USA and Peru. Quechua Benefit purchased land and built a children's village, Casa Chapi, that can house, clothe, feed and school about 100 children.

A small medical and dental clinic was built on the grounds of Casa Chapi and served as a base for the following medical missions as well as providing a facility that we could staff part time with a Peruvian dentist. An optometrist and optometry students do eye exams and match the needs of the patient to hundreds of pairs of used glasses from charitable sources that have helped hundreds of people to see properly. At the same time they have screened the people for any surgical needs that are then served by a volunteer team of Australian ophthalmologists that come once a year to do cataract and pterygium excisions as well as lens implants. Other volunteer pediatricians and internists come from Geisinger hospital in PA to provide exams and routine medical care for children and adults.

Being involved with the growth of Quechua Benefit as a volunteer oral surgeon, as a member of the Board of Directors from 2008 to 2015, and as president of the BOD in 2010, has been one of the most rewarding facets of my career.

