



Annually, the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation has the privilege of nominating the Raymond Rosenberger – Minette Baum Awardee. The recipient is selected for their diligent and faithful service with an exempt charitable organization(s) that has been organized and operated to alleviate human suffering or enhance the quality of life of persons afflicted with illness or injury, or to promote wellness through the prevention of illness, disease or injury.

The St. Joseph Community Health Foundation's 2008 Raymond Rosenberger – Minette Baum Awardee is Robert W. Dettmer, MD. Dr. Dettmer has been a volunteer trustee at the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation since 2005 and serves on the Executive Committee; chairs, the Grants Committee, and helped start a special subcommittee to address refugee health. Dr. Dettmer also became a physician volunteer at Matthew 25 in 2000, and to the present, has remained a vital part of that agency's successful ability to provide health care services to low-income and uninsured Allen County residents. He was a Matthew 25 board member from 2000 through 2006 and served as Board President from 2004-2006. Dr. Dettmer was "the voice" of Matthew 25 from 2003 through 2006, leading the organization through its major capital campaign

and expansion of services. He is frequently recognized as one of the community's most impassioned leaders in the area of low-cost health care.

Many local agencies and organizations have benefited from Dr. Dettmer's leadership throughout the years. His spiritual roots are grounded in his services to his church, The Chapel, as a parishioner and active ministry participant. Dr. Dettmer is best characterized as a man who views the bigger picture and is committed to doing his part to strive to accomplish that picture without personal fanfare. The Allen County community as a whole has been a prime benefactor of his work, but it is especially those individuals suffering from illness and/or injury that have gained from this one man's desire to improve their quality of life.

