

News Release

“Dr. Peter” Posthumously Honoured by UBC Medical Alumni Award

Vancouver, BC – (May 6, 2010) – This Saturday, Dr. Peter Jepson-Young will be posthumously awarded the UBC Medical Alumni Association Silver Anniversary Award for his significant contributions to raising awareness of HIV/AIDS.

The award coincides with the 20 year anniversary of “Dr. Peter Diaries”. Two decades ago, Jepson-Young fought to de-stigmatize HIV/AIDS by highlighting his struggle with the disease through an inspiring series of episodes broadcast on CBC. These episodes – the Dr. Peter Diaries - were later repackaged into the successful documentary compilation “The Broadcast Tapes of Dr. Peter”, which was nominated for an Academy Award.

Today much of the work Jepson-Young sought to bring attention to during his life is carried on by the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation, which is pioneering new approaches to HIV/AIDS care.

“Dr. Peter showed remarkable courage by personalizing the face of HIV/AIDS,” says Maxine Davis, executive director of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation. “He used honesty, pathos and humour to illustrate his personal experience living and dying with the disease at a time when too few people knew the difference between myth and reality.”

Jepson-Young will be honoured with the award along with fellow 1985 graduate and classmate, Dr. Heidi Oetter, who is currently registrar of the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons and past-president of the BC Medical Association.

His award will be accepted by his parents Bob and Shirley Young.

Where: UBC Medical Alumni Association AGM & Awards Reception

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010, 4pm

Location: William A. Webber Medical Student & Alumni Centre, 2750 Heather St. (at 12th Ave)

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