

**Dr. Major Tappan, President
Dental Access Centers receives the second
Founders' Award – Salsa & Soul**

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Biographical Note

Dr. Major Tappan received the second Founders' Award at the Inner City Health Center's premier event, Salsa & Soul, on May 10, 2007. The award is named in honor of the three founders of Inner City Health Center who established the clinic more than 20 years ago – Dr. Duane Claassen, Dr. Robert Williams and his wife, Jan Williams. Dr. Tappan was presented the Founders' Award for providing unselfish, long-term dental needs of the underserved community.

Dr. Tappan received his DDS degree and his undergraduate degree in Liberal Arts from Howard University in Washington, D.C. He did postdoctoral study at the New Organizational School for Graduate Dentists in New York and earned a Master's of Public Health degree from Columbia University School of Public Health and

Administrative Medicine. His Dental Residency program was with the New Jersey State Health Department. In 1974 Dr. Tappan became Board certified in Dental Public Health.

Dr. Tappan was in private practice in New Jersey until 1967 when he became director of Dental Services at the Denver Department of Health & Hospitals and served as its director of Community Dental Services from 1968-1994. He also served as executive director of the Institute for Strategic Dental Health. He has been president of Dental Access Centers since its inception in 1996. The Dental Access Centers were primarily established to increase dental services for underserved inner-city children.

Dr. Tappan was a licensed dentist in New Jersey from 1948-1951. He served as a Dental Officer in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953 during the Korean Conflict and as an assistant professor at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, School of Dentistry. Dr. Tappan has received recognition from his peers, as well as numerous national honors and awards.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This folder contains a 32-page newspaper *The Villager*, published by the Greenwood Village Chamber of Commerce, dated May 3, 2007. Dr. Tappan is profiled on page 5 and the article is titled "Dr. Tappan to receive Founders' Award at Salsa & Soul."

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