

## Founding President & CEO Receives Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy



David Rousseau of the Kaiser Family Foundation and Chair of the award selection committee presents Dr. Yost with the Terrance Keenan Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy (Photo credit: Grantmakers In Health)

Last week, Dr. Jan Yost, the Foundation's founding President and CEO who retired at the end of March, was honored with the Terrance Keenan Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy at the annual conference of Grantmakers In Health (GIH), the nation's preeminent membership organization of health funders. The award was presented during an award luncheon in front of an audience of hundreds of health funders from across the country. This recognition was previously covered by the [Worcester Telegram & Gazette](#).

The [Terrance Keenan Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy](#) recognizes outstanding individuals in the field of health philanthropy whose work is distinguished by leadership, innovation, and outstanding achievement. Dr. Yost was nominated by Dr. Thoru Pederson of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, a founding Director.

In her acceptance speech, Dr. Yost quoted one of renowned poet Robert Browning's most famous lines, "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, Or what's a heaven for?" She encouraged GIH and health funders to reach beyond their current grasp and to focus

more on impactful grantmaking, and she cited several examples of how the Foundation has reached beyond its grasp to achieve an outsized impact on improving health in Central Massachusetts.

We celebrate Dr. Yost's well-deserved national recognition and wish her all the best in retirement!

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