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MISSOULA DOCTOR RECEIVES YOUNG OD OF THE YEAR AWARD

Helena, MT—Dr. William E. Thomas, Missoula optometrist, recently received the 2011 Young Optometrist of the Year award at the Montana Optometric Association's annual meeting. This award is given to doctors of optometry who have shown outstanding dedication in service to the advancement of the optometry profession and visual service to the public.

Dr. Thomas owns Family Vision Care in Missoula and is a graduate of Indiana University's School of Optometry. A tireless supporter of many local organizations, Dr. Thomas donates his time through Partnership Health Center, Lion's Club, and provides exams and professional care for the Missoula Police Department new recruits and Montana State Prison. Dr. Thomas is supportive of students shadowing his work during their residencies, is a Boy Scouts of America leader, and supports many local youth organizations by sponsoring trips, projects, sales and sporting programs.

In the words of his staff Dr. Thomas is "an amazing employer and a community favorite....a fair and effective leader."

Doctor Thomas is active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and has served in many leadership roles in his local congregation. Willie and his wife Grace have four children, James, Malia, Annabelle and Fiona.

The award was presented to Dr. Thomas at the MOA Annual Conference in Billings in May.
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