

Carole Eatock – Mission Award

The Mission Award is presented to a woman who works diligently in a way that supports the YWCA's mission to eliminate racism and empower women. This year we present the award to **Dr. Carole Eatock**, Dean of the Graduate Program at Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing.

Carole's professional accolades are many, but it is her approach to both teaching and medicine that makes her a shining example of the Y's mission. As Dean, she advocates fiercely for her students, constantly working to ensure they receive the best education possible regardless of background or circumstances. She is committed to training the next generation of nurses and healthcare professionals not just to be clinically excellent, but to be servant-hearted and community-minded. Carole practices what she preaches, working one day a week as a Family Nurse Practitioner to remain grounded in clinical realities and firsthand experience.

Carole's passion has led her to organize multiple medical mission trips to Haiti, Belize, and most recently, the Dominican Republic. She and her teams cared for more than 800 patients each time, many of whom had never seen a healthcare provider. These trips weren't just about offering medical care, but humanitarian care as well, especially for local women in need of reproductive and prenatal care. A champion for equitable access to healthcare, Carole's leadership by example teaches students to treat patients with both compassion and cultural awareness.

Carole believes that by investing in people, we can create a healthier, stronger, and more hopeful community for generations to come. A community where people know they are seen, valued, and loved. For these reasons and many more, we are proud to award **Dr. Carole Eatock** this year's Mission Award.