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OPMS announces the winner of the 1993 Ron Lorber Achievement Award

In February 1993, Ron Lorber died in a tragic midair collision. He had practiced orthodontics in Atlanta for more than 20 years. He was a close personal friend of Chaz Cone, the president of Orthodontic Practice Management System (OPMS), and, in fact, was the orthodontist who inspired Chaz to write the software program that is now used in many orthodontic offices throughout the United States and Canada.

In Dr. Lorber's memory, OPMS has set up an annual award to be given to a graduating orthodontist to help him or her get started. The first annual Ron Lorber Achievement Award was presented on Nov. 5, 1993, in Atlanta to Iris Vardy, a 1993 orthodontic graduate of New York University College of Dentistry.

Dr. Vardy was chosen by a committee of orthodontists who believed she best exemplified the spirit of achievement that Dr. Lorber demonstrated in his life. Dr. Vardy, despite the fact that she just graduated, has already donated her time and expertise to an organization called "Dentists For The World" where she is helping to open a dental clinic for orphan children in Da Nung, Vietnam. While in her third year of dental school, she travelled at her own expense to West Africa, Honduras, and France to provide dental care for underprivileged children.

During her postdoctoral training in orthodontics at NYU, which was very patient oriented, she asked that her curriculum be altered to include an externship at the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery located in the NYU Medical Center. Of this special training she says, "There I learned



Iris Vardy (left) accepting award from Chaz Cone, president of OPMS.

about how to treat patients who are born with terrible facial disfigurements. I always come out of there feeling so elated. These children are incredible. By virtue of their deformity, most are scarred and traumatized. Despite being dealt this hand, many of these kids still manage to put on a happy face in their outlook on life. This is an inspiration to me." Dr. Vardy currently donates some of her professional life to attending cleft palate confer-

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ences that meet both at NYU and at Columbia University, so that she may continue to learn to treat such problems.

In addition to all this, Dr. Vardy is local treasurer of the American Association of Women Dentists, as well as the 1991 winner of the ADA Certificate of Recognition through Council on ADA Sessions and International Relations for her service to people of Honduras and Ghana in sharing the benefits of American dentistry.

With the Ron Lorber Achievement Award, Dr. Vardy received the OPMS practice management software, the computer equipment on which to use it, all needed training, and a portable cellular telephone. The value of this award exceeds \$15,000.

Any 1994 graduate of an accredited orthodontic program in the United States may apply for the 1994 award. Interested persons should contact Jamie Phillips at 1-800-334-4608 for details.