

Dr. Randy Christensen is a staff physician at Phoenix Children's Hospital and the Medical Director of the Crews'n Healthmobile - a 38-foot RV turned into a mobile medical unit.

Since 2000, Dr. Christensen has provided free medical care to homeless youth in central Arizona by taking care to them - on the streets. "It's never been about the money. I went to medical school thinking that I was going to be a surgeon, but everything that made me stop and think had to do with children and adolescents. I chose to come out on the streets," Christensen told CNN in 2008.

"From very early on, my mom and dad instilled this belief that we were responsible for our fellow humans and make our community a better place," Randy noted in a recent interview. "I love the population that is out in the street and living in shelters."

Dr. Christensen has been the recipient of a number of awards for his work, including the CNN Heroes award, People Magazine's "Heroes Among Us" and being named one of the "The Valley's Ten Most Fascinating People of 2008" by the Arizona Republic.

Most of all, he treasures the kids he serves, his wife, Amy and their three children. 901-754-9404.

Testimonials

"This is a remarkable story of what it's like to be on the front lines of medical care for extremely disadvantaged kids. Dr. Christensen brings to life the realities of America's forgotten and bypassed street youth who struggle to survive. At the same time, this story is a powerful glimpse into the extraordinary work of doctors and nurses who have devoted their careers to caring for people who have no where else to turn."

- Children's Health Fund.

"The story of Dr. Christensen's care for homeless teenagers is heartbreaking, but it highlights the everyday tragedies and suffering happening in the shadows of our great country's accomplishments. Dr. Christensen's recounting of his work and the stories of his patients reminds us again and again that these are our children and that we must do better by them. This is a must-read for policymakers and anyone who cares about children's health."

- Harlem Children's Zone.

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