Memorial Resolution of the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison
On the Death of Professor Emeritus Jack Westman

Jack C. Westman, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1965 to 1996, is best known for pioneering the community interdisciplinary team approach to families with children and adolescents who have significant mental health and behavioral problems. In the 1970s he developed Child Advocacy Teams, which expanded to become Coordinated Services Teams in Wisconsin and ultimately Wraparound Teams at the national level.

Jack Westman was born on Oct. 28, 1927, the son of Conrad A. and Alice E. Pederson Westman. He graduated from Cadillac High School in 1945, and went on to obtain his Bachelor of Science (1949) and Doctor of Medicine (1952) from the University of Michigan. He completed a one year internship at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC (1952-1953), after which he married his wife Nancy Kathryn Baehre on July 17, 1953. He served as a military psychiatrist for two years with the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps from 1954-1955. In 1960, he completed his four year child and adolescent psychiatry residency at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Dr. Westman joined the faculty in the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Michigan in 1960, where he served as the Director of Outpatient Services at the Children’s Psychiatric Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI, from 1961 to 1965. Subsequently, he joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin Department of Psychiatry in 1965, where he established the Child Psychiatry Division at the University of Wisconsin Medical School.

Dr. Westman was a prolific author, and throughout his career he published extensively on individual differences in children, the impacts of child abuse and neglect, child advocacy, family therapy, and public policy. He has contributed to over 150 journal publications, as well as fourteen books, including *Individual Differences in Children* (1973), *Child Advocacy: New Professional Roles for Helping Families* (1979), *The China-America Alliance* (2016), *The Cancer Solution: Taking Charge of Your Life with Cancer* (2015), and *Parent Power: The Key to America’s Prosperity* (2013). For 15 years, he served as an editor of “Child Psychiatry and Human Development” from 1984-1999.

Dr. Westman served as President of the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children (1978-1980), President of the Multidisciplinary Academy of Clinical Education (1992-1998), President of the Wisconsin Council of Child an Adolescent Psychiatry, and President of Wisconsin Cares, Inc., a non-profit advocacy organization for families. He served as vice president of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County and Mental Health America of Wisconsin. He served as a fellow of numerous associations, including the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American College of Psychiatrists, the American Psychiatric Association and the American Orthopsychiatric Association. Additionally, Dr. Westman consulted for various institutions, including the Joint Commission on Mental Health of Children, Madison Public Schools, and the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center at the Mendota Mental Health Institute.

For his outstanding contributions to the field of child and adolescent psychiatry, Dr. Westman received numerous awards, including: Wisconsin Association for Mental Health Award for Service to Children and Citizen of the Year Award; Wisconsin Judicial College Teaching Award; American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children Award for Outstanding...
Service to Child Mental Health; Prevent Child Abuse America Donna J. Stone Award; American Psychiatric Association Agnes Purcell McGavin Award.

In 1968, Dr. Westman and his beloved wife Nancy co-founded Project Understanding, a Mississippi-Wisconsin exchange program, after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Additionally, in 2000, they together established Canyon Scholars, a scholarship program for Tarahumara Indian youth in the Copper Canyon of Mexico.

Dr. Westman passed away peacefully on April 2, 2019, in Newton, Mass. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nancy; and son, Daniel. He is survived by his sons, John and Eric; his grandchildren, Matthew, Laura, Carly, Peter, Megan, Eric, Luke, Clay, Alexander; and his sister, Carolyn Swanson.