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Bethlehem doctor named PAFP's 2011 "Exemplary Teacher"

(HARRISBURG, PA.) The **Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians** has named Bethlehem's **Dr. Maria Ghetu** its **2011 "Exemplary Teacher (Full- or Part-Time Faculty)."** Dr. Ghetu teaches at St. Luke's Family Medicine Residency Program in Bethlehem.

Dr. Ghetu came to America from Communist Romania at great personal loss, sacrificing her position and family support for the opportunities that the United States offered her. Her interest in and love for the geriatric population prompted her to strengthen the geriatrics curriculum at St. Luke's, where she has succeeded in increasing the number of nursing home visits by residents by more than 200 percent. Ghetu also coauthored articles in "American Family Physician" and "Clinical Geriatrics." One of her colleagues, Robert Langan, MD, says that "[Dr. Ghetu's] contributions to postgraduate education have had a profound and positive impact on our residents, our students, and our practice in eastern Pennsylvania."

The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation supports its members (including nearly 80 percent of Pennsylvania primary care doctors) through advocacy and education to ensure a patient-centered medical home for every Pennsylvanian. The Academy and its Foundation are the leading influential resource among family physicians and physicians in training in Pennsylvania; the primary voice on health care issues with state legislative and administrative branches of government, media and professional health organizations; and the leader on health care issues in the community.

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