

Be a Hero for a Better World



"Clean water and health care and school and food and tin roofs and cement floor, all of these things should constitute a set of basics that people must have as birthrights."

Paul Farmer (1959-)

Dr. Paul Farmer is an American anthropologist and medical doctor who has devoted his life to treating illnesses in the poorest parts of the world and challenging policies that deprive poor people from adequate health care. He believes that access to health care is a basic human right. A 2003 best-selling book entitled, *Mountains Beyond Mountains: the Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World*, helped bring attention to Dr. Farmer's work and the international charity, Partners In Health, he helped to create.

While conducting anthropology research in Haiti, Dr. Farmer was shocked by the lack of medical care that the poor received. In 1987, he and some friends started Partners in Health, a charity hospital in central Haiti, providing free health care to the poor. Partners in Health has grown into an international organization with projects in Peru, Russia and Rwanda. In addition to overseeing these projects, Dr. Farmer is also a professor of Medical Anthropology at Harvard and an attending physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. The many awards he has received for his work include the Heinz Award for the Human Condition, the Global Exchange Human Rights Award, the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize and the American Medical Association's International Physician Award.

Paul Farmer was born on October 26, 1959 in North Adams, Massachusetts

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2. Hold an event to raise awareness about human rights issues
3. Contribute to organizations working to defend human rights

Human Rights Organizations

- Amnesty International (amnesty.org)
- Carter Center (cartercenter.org)
- Human Rights First (humanrightsfirst.org)
- Human Rights Watch (hri.org)
- Rights International (rightsinternational.org)
- UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (ohchr.org)
- Witness (witness.org)
- Women's Human Rights Net (whrnet.org)

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