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PASSIONATE ABOUT LIFE ... AND GIVING

Doctors Theresa S. Falcon-Cullinan and Stephen A. Cullinan blend a deep commitment to health care with a childlike zest for life. Judging by their crowded work, family and social calendars, they seemingly also require minimal sleep.

Both M.D.s have full-time medical practices in Peoria, Ill. In addition, they own and operate a company that develops medical programs for federal, state and county correctional institutions in eight states. They keep close ties with seven children — five daughters and two sons — who are scattered across the country from San Francisco to New York City. Yet somehow, these doctors

Health Professionals Limited. “Basically, we launched this business because Theresa is a very generous person,” says Dr. Cullinan. Health Professionals Limited now has a staff of 425 technicians and nurses and serves some 60,000 inmates in 85 facilities across eight states.

Beyond their demanding professional lives and equally intense leisure activities, they are just as passionate about charitable giving. Both are involved in supporting parks, arts and human services in their community, including Glen Oak Zoo, Easter Seals services for children and adults and local public television. Their philanthropy extends to Mayo Clinic, where they are members of

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find time for running marathons and their other favorite pastime, ballroom dancing. Dr. Cullinan has another passion he inherited from his father — he collects vintage model airplanes, searching as far as Eastern Europe and Russia for old kits.

Stephen Cullinan, M.D., grew up 15 miles from Peoria and earned his medical degree at University of Illinois College of Medicine. He currently practices oncology and internal medicine at Midwest Oncology Center and Pekin Hospital Cancer Treatment Center. Theresa Falcon-Cullinan, M.D., grew up in the Philippines, earning her medical degree at the University of Santo Tomas in Manila. Established in 1611, it is the oldest existing university in Asia. An obstetrician and gynecologist, she founded Falcon Center for Women in 1979 and in 1999 added a clinical research department to the practice. While her focus is on laparoscopic gynecologic procedures, she keeps a hand in obstetrics. “I still deliver ten babies a month,” she says.

In the mid-1990s, when Dr. Cullinan was doing oncology consulting for the Illinois Department of Corrections, he identified a significant need in correctional facilities for comprehensive, cost-effective medical and mental health services. In 1995, he and his wife founded

The Doctors Mayo Society. Dr. Cullinan, who did a fellowship in medical oncology in the mid-1970s at Mayo Clinic Rochester, is active in the Mayo Clinic Alumni Association.

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At a time when Mayo Clinic is working to transform medical education, which has remained virtually unchanged for a century, Drs. Theresa Falcon-Cullinan and Stephen Cullinan are keenly interested in the programs that will facilitate this transformation. For example, they support the Mayo Clinic Education Technology Center, which is creating a new integrated system of medical information management and delivery to assure physicians, health care professionals and learners have access to the most current medical knowledge — anytime and anywhere.

While their lives are anything but simple, Dr. Falcon-Cullinan says, “We live by a simple maxim ... give without remembering and receive without forgetting.”