

May 10, 2021**Stephen Shaya, M.D., Executive Servant Leader at J&B Medical and Managing Director of Akkad Holdings, Receives Pontifical Hero Award**

The award was presented at the Fifth International Vatican Conference, which is part of a global health initiative to #UniteToCure

VATICAN CITY — Stephen Shaya, M.D., Executive Servant Leader at J&B Medical and Managing Director of Akkad Holdings is a recipient of the Pontifical Hero Award for Inspiration for promoting social change through his commitment and work to improve human health and preserve the environment.

"I was truly honored to receive this recognition from the Pontifical Council for Culture and the Cura Foundation at the Fifth International Vatican Conference," Dr. Shaya said. "My grandmother and my father always passionately believed that the world needs to find solutions to make health care for the poor preventative, accessible and affordable. They took every opportunity to make a difference in peoples' lives who could never afford to repay them. They will always be my inspiration from Heaven and heroes to me."

"We are honored to recognize individuals who through their generosity, compassion, wisdom and leadership inspire hope to improve human health and increase the quality of life around the world and congratulate Dr. Stephen Shaya," said [Robin Smith](#), M.D., M.B.A., founder and president of the Cura Foundation.

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The Fifth International Vatican Conference is a high-profile event that brings together leading journalists, scientists, physicians, patients, ethicists and leaders of faith, government and philanthropy to engage in conversations on how scientific advances coupled with cooperation can provide hope for the future with improved health care for all.

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