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Message from the President

The Foundation is impressed statewide reach

I am proud to have served on the Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation Board for almost nine years and this year, as president, I worked to introduce this new format for the Foundation’s annual report. As a physician who practices in Oshkosh, I know that those outside of the Madison and Milwaukee areas don’t always realize the statewide impact of the Foundation’s programs, but the reach is impressive. When you fully open this report to view the Wisconsin map, you’ll see it’s easy to be talking about.

On the map, we’ve highlighted just a few of the scholarship recipients, fellowship projects, community health and research projects, school garden and educational programs, but the real impact is shown by its shading. Of the 72 counties in Wisconsin, 63 have been touched by Foundation support in 2014 alone. That’s the story on the map, the broader the Foundation support.

All of these activities are made possible by donations to the Foundation—annual gifts, estate gifts, donations to establish endowment funds or through participation in our annual fundraising event each April.

If you have not actively bought in the Foundation’s work, now is the time to get involved! Add your support today with a tax-deductible donation and join me and other colleagues and friends in helping to make a more meaningful impact on health and health care across the state.

Erie A. Gundersen, MD
President, Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation

Encouragement and Tuition Assistance

The Foundation contributes to the supply and demand of physicians in Wisconsin by helping to reduce the financial and other stresses that encourage students to pursue a medical education. Support for medical education in 2014 included:

• 381 White Coats—Through the White Coat Celebration Foundation donors provided the first white coats and a personal note of encouragement to winter medical student in the state. Support for medical education in 2014 included:

• $317,000 in Scholarships and Awards—With an average medical student loan debt of $170,000, pursuing a medical degree is daunting. The Foundation’s Scholarship Program strives to ease that burden.

• $320,000 in Student Loans—Foundation loans are designed to meet the financial needs of medical students. These loans are interest-free during medical school and offer generous loan terms to ease the financial burden.

• $15,487 in Community Health Grants—Non-profits received support for important projects focused on smoking prevention, wellness and safety, health literacy, mental health and physician education.

• $1,266,000 in Community Health Grants—Schools in 13 districts across the state received funds to create a school garden or enhance their garden program and related healthy living curriculum.

• Wisconsin Science Festival—Partnered with the Doctors’ Night to Coordinate a group of medical, nursing and pharmacy student volunteers to lead fun healthy living sessions at the event.

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• Milwaukee Children’s Hospital, credit given to students who achieved sufficient progress in a 1200-plus attendee clinic.”

• Doctor of the Year—Dan Foster, MD

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Events and Awards

Funding Dinner and Silent Auction
A special event was held this year to raise funds and awareness of the “superheroes of medicine” and grossed close to $200,000, thanks in part to sponsoring sponsors. (See insert.)

Celebration of Medicine Reception
Lambourne Field was the site of this first-time reception honoring Wisconsin Medical Society members who have maintained 25 years in medicine. More than 250 physicians and their guests gathered to enjoy great food and conversation, and the chance to view and touch Green Bay Packers’ Super Bowl rings, jerseys, helmets and more.

Awards

The following four awards were presented during the Wisconsin Medical Society’s 2014 Annual Meeting:

• Presidential Scholar Award—Lyris Sief, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

• Midyear Award—John L. O’Donnell, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

• Houghton Award—Alicia Min Hulein, Medical College of Wisconsin

• Young Physician Leadership Award—Julie Bollers, MD

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The Foundation at work throughout Wisconsin

Bayfield County: Cable

Walter Scholarship Fund—Barbara Johnson’s endowment is living on through the Walter Scholarship Fund. The Foundation awarded $5,000 scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year. The fund is administered by the Society, and it was established in 1946 to aid medical students from Wisconsin.

Price County: Friends

School Board Grant—Friends of the Price County School Board is living on through the School Board Grant. The Foundation awarded $5,000 to the school board for the 2014-2015 academic year. The fund is administered by the Society, and it was established in 1946 to aid medical students from Wisconsin.

Monroe County: Cashton

Grand Falls-Franklin—The Foundation has invested more than $314,153 in various prevention strategies implemented by Cashton’s Grand Falls-Franklin Community Health. The fund is administered by the Society, and it was established in 1946 to aid medical students from Wisconsin.

Dane County: Madison

Prescription for a Healthy Start—Medical, nursing and pharmacy students worked together to give out free feeding kits to patients at the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County. The program also encouraged the students to consider a medical career. Participants at the Boys and Girls Club received ophthalmic services provided by volunteers.

Waukesha County: Waukesha

Waukesha County Medical Society Scholarship—The Waukesha County Medical Society Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to students who are interested in the medical field. The fund is administered by the Society, and it was established in 1946 to aid medical students from Wisconsin.

Marinette County: Marinette

Student Trusts for Future—The Foundation awarded more than $26,000 to students from 54 counties in Wisconsin. The Foundation awarded $10,000 to the Wisconsin Medical Society, and $16,000 to the Wisconsin State Medical Society. The fund is administered by the Society, and it was established in 1946 to aid medical students from Wisconsin.

Wood County: Marshfield

Kawaruf-Robinson Scholarship—This fund supports students to learn valuable skills while helping to advance research and health education projects. The Kawaruf-Robinson Scholarship Fund is administered by the Society, and it was established in 1946 to aid medical students from Wisconsin.

Vernon County: Dell Rapids

Douglas County Health Grants—The Douglas County Health Grants Fund supports community initiatives throughout the county. The fund is administered by the Society, and it was established in 1946 to aid medical students from Wisconsin.

Winnebago County: Oshkosh

Operation: Education—Operation: Education is a program available to other students as a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees. It was established by a Foundation grant and is administered by the Society, and it was established in 1946 to aid medical students from Wisconsin.

The Foundation at work throughout Wisconsin

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