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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER / WINTER 2010

Foundation Continues its Good Work

I am pleased to report to you all of the good things that are happening with the MCG Foundation thus far this year.

MCG Foundation Receives Gifts to Create Four New Endowed Chairs

When reviewing the accomplishments of the Foundation in 2009, one of the most outstanding is the creation of several new endowed chairs at the Medical College of Georgia. These chairs provide a powerful means of attracting and retaining the best faculty, and are a permanent source of financial support for the salaries, research and academic activities of those faculty members. These endowed positions provide research excellence to MCG and academic leadership to the students who study under them.

Endowed chairs also provide a highly visible form of recognition for the donor whose generosity will be known from generation to generation.

The new endowed chairs include the Dr. William N. and Josephine R. Agostas Chair for Internal Medicine, the I. Clark Case, M.D. Chair in Psychotic Disorders, the Charles W. Linder, M.D. Endowed Chair in Pediatrics, and the William H. Brooks Chair. The addition of these new chairs brings the Foundation's total number to 47. This is a significant number of endowed chairs for a foundation of this size.

To further emphasize the significance of these gifts, it is important to know that the minimum funding level for an endowed chair is \$500,000.



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MCG Foundation Receives \$3 Million in Charitable Gifts in First 6 Months

The first half of 2009-10 has shown that the generosity of the alumni and friends of the Medical College of Georgia has not diminished in a bitter economy. Despite a global economic downturn, the MCG Foundation has raised over \$2.9 million dollars in the first half of the 2009-10 fiscal year.

Over the course of the past year, the Foundation has focused its fundraising efforts on soliciting support for scholarships and endowed chairs, both of which have seen increasing donations. Gifts to support endowed chairs exceeded \$1,290,000, while giving to scholarship funds reached almost \$100,000. Alumni giving has exceeded \$2.3 million through December, 2009.

The Foundation completed its first phonathon in December in support of the Graduate Scholarship Campaign. Launched in 2009, the graduate scholarship program provides substantial monetary support to rising sophomores in the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry. The first two awards were made this past summer. With the help of MCG alumni, the Foundation raised over \$73,000 in gifts and pledges.

In spite of the economic turmoil in the markets, the alumni and friends of MCG have demonstrated continued strong support for the students and researchers at the Medical College of Georgia.

Foundation Awards Scholarships

As mentioned above, the Foundation created two new scholarships in the schools of Medicine and Dentistry in 2009. The Board of Directors was proud to meet the recipient of the two new scholarships at its November meetings. Ms. Ashley Foster (Medicine) and Ms. Jayne Kelly (Dentistry) represent the best of the future of medical care and are a testament to the quality of the students training at MCG. The Foundation also helped MCG award a number of other scholarships in 2009, funding many of them from the Foundation's reserves. The Board will continue to work with MCG and the scholarship committees to make sure that student support is maintained at the highest levels for 2010 and beyond.



*Ashley Foster
MCGF Graduate
Scholarship
Winner (Medicine)*



*Jayne Kelly
MCGF Graduate
Scholarship
Winner (Dentistry)*

Dr. Lloyd B. Schuck, Jr. creates clinical sonography award

Dr. Lloyd Schnuck, the Foundation's Treasurer and current chairman of the MCGF finance committee, established an award to recognize sonography students at MCG. The Barbara A. Schnuck Clinical Sonography Excellence Award, named in

memory of his late wife, was created in 2009 and recognizes sonography students who demonstrate outstanding professional achievement in the areas of leadership, patient care, scholarship, and clinical excellence. Recipients must also demonstrate the pursuit of advanced sonography clinical procedures and skills. Students are nominated for this award by clinical staff, MCG DMS Program Clinical Instructor, or by a DMS senior student.

In addition to this award, Dr. Schnuck started the Ultrasound Program Textbooks and Learning Materials program to support learning materials and textbooks for students in the ultrasound program in the School of Allied Health Sciences.



*Lloyd B. Schnuck, Jr. M.D.
SOM Class of '68*

Dr. Schnuck, the recipient of the Medical College of Georgia's Vessel of Life Award in 2006, has also been named the Outstanding Philanthropist by the Augusta Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Foundation Board Meets at Augusta Office

The Foundation held its semi-annual full board meeting on November 22, 2009 at its Augusta headquarters. The board members heard reports from the Chairman on the Foundation's activities, including Committee reports from the Audit Committee, chaired by Mr. Charles Johnson, CPA, the Finance Committee, chaired by Dr. Lloyd Schnuck ('68), of the Investment Committee, chaired by Dr. Cecil Whitaker ('62), the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Dr. Mason Thompson ('73), and the Development Committee, chaired by Dr. Alva Mayes ('56).



The Foundation Board was also pleased to meet the two recipients of the new MCG Foundation Graduate Scholarships, and their families.

The Board members as well learned of the creation of several new endowed chairs and reviewed the results of the fall scholarship campaign and phonathon.

This meeting is traditionally held in conjunction with the fall meeting of the MCG School of Medicine Alumni Association Board meeting. Many of the Foundation board members attended the SMAA meeting as well.

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