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## A Night of Honor and Celebration — the 50th Anniversary Donor Dinner

On September 18 during the Scientific Assembly, the AAFP Foundation took the time to say thank you to the many people who helped the Foundation achieve the milestone of its 50th Anniversary. This special Donor Dinner celebrated the impact of the past, honored recent contributions of individuals and industry representatives, and looked to the promise of the future. Keynote speaker, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, gave a poignant, non-partisan address on healthcare issues today. Huckabee described how his family physician inspired him to change his life after a diagnosis of Type 2 Diabetes. As a result, he lost over 100 pounds.

During the evening, several awards and accolades were bestowed, including the AAFP Foundation Philanthropist of the Year to Dr. Ross and Linda Black; the AAFP Foundation Outstanding Programming Award to the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians; and the AAFP Outstanding Service Award to Don Gubitosa of Merck & Co., Inc. In addition, a surprise announcement was made regarding the establishment of the Ruth Ostergaard Children's Fund (see story below).

Check the website for pictures of the award winners and Governor Huckabee. 

### Salute to the Past Philanthropist of the Year Award Winners

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2006	Dr. Linda & Mr. Larry Stone
2007	Dr. Ronald & Mrs. Glenda Van Buren
2008	Dr. Ross & Mrs. Linda Black

## New Children's Fund Honors Ruth Ostergaard

Ten years ago, the Physicians With Heart delegation visited an orphanage in frozen Siberia where they discovered children who did not own coats. A collection was taken up to purchase coats for them—and a special project was born. Ever since that visit, the PWH delegation has included a children's project in which clothes, food, mattresses, bedding, shoes, and toiletries are supplied for orphanages and special needs schools within the country.


Spearheading these efforts is a most dedicated volunteer, Ruth Ostergaard. With love and commitment, Ruth has improved living conditions for hundreds of children in the former Soviet Union — children at orphanages who have very little if anything to call their own.

And her dedication has not gone unnoticed. Through the Ruth Ostergaard Children's Fund, recently established by a 50th Anniversary Fund donor couple who wishes to remain anonymous, her work will leave a lasting legacy of caring and helping. This endowed fund will be used each year to support philanthropic work with children. In addition, it's an outstanding example of the true intention of the 50th Anniversary Fund.

As this fund grows, your AAFP Foundation can help even more children here in the U.S. and around the world. Thank you to our donors and

volunteers, who enable us to accomplish this work. And thank you to Ruth Ostergaard for giving us her time, talent and warmth. Through her work, she has touched so many children. Through this fund, we can help so many more. Please join this anonymous couple and make a

donation in Ruth's honor to the Ruth Ostergaard Children's Fund.

For more information, visit [www.aafpfoundation.org](http://www.aafpfoundation.org). 

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The American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation advances the values of Family Medicine by promoting humanitarian, educational, and scientific initiatives that improve the health of all people.



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 denotes more story online.

## Letter from the President — Mark H. Belfer, DO, FAAFP

Happy Holidays and greetings from your AAFP Foundation. In this season of giving, please remember the good work you can do for family medicine simply by supporting your Foundation.

This is also the season of thanksgiving. Quick. Name a special person who made a tremendous impact in your life. A special individual who had a significant role in helping you to become the person you are today. This may have been a teacher or mentor in medical school or your residency program. Perhaps it was your family physician, a parent, or even a special friend. This person believed in you, inspired you, and guided you.

Your Foundation offers a way to say “thank you” in a manner befitting that special person’s significance in your life. Through a tribute gift, you can let those individuals know they helped shape you and your career in family medicine. And you can provide them with a wonderful gift of thanks during this holiday season.

Best to you and yours,  
Mark Belfer, DO, President, AAFP Foundation



## Blue Man Group Adds Color to VIP Event

The guests of honor never said a word, but no matter. Fun was had by all when the AAFP Foundation hosted a VIP reception on September 20 in San Diego featuring the world-renowned Blue Man Group. The reception immediately followed the

group’s fabulous performance at the Assembly Celebration.



Photo: Lagtiappe Studio, Inc.

Participants generously donated \$250 each to attend the special event. Their contributions will support the 22 humanitarian, educational, and scientific programs funded by your AAFP Foundation.

Special thanks to the Blue Man Group who donated a “still-wet” original piece of artwork to the Foundation. The artwork was made during the show, and was then auctioned off to those in attendance at the VIP event.

## New AAFP Foundation Website

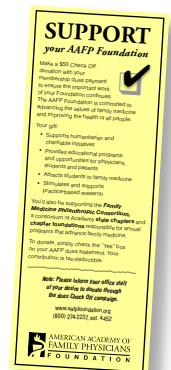
Check out our new, easy-to-use website! It’s filled with current information on programs, awards, events, and giving opportunities. You can learn how to get involved, and even donate online. Look for the icon in this issue to tell you there’s more to the story at [www.aafpfoundation.org](http://www.aafpfoundation.org)!



## Dues Check Off

Advancing family medicine can be as simple as making a check mark. Here’s how: The next time you pay your AAFP membership dues, check the “YES” box on your dues statement. Your \$50 contribution supports Foundation programs and initiatives that are important to family medicine. And your contribution is fully tax-deductible.

You’ll also be contributing to the work of chapters and chapter foundations through the *Family Medicine Philanthropic Consortium (FMPC)*. Please make a *Check Off* donation with your membership dues payment.



## CHFM Obtains Dr. Jack Medalie Collection

The Center for the History of Family Medicine (CHFM) has obtained a significant new donation in the form of the papers of Jack H. Medalie, MD, MPH. The Dr. Jack H. Medalie Collection consists of approximately three linear feet of material – including correspondence, professional papers and research – relating to Dr. Medalie’s career and service in family medicine. The donation, a gift to the Center from the Department of Family Medicine at Case Western, University of Cleveland, is one of the most significant of several major collections to be donated to the Center’s collections within the last year.

For more information about the Center and its collections, please call (800) 274-2237, ext. 4420, e-mail [chfm@aafpf.org](mailto:chfm@aafpf.org), or visit at [www.aafpfoundation.org](http://www.aafpfoundation.org).

# Your Foundation at Work

## Congratulations to the AAFP/F Wyeth Immunization Award Winners

Through a grant provided by Wyeth Vaccines, the AAFP Foundation sponsors the AAFP/F Wyeth Immunization Awards Program. These awards make it possible for family medicine residency programs to implement and share their best practices and receive recognition for identifying and developing creative solutions to overcoming barriers to childhood immunizations. For a detailed list of the 2008 awardees please visit [www.aafpfoundation.org](http://www.aafpfoundation.org). ▶

Congratulations to the winners:

- Grand Forks Family Medicine Residency
- MSU Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies Family Medicine Residency
- Munson Family Practice Residency
- Waco Family Medicine Residency Program
- North Oakland Medical Centers FMRP
- Toledo Hospital Family Medicine Residency
- Wyckoff Heights Medical Center Department of Family Medicine
- Sacred Heart Hospital/Temple University (Allentown) Family and Geriatric Medicine Residencies
- University of Alabama Medical Center (Huntsville) Program
- UTHSCSA Family Medicine Residency
- York Hospital Family Medicine Residency

## 2008 Pfizer Teacher Development Award Winners Announced

We are pleased to announce the 15 community-based family physicians selected to receive the 2008 Pfizer Teacher Development Awards. These awards recognize community-based family physicians who have graduated from an ACGME facility within the past seven years, and are outstanding part-time teachers of family medicine. Funding for this award is made possible by a grant from Pfizer U.S. External Medical Affairs.

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Photo courtesy of St. Vincent de Paul Village Family Health Center

## Lapel Pins Support Foundation Work

During the 2008 Scientific Assembly, the AAFP Foundation sold commemorative lapel pins in support of two charitable initiatives: the Children's Project (companion program of Physicians with Heart) and St. Vincent de Paul Village Family Health Center of San Diego.

The Center serves more than 60,000 patients each year—2,000 of whom are uninsured or underinsured. The center offers help for acute and chronic medical conditions, psychiatric care, specialty medical care and consultation, and preventive screenings. Family physician Margaret McCahill, MD, serves as medical director. For more information, visit [www.aafpfoundation.org](http://www.aafpfoundation.org). ▶

## Disaster Relief

Family physicians as a group care deeply, not only for family, friends and patients but for people they don't even know. That caring was demonstrated in the great outpouring of support for the Foundation's disaster relief efforts. In 2008, millions of people here in the United States and around the world lost their loved ones, homes, and communities to natural disasters. And you responded.

- The scenes of devastation in Myanmar and China last spring were heart-wrenching. Thanks to your response, the Foundation was able to donate more than \$15,000 to relief agencies on the ground in those areas.
- More recently, the Gulf Coast states experienced one of the worst hurricane seasons to date, and again, we were able to help because of your donations.

Your Foundation stands ready to support relief efforts whenever the need arises. Watch for the disaster relief button on the AAFP and AAFP Foundation websites. When a disaster occurs, you can quickly help us meet emergency needs by donating online, by phone, or by mailing the form on page 4 of this publication. ▶



## 125 Attend National Conference on Foundation Scholarships

The AAFP's 2008 National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students in Kansas City, Missouri was a huge success. Much of that success can be attributed to you and your colleagues.

Thanks to your continued generosity and support, the AAFP Foundation was able to provide 125 scholarships for

residents and students to attend this year's National Conference. One of the 2008 scholarship winners wrote of his experience, saying:

*"The National Conference really helped me to understand what family doctors actually do and made me even more interested in pursuing family medicine as a career."*

In order to continue offering these scholarships to worthy students and residents, we need your support.

Please consider making a donation to the AAFP Foundation's Resident and Student Initiatives fund for 2009 National Conference Scholarships. For more information, visit [www.aafpfoundation.org](http://www.aafpfoundation.org). ▶

## Physicians With Heart Travels to The Republic of Kyrgyzstan

The Republic of Kyrgyzstan, which has suffered economic stress following independence from the Soviet Union, is a better place today because of the efforts of the Physicians With Heart (PWH) delegation. The delegation visited the country October 16-26, bringing with them medical supplies and educational materials. Through your support, the AAFP Foundation has been able to help fund the work of the PWH trips for more than a decade.

More than 500 children in Kyrgyzstan benefited directly from the delegation's visit. During the previous winter, the heating system at the Chuy Boarding School, in the capital city of Bishkek, exploded due to the extreme cold. The Children's Project replaced the desperately needed heating system to provide heat for the upcoming winter to more than 250 children. In addition, the Children's Project was able to purchase two hearing aid systems and more than 30 individual hearing aids for children at the Special Boarding School #21 for Hearing Impaired and Deaf Children, home to more than 250 children. The Children's Project was also able to supply toiletries, bedding, gloves, shoes, hats, and scarves, as well as many other much-needed items. ▶

Since 1993, Physicians With Heart, a partnership of the AAFP Foundation, the AAFP, and Heart to Heart International, has improved the health of people in 10 countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia by providing medical aid, medical training, and educational initiatives.

If you would like to contribute to the International Fund to help more children, please use the donation form below.



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## Castaways for a Cause! 2008 Auction Bids Success

A good time was had by all during the recent 2008 AAFP Foundation Festivities in San Diego – even those marooned on the island for the evening. Auction-goers raised the funds to “charter” a boat to rescue our castaways, Drs. Jim King, Mark Belfer, and Beth Lawson Loney.

While emcee Dr. Michael Fleming led the group in a karaoke version of “Margaritaville,” attendees had fun bidding on trips, Wii systems, jewelry, fine art, and sports memorabilia. Kids enjoyed balloons, face painting and special auction items just for them.



More than 300 items were up for bid, in addition to grab bags and t-shirts. The evening's tally was \$80,000 in support of the Foundation's work. Thanks to all who contributed to making this event such a success! For a list of our volunteers and more photos of the exciting evening, visit our website at [www.aafpfoundation.org](http://www.aafpfoundation.org). ▶

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