Family Medicine Cares International Sends Delegation to Haiti

The 2018 Family Medicine Cares International Delegation to Haiti brought together 13 physicians, two residents, and five service team members to improve the quality of life for Haitians. Family Medicine Cares International (FMCI) delivers patient care and provides medical resources for people in need around the world. The cornerstone of this effort is the annual FMCI Delegation trip to Haiti, a country that is still recovering from a 7.0 magnitude earthquake in 2010. FMCI works to improve the lives and health of the people of Haiti by providing patient care in community-based clinics, delivering medical education and training to Haitian physicians, residents, and students, and servicing the needs of children and youth in local orphanages and schools in the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. This year, 20 volunteers directly touched the lives of more than 1,200 people by serving on one of three teams from Feb. 24–March 3.

The Patient Care Team saw 799 patients at two Family Health Ministries clinics: one in Port-Au-Prince and the other in the mountains of the Leogane region. They also conducted 320 well-child exams at the St. Antoine School and Orphanage in Fondwa.

“I learned enough Creole to communicate directly with my patients,” said Delegate Judy Chamberlain. “This was particularly rewarding when I was able to join a group of women about my age in our pharmacy area and share the challenges of aging along with a lot of laughs.”

The Service Team worked alongside the Patient Care Team in the clinics. They processed patients by taking vitals and helping as needed in the pharmacy and lab. In addition, Service Team members spent time with children in local

Family Medicine Cares USA Provides Support to its 10th Student-Run Clinic

The AAFP Foundation is happy to welcome a new student-run clinic into the Family Medicine Cares USA family. Salud Sin Fonteras Student-Run Free Clinic (SSFSRFC) is located in the El Segundo Barrio neighborhood of El Paso, TX.

This clinic focuses on serving migrant farmworkers staying at the Centro del Los Trabajadores Fronterizos - Center for Migrant Farmworkers. The goal of SSFSRFC is to eventually provide services to the surrounding neighborhood as a fully functioning community clinic. Hours of operation run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

The FMC USA funds allotted to SSFSRFC will allow them to grow the services they provide to a vulnerable population. According to the City of El Paso Department of public health, this zip code has a Community Need Index (CNI) of five. CNI is measured on a scale from one to five, with five being a ZIP code with the most socio-economic barriers.

Such barriers influence the health of a population, and are related to income,
Plan to Win

The triathlon is a popular sporting event. To win the three-stage competition, an athlete must excel at swimming, cycling and running, as well as be quick at the transitions between these sports. The triathlon is popular because it reflects life, and how we often need to excel at more than one thing to be successful.

In many ways, proper estate planning is like a triathlon, but without the pain, blisters, and wet clothing. Estate planning, like a triathlon, comes in three steps:

1. Commit—athletes often say the most difficult part of training is taking the first step. To get started, they focus on the final goal. Committing today to focus on your future is the first step toward completing a plan that benefits the people and causes you care about.

2. Prepare—just as athletes spend a lot of time practicing and preparing for their events, it’s important to take time to prepare for your future. Tools such as our free Wills Guide will help you prepare for conversations with your estate planning attorney and financial professional.

3. Complete—an athlete’s goal is to complete and perhaps even win the race. Committing to the planning process and preparing in advance makes it possible for you to complete an estate plan that achieves your goals.

While the triathlon and estate planning share these three steps, estate planning holds greater rewards and is far easier to complete successfully. Unlike athletes who race alone, estate planning involves professional legal and financial advisors who help you create and execute a winning plan.

Success in a triathlon results in a medal, maybe a little fame, and the momentary glory of victory. However, a well-planned estate provides a feeling of accomplishment and purpose, the security of paying less taxes, and peace of mind knowing you have helped the people and philanthropic causes important to you.

Take three steps that will help you minimize taxes while supporting your family and causes like the AAFP Foundation. To learn more and request a Wills Guide, visit aafpfoundation.org/plannedgiving or call the AAFP Foundation at 1-800-247-2237.
YOUR FOUNDATION AT WORK

AAFP Foundation Funds Innovation

One way the AAFP Foundation focuses on advancing the values of Family Medicine is through support of AAFP initiatives that spotlight and strengthen the specialty. Currently, seven programs—approximately one-third of the initiatives supported by the AAFP Foundation—are operated by the AAFP. This includes many of the resources that benefit members and the community at large.

The AAFP Foundation is committed to providing almost $500,000 in support to AAFP-run programs and services in 2018. Most of money granted to the AAFP comes from donations to the AAFP Foundation Annual Fund. Many times, this fund meets the areas of greatest need, which includes sponsoring innovative ideas. Here are a few examples of how different populations are benefiting from the AAFP-run programs supported by the generosity of AAFP Foundation donors.

- Filling the Family Medicine pipeline is critical, and the $75,000 per year that is given to support Family Medicine Interest Groups at medical schools help students offer programming that inspires a commitment to our specialty.
- The AAFP Foundation proudly supports programs that reach beyond the specialty to the community. Familydoctor.org is one such effort, providing respected, Family Medicine-centered information to any who seek knowledge.
- Physicians are receiving resources to better serve their patients. The Community Health Resource Navigator uses geographic information to help members access data about non-medical resources in patients’ communities. This includes information about addiction services, farmers markets, recreational facilities, and resources to address social determinants of health. This is coupled with training from the EveryONE Project, which helps educate and equip physicians to address and reduce health inequalities.
- On a personal level, physicians are receiving the support needed to reduce burnout and stress through the Physician Health First Initiative.
- Family Medicine physicians, educators, residents, and medical students from the U.S. and other countries can enhance their global view, skills for treating diverse populations, and engagement through the Global Health Workshop, the AAFP’s most visible global health initiative.

Please consider supporting these initiatives by donating to the AAFP Foundation Annual Fund and helping fellow family physicians understand the range of areas their Foundation supports to achieve the mission of improving health of people and communities through the values of Family Medicine.

Dr. David and Karen Smith Provide Service Opportunities for Residents

Most people have a handful of powerful experiences in life that stick with them and inform their choices moving forward. Through their humanitarian work, Dr. David and Karen Smith have had such encounters. Through a recent gift to the AAFP Foundation, they have decided to provide an unforgettable opportunity for residents and early career physicians to experience similar personal and professional growth and service.

“Having been given much, much is expected,” said David Smith. “We are delighted to share with others.”

The AAFP Foundation created Family Medicine Cares International (FMCI) to deliver patient care for people in need and provide medical education and training to improve the health and quality of life of children and communities around the world.

“We believe residents and physicians early in their careers have the desire to serve in their hearts, but may be challenged by financial barriers to participate,” Dave said. They created the David and Karen Smith Humanitarian Fund, an endowment that provides one resident scholarship of up to $5,000 to cover the FMCI Delegation participation fee, airfare to Haiti, and the chance to present at the National Conference for Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.

The couple has made three trips to Haiti (two with the AAFP Foundation) and participated in additional humanitarian work with organizations such as the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and nonprofits in their local community.

“It was clear to us that the AAFP Foundation had the resolve, staff, and resources to make a long-term impact for the good of this country,” he said.

In addition to being a Delegation member and donor, David also joined the AAFP Foundation Board of Trustees in 2014.

“During our first trip with the Foundation to Haiti, I felt this was a quality organization committed to doing work that resonated

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Making an Impact

*Family Medicine Leads (FML)* helps fill the workforce pipeline by encouraging medical students to select Family Medicine and helping develop personal and professional leadership skills that will serve physicians, patients, and our specialty.

The *FML Emerging Leadership Institute* is a yearlong leadership development program through which 30 promising medical students and residents are selected to receive volunteer, physician-led training, ongoing mentorship, and the opportunity to exhibit growth through an individual leadership project.

Three classes have completed the *FML Emerging Leader Institute*, and their accomplishments have set a high standard for future Scholars and prepared them for future opportunities. Here are a few successes from *FML Emerging Leader Institute* alumni:

- Josh Wienczkowski (2016) created a website to help residents with sensitive end-of-life care conversations. He shared this resource with more than 25 fellow physicians as part of a 2017 FMX Chat-N-Chew presentation.
- Multiple *FML Emerging Leader Institute* alumni have exhibited leadership through involvement with the AAFP, AAFP Foundation, and AAFP Chapters opportunities.
  - Clay Cooper (2015) served on the 2017 AAFP Foundation Board of Trustees as the Student Trustee and is a member of the *FML* Work Group, where he is an Ambassador helping current Scholars and providing program support.
  - Dr. Stewart Decker (2015) was elected as the Resident Member to AAFP Board of Directors in 2016.
  - Elizabeth McIntosh (2015) was elected to AAFP Foundation Board of Trustees as the Student Trustee in 2016 and the AAFP National Conference Student Chair in 2017.
  - Chandler Stisher (2016) was elected the 2017 National Coordinator for Family Medicine Interest Group and currently serves on the AAFP Commission on Education.
  - Amanda Stisher (2016 Track 1 Best Project Award Winner) currently serves on the AAFP Commission for Continuing Professional Development.
  - Andrea Bañuelos Mota (2017) currently serves as 2017 Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) Co-President.
  - Dr. Paul Yerkes (2017) is the Junior Resident Board Member for the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians.

The *FML Emerging Leader Institute* needs assistance to provide the experiences and training to help future leaders thrive in a way that helps patients, communities, and Family Medicine. Scholarship donors, mentors, and faculty encourage leadership and innovation from the next generation of Family Medicine. Visit [www.aafpfoundation.org/fml](http://www.aafpfoundation.org/fml) to learn more information about supporting this signature program.

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**FMPC Grant Awards: Accomplish More by Checking the Box**

Now in its 12th year, the AAFP Foundation’s Family Medicine Philanthropic Consortium (FMPC) Grant Awards have funded 289 projects in 39 states and the District of Columbia. These grants, totaling more than $1 million, are made possible solely through donations from AAFP members who check the donation box on their membership dues. The more donations we receive, the more grants we can award.

FMPC Grant Awards, available only to AAFP Constituent Chapters and Chapter foundations, support philanthropic work that aligns with our mutual missions of improving the health of all people. FMPC priority areas include resident and student projects, member outreach, and public health projects.

**Applications for the 2018 FMPC Grant Awards are now being accepted through June 15, 2018.**

Help us accomplish more and reach $2 million:
- Check the Dues Check-Off box on your dues renewal form.
- Submit an application through your Chapter for an FMPC grant award.

Visit [aafpfoundation.org/fmpcgrants](http://aafpfoundation.org/fmpcgrants) for application details and more information about previously funded projects and their outcomes.
Family Physicians Give Thumbs-Up to Adolescent Vaccination Pilot Project

AAFP Chapters and their physician members confirmed that the Highlight on VACCINATIONS 4 TEENS (HOV4T) events, tools, and resources were very useful in helping emphasize prioritization of teen vaccinations for meningococcal disease, HPV, Tdap and flu.

The goal of HOV4T was to encourage family physicians and their health care teams to bring more adolescent patients up to date on their vaccinations, using the 16-year visit as a prime opportunity. This pilot was launched in conjunction with the updated Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule that now features a specific 16-year column for vaccination.

Through the generous support of Sanofi Pasteur, the HOV4T program engaged 15 AAFP Chapters from across the country over an eight-month period. These Chapters hosted panel discussions featuring local health care professionals, including family physicians, pediatricians, nurses, and public health department representatives, who champion teen immunization in their states.

Nearly 1,100 health care professionals attended these events.

“I just sent five YouTube video links from HOV4T to an HPV-declining mom I saw Friday. They trumped all my pleadings and explanations,” said Philip Kaplan, MD, FAAFP. “Please let the AAFP Foundation know I am impressed. Indeed, narratives are the antidote to junk science on the internet.”

Resource Library materials are available at www.aafpfoundation.org/vaccinations4teens. You can download patient-focused materials such as appointment reminders, personal testimonials, in-office posters, and digital content, as well as back-of-office content for staff, including an educational video series on the CDC Immunization Schedule.

2017 Fellowship Recipients Find Treasure Trove at Center for the History of Family Medicine

The joint recipients of the 2017 Sandra L. Panther Fellowship in the History of Family Medicine each paid a visit to the Center for the History of Family Medicine to complete research on their respective fellowship projects.

Amna Choudry, MD, MPH, visited in October to conduct research on her project, “The Evolution of Rural Family Medicine from Origins to Present, and Future Direction.”

“This project will provide insight into current problems in rural medicine and assess the difficulties and possible solutions to common problems in rural medicine. The culmination of this project will serve as an environmental scan and a resource to provide guidance and valuable insight to future rural physicians,” Choudry said. “My experience taught me the importance of historical research in Family Medicine,” she said. “I will be a lifelong advocate of the Center. . .The resources there can’t be found anywhere else.”

In December, Terrence Steyer, MD, of the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston was on site to conduct research for his project “Establishing an Academic Base for Family Medicine: The MUSC Story.” Steyer said his study seeks to accomplish three objectives: first, “to describe the evolution of the department of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina from time of first proposal to establishment as a department”; second, “to use historical data to develop an understanding of the development of Family Medicine at academic medical centers, using MUSC as a case study”; and third, “to promote the continued need for academic departments of Family Medicine using a historical context.”

Amna Choudry, MD, MPH of Baltimore, Maryland (left) and Terrence Steyer, MD of Charleston, South Carolina (right), joint recipients of the 2017 Sandra L. Panther Fellowship in the History of Family Medicine.
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Resident Service Award Highlights

The Family Medicine Cares Resident Service Award, established in 2013, gives first- and second-year Family Medicine residents an opportunity to design and implement ideas that address health disparities of the underserved in their communities.

The first Family Medicine Cares Resident Service Award supported Partners in Parenting, a multidisciplinary community-driven program that addresses the parenting needs of underserved and high-risk families with children between 0–5 years old seen at the University Family Medicine Clinic (UFM). The developers, Drs. Alexandra Printz, Marie Pereira, and Marissa Moultrie, are first-year residents with the University of Maryland Family and Community Family Medicine Residency Program. They can already see the effects of their Partners in Parenting program.

Recently, a seven-month-old baby boy was brought to the clinic by his parents for a well-child visit. Residents noted minimal interaction between baby, who laid alone on the table and wore several layers of damp clothing in the cold weather, and the parents, who sat in chairs. His mother and father identified several needs with the provider, including worries about food and wishing they had more help with their child. He was diagnosed with Failure to Thrive.

A Partners in Parenting HealthySteps Specialist was introduced to the family and spent time getting to know them in order to understand their routines, including care and feeding. The specialist, along with the clinic doctor, determined the family was not making bottles properly and inadvertently underfeeding the baby.

The specialist and the residents partnered with the parents to amend the situation by teaching, marking bottles with how much formula and water to use, and encouraging parent-child interaction. The specialist helped the family utilize the governor’s initiative to receive free books each month. They also received safe sleeping gear, clothing, diapers, and toys that were age appropriate and encouraged bonding.

The baby is now 11 months old, on a normal growth curve, and meeting all developmental milestones. The parents are comfortable asking questions, receiving developmental feedback, and displaying more affection. In fact, it was reported that the parents glowed during their baby’s last appointment when sharing his developmental milestones and talking about his progress.

The second Family Medicine Cares Resident Services Award for 2017 supported Telemedicine, the Modern-Day House Call, a project being conducted by first-year residents Drs. Mandy Dailey and Brian McDaniel from the University of South Florida Morton Plant Mease Family Medicine Residency Program (FMRP), in partnership with the Family Medicine Residency Program and the Turley Family Health Center. This project expands a diabetes program that provides funding for clinic visits and access to free medications and diabetic testing supplies through video technology and trained clinical staff to facilitate “home visits” between the patients and clinicians.

The goal of their project is to provide a basic understanding of this growing health care field, and to have Family Medicine residents participate in hands-on telehealth learning opportunities in a variety of settings. This was achieved when Dailey was able to quickly respond, providing additional sharp containers and disposal information.

The Family Medicine Cares Resident Service Award is valued at $16,500. For more project updates and information about the Resident Service Award, please visit www.aafpfoundation.org/fmcrsa.
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schools and orphanages serving lunch, and showing them that many people who they don’t even know care and are willing to help.

The AAFP Foundation funded a new roof and much needed painting at one of the clinics. Their efforts were strengthened by the generosity of CompHealth, which conducted an employee fundraiser to provide treat bags to more than 600 children at St. Antoine School and Orphanage. CompHealth, along with AAFP employees and AAFP Foundation donors, delivered books and learning materials, sports equipment, and a special meal.

“The trip focused on making a difference, rather than just a donation,” said a delegate on the Service team. “Our efforts undoubtedly added both short-term and long-term value to the people (and children) of Haiti.”

The Medical Education Team worked to improve health and support the development of Family Medicine in Haiti by providing training for local physicians, as well as faculty and students at medical schools and residency programs. Haiti is home to five medical schools and two Family Medicine residency programs, both of which have experienced funding cuts in the last year. The six-delegate team presented faculty development sessions at the Cap-Haitien and Saint Marc Family Medicine residency programs and hosted two identical symposia for family physicians and residents in Port-Au-Prince and Cap-Haitien. More than 80 medical professionals attended these sessions to learn about topics such as hypertension, stroke, and respiratory conditions. In addition, the team met with the medical school deans and governmental leaders from the Ministry of Health to plan for future opportunities and continue advancing Family Medicine in Haiti.

“Being able to connect with physicians I have seen yearly since they were residents now mature into faculty, is one of the most valuable aspects of the trip,” said Anna Doubeni, Medical Education Team Delegate. “I was excited to hear they got the grant I had helped them work on last year and learn what they did with it.”

Donations make this signature program possible. Thank you to the many AAFP Foundation donors who gave children’s items and money to help purchase medication and supplies, which are expensive or unavailable in Haiti.

Please consider being involved as a donor or Delegate. Visit www.aafpfoundation.org/fmcusa for more information.

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education, health insurance coverage, housing, culture, and language. Additionally, this award will allow medical students, nursing students, and social workers to work collaboratively with the community to address patient needs.

SSFSRFC will purchase medical equipment such as point-of-care testing, EKGs, and portable ultrasound. It is also a great way for students to nurture their volunteerism and provide evidence-based, safe care in a low-resource setting.

Volunteer physician Dr. Charmaine Martin said, “Through interdisciplinary work, continued dedication, and, most importantly, empathy, this clinic will continue to grow and humbly serve not only the patient population of El Segundo Barrio, [but also] stoke the compassion, empathy, and innovation of all our volunteers.”

Since the program’s inception in 2011, FMC USA, the AAFP Foundation’s Humanitarian Signature Program, has awarded $415,829 to 38 (14 new and 24 existing) free medical clinics in 21 states. Of the 38 clinics awarded, 10 are student run, which not only advances medical education, but brings visibility to the caring nature of Family Medicine. These awards have provided an estimated $42 million in services from approximately 212,000 patient visits across the United States. The FMC USA program provides up to $25,000 for new free health clinics and up to $10,000 for existing health clinics to purchase durable equipment and provide services at no charge to patients.

To learn more about the FMC USA program, please visit our website at www.aafpfoundation.org/fmcusa.
Laissez les bons temps rouler avec votre AAFP Foundation!
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It’s not often that the AAFP Family Medicine Experience (FMX) is in the Big Easy, but when it is, your AAFP Foundation wants to make sure you are treated to amazing events two nights in a row. Make sure to save the date for all the Foundation events! Spend some time with us prior to the opening of FMX at the Congress of Delegates on October 7–10 and FMX on October 9–13.

Annual Recognition Dinner
Thursday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.
The AAFP Foundation hosts this special dinner for its most dedicated donors. This is where the Philanthropist of the Year, Outstanding Program Award, and AAFP Award for Distinguished and Meritorious Service to Family Medicine are presented.
Don’t miss your chance to attend this one-of-a-kind dinner in the Orpheum Theater in New Orleans. Since it opened in 1918, the theater has been a vaudeville stage, movie house, home for the New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, and much more. The theater has been part of the National Register of Historic Places since 1982, and, while severely damaged after Hurricane Katrina, it was reopened with all its original beauty and history in August 2015.

This dinner is by invitation only to AAFP Foundation donors who have generously given $1,000 or more between August 1, 2017, and July 31, 2018. Make a point to join us for this spectacular evening, and thank you for supporting your Foundation’s programs. If you have questions regarding your qualification to attend, please contact Brenda Cherpitel at bcherpitel@aafp.org or Erin Heffernan at eheffernan@aafp.org.

AAFP Foundation VIP Benefit
Friday, October 12 at 5:30–8 p.m.
Celebrate all night long with your AAFP Foundation as you enjoy exclusive access and VIP treatment to the World War II Museum in New Orleans. Not only will you see spectacular museum exhibits before everyone else, but, as a VIP, you will enjoy incredible food and drink, as well as the Victory Swing Orchestra, Glamor Girls, and a photo booth to commemorate your trip back in time. Remember to Laissez les bons temps rouler and have a historic and fun-filled evening with your AAFP friends and colleagues!

There is so much to see and do that you will want to take advantage of the early access. The WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired. The museum’s expansive collections include more than 250,000 artifacts and 9,000 personal accounts.

VIP Benefit tickets are $300 each. Space is limited, so reserve your spot early for this exceptional night. Proceeds from this charitable event benefit the humanitarian, educational, and scientific programs of your AAFP Foundation.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

AAFP Foundation Lapel Pins
Purchase your commemorative FMX lapel pin at the AAFP Foundation booths during the Congress of Delegates or at FMX. For a minimum donation of $15 per pin, you will support important AAFP Foundation programs.

AAFP Foundation Silent Auction
Bid on unique items in the AAFP Foundation Booth during the Congress of Delegates. This is a great opportunity to find your next vacation or gift for someone special.

AAFP Foundation Exhibit Booths
Stop by to visit your AAFP Foundation. The Congress of Delegates booth will be located inside the Hilton New Orleans Riverside and the FMX booth can be found in the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center Lobby.

We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

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with our heart,” David said. “The AAFP Foundation has and will responsibly use its resources to advance the values of the profession in the scientific, education, and humanitarian domain.”

Humanitarian work has served as the core for the Smith’s 43-year marriage. They hope that through this gift, which will continue in perpetuity, helping others becomes a way to cultivate a charitable and serving heart, while also combatting burnout and cynicism for the recipient.

The David and Karen Smith Humanitarian Fund supports one resident, but the AAFP Foundation is committed to providing this opportunity for even more people. If you would like to join the Smiths in supporting Family Medicine Cares International and ensuring that a second resident or early career physician attends due to the generosity of a fellow family physician, please email foundation@aafp.org.
Following his visit, Steyer commented on his research, "I began my research at the Medical University of South Carolina archives, but many of the most important documents were missing. Upon my arrival at the Center, I opened a box of Dr. Curry’s papers, and they were all there! The Fellowship has helped me complete my initial project and also spurred two additional projects. The Center is a treasure trove, and I plan to come back to find some more buried treasure in the future."

In addition, Steyer was also able to meet the namesake of the Fellowship, former AAFP Foundation Executive Director Sandra L. Panther.

The 2018 Fellowship will be announced by May 31, 2018, at www.aafpfoundation.org/chfmfellowship.
Immunization Awards Program Promoting Solutions

The AAFP Foundation’s Immunization Awards program recognizes Family Medicine residency programs (FMRPs) for identifying and developing solutions to overcome barriers to immunizations and promote sharing of immunization best practices. These awards provide an exceptional stimulus for improving practice and providing excellent patient care.

With the generous support of Pfizer Inc., 199 resident physicians from 10 Family Medicine residency programs in North Carolina, Nebraska, South Carolina, Georgia, Utah, Florida, Indiana, Arizona, Minnesota, and Tennessee are in the final stages of implementing their quality improvement and/or community health training aimed at improving MenACWY, HPV, Tdap, and influenza vaccination rates in adolescents (ages 11–21), or improving the rate of influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations in senior (age 65 and older) patient populations.

The 2017/2018 Adolescent and Senior Immunization Awards began in January 2017 and will conclude in August 2018. During the 20-month time frame, the AAFP Foundation works with selected FMRPs across the country to identify best practices to improve immunization rates, and hosts the residents’ presentation of findings through scholarly posters at the 2018 AAFP National Conference for Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.

Monetary awards of $10,000 are provided to the winning FMRPs. In addition, a $1,200 travel scholarship allows residents to attend the AAFP’s 2018 National Conference.

Preference for these awards is given to innovative projects that reach the largest number of underserved patients. Several of the 2017/2018 Immunization Award projects are taking place in communities with large refugee and homeless populations. A few examples of the way these FMRPs are engaging with their community stakeholders include:

- Savannah FMRP has established relations with the local Homeless Authority to increase vaccination efforts among teens who may not have a stable home environment.
- University of Minnesota Medical Center FMRP notes that analysis of their Focus Group discussions with parents, young women, and young men in their Somali community

is making it easier to understand their attitudes toward immunizations in adolescents.

The AAFP Foundation is looking forward to learning about the outcomes at the 2018 National Conference when the residents will present their results. Thank you Pfizer Inc., for working with the AAFP Foundation to afford this impactful opportunity!

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Medicines360 expands access to medicines for women, regardless of their socioeconomic status, insurance, or location. Funded by philanthropy, Medicines360 formed a partnership with Allergan, and the FDA approved LILETTA, a long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) in February 2015. Together, both companies reach patients in the public and private sector.

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