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The American College of Surgeons (ACS) Foundation underscores the vital role that surgeons play in benefitting society by enhancing and extending life for patients. As a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, the goal of the ACS Foundation is to advance the mission of the College through increased philanthropic support for our education, patient safety, and research programs. On behalf of the Foundation's Board of Directors, it is our pleasure to report that the ACS Foundation concluded a most successful fiscal year.

Through the generosity of many donors, we have been able to expand the significant accomplishments of the College and provide even greater benefits to Fellows and surgical patients throughout the world. During the 2008–2009 fiscal year, a total of \$2,043,508 was contributed to support the outstanding work of the College. As you will read in the following pages, this philanthropy has had tremendous impact on the College's efforts—from invaluable gifts to be used for scholarships to underwriting for volunteerism efforts.

The ACS Foundation offers many opportunities for Fellows and friends to invest. Whether your primary interest is making a difference in clinical practice, surgical research, education, or patient safety, we pledge to use your investment wisely, in accordance with your direction, and in the spirit of the goals of the American College of Surgeons and its Foundation. As the work of the Foundation is supported by the College, 100 percent of each contribution is dedicated to the program designated by the donor.

Each and every gift is important, and we are extremely grateful to the many donors who have shared their investment to advance the mission of the College. We extend our profound appreciation.

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Thank You

The Board of Directors of the American College of Surgeons Foundation is grateful for the continued investment of our many donors. Through their generous support, we have been able to expand the significant accomplishments of the College and provide even greater benefits to Fellows and surgical patients throughout the world.

Charitable gifts and grants are helping us meet the increasing need to provide the latest in education, research, and patient safety to benefit surgeons and their patients. Scholarships, faculty fellowships, lectures, paper competitions, and volunteerism programs are only a few of the many initiatives supported by our donors.

It is heartwarming to see the growing number of donors who choose to invest in the mission of the American College of Surgeons. Thank you for your generosity.

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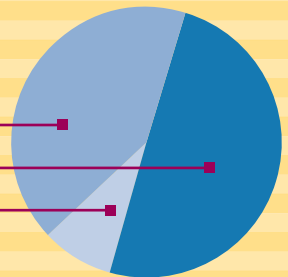
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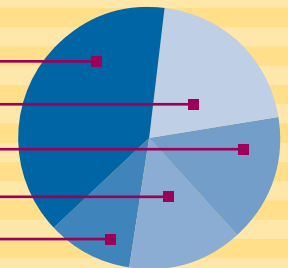
GIFT INCOME REPORT

July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009

SOURCE	AMOUNT
FELLOWS AND FRIENDS	\$855,558
CORPORATIONS	\$1,014,500
CHAPTERS AND SOCIETIES	\$173,450
TOTAL	\$2,043,508



DESIGNATION	AMOUNT
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS	\$799,253
SUSTAINING FUND	\$419,306
RESEARCH AND PATIENT SAFETY	\$322,253
OPERATION GIVING BACK	\$290,377
EDUCATION PROGRAMS	\$212,319
TOTAL	\$2,043,508



“Your Gifts at Work”

The American College of Surgeons has an enduring purpose: to provide surgeons with the knowledge and skills they need to deliver optimal patient care. But while the College’s mission has remained constant, surgical care has changed dramatically in the last century, and even greater transformations are developing.

Hence, the ACS has continually expanded the variety and scope of its educational and research-based programs and activities. Over the years, the College also has sought to pay tribute to some of the great leaders of our noble profession and to promote altruism and ethics.

Many of these programs exist through the charitable contributions provided to the ACS Foundation.

SCHOLARLY PURSUITS

The College views the task of offering scholarships, fellowships, and other learning opportunities as one of its foremost responsibilities because these efforts lead to advancements in the quality and safety of surgical patient care. These initiatives cultivate the brainpower, fresh ideas, and new perspectives young surgeons have to offer, while empowering surgeons at all stages of their careers to pursue both their clinical and nonclinical interests. Scholarly activities supported through generous gifts to the ACS Foundation include:

- *Resident research scholarships*
- *Faculty fellowships*
- *Scholars-in-Residence*
- *Traveling scholarships*
- *Traveling fellowships*
- *International guest scholarships*
- *Health policy scholarships*

NAMED FELLOWSHIPS AND LECTURES

Some of the educational and research efforts the College has developed over the years are named in recognition of a few of the great leaders in surgery—past and present.

An example of a recently added named program is the *Claude H. Organ, Jr., MD, FACS, Traveling Fellowship Award*. This fund was established by Dr. Organ’s family and many of his colleagues and friends to provide a lasting memorial to his extraordinary life and work. The award is intended for presentation to an outstanding underrepresented minority or female surgeon who is engaged in research that will foster the art, science, practice, or teaching of surgery or health policy.

The first recipient of the fellowship is Patricia L. Turner, MD, FACS, assistant professor of surgery and surgical training program director at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. “I am very flattered to have been chosen as the first recipient of this award because Dr. Organ made so many significant contributions to surgery and was a personal mentor of mine. Certainly this is a wonderful opportunity, and I’m very pleased and honored to have been chosen,” she said.

Dr. Turner intends to use the grant to work collaboratively with the Cleveland Clinic and the ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program to study predictors of outcomes in bariatric surgical procedures. “This collaboration will, hopefully, allow me to do something that I have been interested in for quite some time but never had the resources to undertake,” she said.

A named fund was also recently established to support the annual *Herand Abcarian, MD, FACS, Lecture*, which is presented during the ACS Clinical Congress. A Fellow of the College since 1974, Dr. Abcarian is a gifted and compassionate surgeon, teacher, role model, and mentor who has won the admiration and affection of both his patients and his trainees at the University of Illinois–Chicago School of Medicine. Many of Dr. Abcarian’s associates and affiliated organizations have generously contributed to this fund.

Although Dr. Abcarian is considered a trailblazer in the movement to have colon and rectal surgery attain recognition as a surgical specialty, the lectureship is not limited to specialists in that discipline. Rather, speakers at this session address issues of relevance to the surgical community at large, particularly emerging trends in the profession.



SERVICE TO ALL

The American College of Surgeons encourages surgeons not only to commit to lifelong learning and professional development, but also to use their skills and knowledge wherever the need is greatest. That's why the College established the *Operation Giving Back* (OGB) program in 2003. This comprehensive program is designed to help surgeons discover volunteer opportunities, whether on the other side of town or the other side of the world. Operation Giving Back connects surgeons with opportunities to provide charitable services through clinical outreach, educational partnerships, and training programs. OGB and the ACS are pleased to acknowledge the support of Pfizer, Inc, in this effort to develop safe, effective, sustainable health care solutions for underserved populations.

In addition to supporting the growth of the program, Pfizer's sponsorship has supported the ACS's annual presentation of *Surgical Volunteerism and Humanitarian Awards*, which are accorded to those Fellows who best manifest the spirit of "giving back" to domestic and international patient communities. Since the College and Pfizer began collaborating in 2003 to present the volunteerism awards, 12 individuals have received this honor.



William F. Sasser, MD, FACS; Walter Galvin (Senior Executive Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer, and Director, Emerson); Jason Keune, MD; Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS; Tim Keane, PhD (Director, Emerson Ethics Center, John Cook School of Business, Saint Louis University)

EMERSON SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE IN MEDICAL ETHICS

The American College of Surgeons Foundation is proud to announce a grant from the Emerson Charitable Trust to establish the ACS-Emerson Scholar-in-Residence in Medical Ethics in collaboration with the Saint Louis (MO) University Emerson Ethics Center. This program provides a promising surgical resident with a two-year immersion in the study of the ethical issues facing surgeons today.

Under the mentorship of C. Rollins Hanlon, MD, FACS, the first Emerson Scholar, Jason Keune, MD, a surgical resident at Washington University, began the fellowship in June 2009. During the scholar-in-residence period, Dr. Keune will have the opportunity to:

- *Participate in a collaborative learning environment centered on critical ethical challenges that arise in modern-day surgical practice.*
- *Develop the analytic skills necessary to evaluate complex ethical issues.*
- *Acquire the leadership and interpersonal skills relevant to improved patient care in an atmosphere that promotes constructive and problem-solving abilities.*
- *Contribute to the advancement of medical ethics through widely disseminated articles and discourse based on findings arrived at through the program.*



Dr. Howrigan

THE PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT

“The American College of Surgeons is held in such high esteem, that I really wanted to be part of the organization ever since I was in high school. I have been a member of the Fellows Leadership Society for many years. I wanted to contribute to the Foundation because I feel that I have benefited greatly from meeting and working with the wonderful, skillful surgeons whom I have met over the years through my training, practice, and Fellowship in the ACS. Contributing to the ACS Foundation, in my mind, is really a matter of returning the favor, as it were. I wanted younger surgeons to have the opportunity to have the same experience that I have had.”

—*Thomas G. Howrigan, MD, FACS, Fairfield, VT*



Dr. Payne

THE PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT

“I’ve been donating to the ACS through my family’s foundation since it was established eight years ago. I grew up in West Virginia, and I really appreciate the College’s emphasis on the surgical workforce shortages in rural areas and its efforts to find ways to combat the problem. I also like Operation Giving Back’s efforts to get surgeons interested in volunteering in underdeveloped countries and other areas of need. I have participated in two trips to Africa for fistula surgery, and these experiences were very meaningful to me. I’m sure that other surgeons who respond to the ACS efforts will find they feel the same way.”

—*Christopher K. Payne, MD, FACS, Associate Professor of Urology, Director of Female Urology, Stanford University Medical Center*



Dr. Ledgerwood

THE PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT

“I was introduced to the ACS development program by my surgical partner, Charles E. Lucas, MD, FACS. He took me to the FLS luncheon at the Clinical Congress in the late 1990s. It was there that I learned he had been donating to the ACS on his meager salary while raising five children. He pointed out that the ACS allows us to do what we do, and we have an obligation to support the organization. I became a member of the Fellows Leadership Society in 1999 and have continued to contribute each year. I have designated my funds to be used for the scholarship program because I believe our greatest investment is in the bright young surgeons who have good ideas but no funds.

I suspect that I will continue to contribute to those organizations that have allowed me to succeed—my college, medical school, the ACS, and other professional associations—as long as I have the ability to do so.”

—*Anna M. Ledgerwood, MD, FACS, a professor of surgery at Wayne State University, Detroit, MI*



Mrs. Campione

THE PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT

“My husband had always wanted to join the Fellowship Leadership Society (FLS) because he was very proud to be a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was the only one in his family to get through high school. So, the fact that he went to medical school, specialized in surgery, and had considerable professional success was just miraculous to him. He felt that he was just so blessed. After he died, I remembered he had always wanted to be a member of the FLS. I divided up some of his savings and gave it to several organizations, including the American College of Surgeons.

Because of his dedication to improving cancer care, our family’s personal battles with breast cancer, and the advances that continue to occur in oncology, I specified that the donation be used to support the residents paper competition in cancer. I was there to present the awards to some wonderful young doctors. The idea that my donation was supporting a program like that meant so much to me. I’m very glad I did it.”

—Mrs. A. Lee Campione, widow of the late Matthew P. Campione, MD, FACS, Meriden, CT



Dr. Gelot and Dr. Russell

THE PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT

“Since I first became a Fellow in 1996, I have given money each year for the College to use as necessary. The College hosts many important programs for surgeons and for residents and does so much—not just here in America, but internationally as well. If you are a member, you need to support all of these activities. This past year is the first time that I decided to give a donation for a specific purpose. I established a named fund in memory of my parents. My mother was a housewife and my father was a farmer in India. They emphasized education as means of achieving a better life, and for this reason I wanted to make this gift in their memory. The Baxiram S. and Kankuben B. Gelot Fund will provide annual funding for a selected international Fellow to attend the Clinical Congress. U.S. health care is the most advanced in the world, and I wanted to give international scholars a chance to see and learn about new technology and procedures so they can apply this knowledge in their native land.”

—Raghuvr Baxiram Gelot, MD, FACS, an otolaryngologist in private practice in Ahoskie, NC

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