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Promoting the Profession by Giving

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Every good act is charity.

*A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does
in this world to his fellows.*

- Molière

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Words that truly ring true for the generous donors to the Florida Podiatric Medical Society. Through generous support, the Society continues to enrich the lives of Podiatric students as well as citizens of Florida. In the past year, the Florida Podiatric Medical Society has presented two named scholarships to Barry University Podiatric students. Most recently, at Barry University's School of Podiatric Medicine White Coat Ceremony, Katherine Morrison, president of the Florida Podiatric Medical Students Association, received the Dr. Harvey Kopelman Scholarship, which is given to a second year Podiatric student who exhibits leadership amongst his/her colleagues. This scholarship was established by the FPMS and Audrey Kopelman, widow of the late Dr. Harvey Kopelman. Dr. Kopelman served as FPMA President and dedicated more than 50 years of his medical practice to providing the best care possible to each of his patients as well as promoting the podiatric profession.

The Society also presents the Dr. Irving and Muriel Block Scholarship at Barry School of Podiatric Medicine's graduation to the top graduating Radiology student. Next year, the Society will be presenting, for the first time, the FPMA Past President's Scholarship. This will go to a graduating student who shows signs of becoming an active leader in the Podiatry Association.

The Society also remains active throughout the state, giving to worthwhile charities that promote the profession to Floridians in need. The Society continues to sponsor two Diabetes Campers, ages 8-16, who would not be able to go to Summer Camp if not for your generous contributions.

The Society has also taken the lead role in sponsoring the ADA Step Out Walk campaign by sponsoring the six components that participate in their local Step Out Walks across the state each fall. Over the past five years, the FPMA Dade, Broward, Central Florida, Pinellas, Northeast Florida, and Northwest Florida

components have formed walk teams, raised money, and manned tables during their events, handing out FPMA promotional items and providing foot care advice and foot screenings to attendees. The Society also gives to Special Olympics and Homeless Shoe Drives held annually.

If you are aware of a needy charity that the Society could partnership with, please feel free to contact me and our Board will review the organization and the event. We are always striving to increase our presence and impact across Florida. Please be generous when paying your annual dues statement and check the box for your donation or write in more. For those of you who have reached your life-long goals and are looking to give back to the profession that helped you reach your pinnacle, please consider a trust donation to the Society.

It is always gratifying to see the generosity of our members and the impact your generosity has on so many people's lives. I am proud to represent you, our FPMA Members, throughout Florida. May the blessings of the Holidays be felt by you and your families.



Dr. Terence D. McDonald, FPMS President (l) presents the Dr. Harvey Kopelman Award to Barry Podiatry Class of 2016 student Katherine Morrison (r).