Our Mission:
To promote philanthropy in support of research, education, and public awareness in audiology and hearing science.
DEAR FRIENDS,

As the saying goes, "the one constant in life is change." For the American Academy of Audiology Foundation, change provides us with opportunities to explore new and different ways of achieving our goals and accomplishing our mission. Since its inception, the Foundation has implemented numerous changes, in keeping with a contemporary view of our mission. There have been expansions in some of our original programs, development of new research, educational and public awareness initiatives, collaborations with our student colleagues in the robust Student Academy of Audiology, and continued growth in our partnerships with the hearing and balance health-care industry.

Recently, a change to our fiscal reporting cycle* has given us the opportunity to focus on YOU, our generous donors. You may have noticed that our annual report is now renamed the American Academy of Audiology Foundation Stewardship Report. This report describes for you how we are caring for and preserving your generous donations by supporting the many programs and initiatives currently active in the Foundation’s collection. When you find your name in the following pages, I thank you on behalf of my Foundation Board colleagues AND those who are the beneficiaries of our programmatic initiatives. If you are not currently a donor, it is my sincere hope that you will consider adding the Foundation to your annual philanthropic plans this year based on the information found in the this report and at our Web site. The Foundation is changing with the times by responding to the needs of the profession and the interests of our many generous donors.

Since 2002, our donor list has increased 10-fold, from less than 50 to over 500 generous contributors. This is a change worth celebrating and a change on which to build! Thank you for being part of our success story…and for all you do to support our continued growth as we seek to advance research, education, and public awareness in audiology and hearing science.

Warmest Regards,
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*Note: The Foundation’s annual fiscal reporting period changed from year-end June 30 to year-end September 30 in 2013. We will continue to recognize donors in this report on a July through June giving cycle. The Foundation’s FY15 audited financial documents had not been finalized as of our Stewardship Report print deadline; these financial reports will be available on our Web site in 2016.
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TOTAL REVENUE
351,000+
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AMOUNT IN RESERVE FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS
$476,000+
As of June 30, 2015

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CHANGING SCIENCE THROUGH RESEARCH

Research is the bridge between audiology’s present and its still-to-be-discovered future. Supporting early-career and student researchers is how our donors invest in the science that creates change in hearing and balance treatment and technology.
2015 RESEARCH GRANT AND AWARD RECIPIENTS

NEW INVESTIGATOR RESEARCH GRANT
Stella Ng, PhD
University of Toronto
The Development of Ethical Clinician and Scientist Relationships with Industry: A Grounded Theory Study and Faculty Development Initiative

STUDENT INVESTIGATOR RESEARCH GRANT
Krysta Gasser, AuD Student
St. Louis University School of Medicine
Hearing Loss in a Novel Polygenic Mouse of Type II Diabetes Mellitus

Bruna Mussoi, AuD/PhD Student
University of Iowa
Age-related Changes in Temporal Resolution Revisited: Findings from Cochlear Implant Users

Macy Schott, AuD Student
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Assessment of a Hearing Conservation Program Designed for 4-H Youth

VESTIBULAR RESEARCH STUDENT INVESTIGATOR GRANT
Lee Choongheon, PhD Student
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Effects of Meclizine and Diazepam on Mammalian Vestibular Function

STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
Rachel Halbritter, AuD Student
West Virginia University
Effects of High-pass Filter Cutoff on Gender Identification from Vowel Segments

JAMES AND SUSAN JERGER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT RESEARCH
Lauren Charles, AuD Student
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Clear Versus Conversational Speech: Release from Masking in Children with Hearing Loss

Reem Mulla, AuD
University of Pittsburgh
Impact of a Hearing Aid Gain Adaptation Feature on Hearing Aid Success

Chrisanda Sanchez, AuD Student
University of Florida
Tablet Audiometry: Accurate Enough for Clinical Use?

Lauren Schaper, AuD Student
University of Texas at Dallas
Verification of Hearing Aids Made for iPhones

Paul Reinhart, PhD Student
Northwestern University
Coping with Music Processing Hearing Aids: Optimizing Compression

Hannah Widner, AuD
University of Memphis
A Toad and a Frog are Hard to Tell Apart: How English as a Second Language Affects Speech-in-Noise

STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM AWARDS
Robin Criter, AuD, PhD
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
A Preliminary Fall Risk Screening Protocol for Audiology Hearing-Clinic Patients

Allison Coltisor, AuD Student
Texas Tech University
Health Science Center Consonant Perception Enhancement Using Signal Processing in Bimodal Hearing

Alison Kiolbasa, AuD Student
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Audiological Training in Noise with Cochlear Implant Recipients

Alaina Lenzen, AuD Student
Missouri State University
Relationship of Hearing Sensitivity to Cognition Levels in Normal Hearing Adults

Stephanie Waryasz, AuD Student
University of Connecticut
Effects of Sport-Related Concussion on Auditory Processing in University Athletes

HEARING AIDS, CLINICAL PROTOCOLS, AND PATIENT OUTCOMES STUDENT INVESTIGATOR GRANT
Paul Reinhart, PhD Student
Northwestern University
Objective and Subjective Assessments of Patient Susceptibility to Reverberation

DONOR-FUNDED RESEARCH PROGRAMS

James Jerger Awards for Excellence in Student Research—AuD and PhD students receive cash awards for outstanding research posters presented at AudiologyNOW!

Research Grants in Hearing and Balance—Cutting-edge research is supported with over $30,000 in grant funding for new and future hearing scientists.

Student Research Forum Awards—Exceptional graduate students receive $500 grants, while presenting their research to peers and professionals at AudiologyNOW!

SUSAN AND JIM JERGER RESEARCH IN AUDIOLOGY FELLOWSHIP
Last fall, Foundation donors supported the Susan and Jim Jerger Research in Audiology Fellowship, established at the University of Texas-Dallas Callier Center in honor of Drs. Jerger’s many contributions to the science of audiology. This fund will support the studies and research of exceptional audiology doctoral students, thanks to gifts from these generous contributors:

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CHANGING THE FUTURE THROUGH EDUCATION

Rapidly changing developments in science and technology require lifelong learning, and our donors support educational programs for audiologists in all practice settings and at all career stages. Academic and conference scholarships, leadership development for students and early-career professionals, and free eAudiology courses available to the international hearing community are among the scope of programs supported with donor contributions.

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On the occasion of her retirement from Auburn University, Dr. Judith Blumsack’s friends, family, colleagues and students honored her by establishing a scholarship in her name. The Foundation thanks the many donors who supported this special tribute to a beloved educator.

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The Blumsack, Empowering People, Ruth, Singh and Student Leader Scholarships offer exceptional audiology graduate students grants from $1,000 to $5,000 to offset higher education costs.

AUDIOLOGYNOW! AND EAUDIOLOGY WEB SEMINARS

The Improving Patient Care Through Innovation in Workplace Management, Marion Downs Pediatric, and Topics in Tinnitus Lectures disseminate the most current findings in fields that impact the diagnosis, care and treatment of audiology patients. A library of sessions is available at no charge on eAudiology, including these AudiologyNOW! 2015 presentations:

- How the Age Wave Will Transform Health, Health Care, and Our Lives presented by Dan Veto, MBA (3 CEUs/ABA Tier 1)
- The Past, Present, and Future: Developmental Outcomes for Children Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing presented by Christine Yoshinaga-Itano, PhD (.15 CEUs)
- Pathology-Based Treatments for Tinnitus presented by Dirk De Ridder, MD, PhD (3 CEUs/ABA Tier 1)

JERGER FUTURE LEADERS OF AUDIOLOGY CONFERENCE (JFLAC)
Audiologists develop leadership skills and practice management collaboration as they tackle challenges facing the profession and learn about their personal leadership style at this biannual conference.

MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) AND STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD REIMBURSEMENT (STAR) PROGRAM
Audiologists unable to attend AudiologyNOW! due to financial hardship receive registration and travel support through this program established in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Donor support also funds travel grants for students presenting research or attending scientific conferences.

PROJECT AMAZON
A student and audiologist join a humanitarian team to serve remote communities seeking hearing health services in the Amazon basin.

STUDENT ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY CHAPTER GRANTS
The Foundation funds three types of university chapter grants that foster student engagement in the professional hearing wellness community and beyond:

- Chapter Challenge Grants reward chapters who conduct initiatives in audiology advocacy, education, humanitarianism and fundraising.
- HEAR (Humanitarian, Educational and Awareness Resources) Chapter Grants support local, national, and international activities conducted by students across the United States.
- SOHH (Special Olympic Healthy Hearing) Chapter Grants provide funding for students who screen Special Olympic athletes during local, state, national, and international games.

CONFERENCE TRAVEL AWARDS

ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN OTOLARYNGOLOGY MID-WINTER MEETING
Erica Ehlers, AuD/PhD Student
University of Wisconsin—Madison

Katherine Fitzharris, AuD
University of Texas—Dallas

STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD REIMBURSEMENT (STAR) PROGRAM
Samantha Gustafson, AuD
Vanderbilt University
Hearing Aid Conference in Lake Tahoe

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CHANGING MINDS WITH PARTNERSHIPS AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

Donors tell us that increasing awareness about hearing wellness and the value of audiology care for the treatment of hearing and balance disorders is a priority. Your gifts fund programs that spread the healthy hearing message.

NEW! “ASK ME ABOUT AUDIOLOGY” DAY
Audiology students around the country promote awareness about hearing and balance care and conservation in their local campus communities in October; the Foundation works with Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) leadership to secure resources for use in this public outreach.

DISCOVEARY ZONE
Audiologists learn fun and interactive ways to educate the public about hearing conservation and audiology care using consumer- and family-friendly resources.

NATIONAL AUDIOLOGY AWARENESS MONTH
In October, the Foundation funded production and distribution of the Academy’s Myth vs. Fact: The Truth About Hearing Loss poster and other consumer-focused resources, designed for use in educating the public about hearing and balance wellness and the audiologist’s role in the provision of quality hearing and balance care.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS
The Foundation partners with state academies to recognize students who conduct outstanding science fair research in hearing and acoustical science.

ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
The Foundation provides grant funding to allied organizations, with a common mission to advance hearing and balance wellness.
- Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE)
- American Board of Audiology (ABA)
- National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA)
- Student Academy of Audiology (SAA)
- University of Texas—Dallas Callier Center
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