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The Season of Giving

Jose Banchs, MD, FASE, 2016-2017 ASE Foundation Annual Appeal Committee Chairman

On Thursday the 24th of November, public kitchens, homeless shelters, and other charities will be fully staffed with eager volunteers offering food and other assistance to those in need. As many of us across the world come together with our families in the spirit of charity and giving, this day is perhaps the finest of our culture, celebrating our own thankfulness by sharing with those less fortunate. However, these efforts sometimes quickly fade; after the holidays, these same kitchens, shelters, and other charities will be understaffed, undersupplied, and underfunded.

Still, people of all faiths love the holiday season. Despite the ever-present consumerism and the mall crowds, I think the season that starts with Thanksgiving and runs through the winter holidays brings out the best in people. As you consider your own donations, please do not forget that the ASE Education and Research Foundation needs your help year-round. After the feasting of Thanksgiving and the frenzied shopping of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, pause to think about giving and consider contributing to the Foundation.

To help us reach our one-day goal of $10,000, we are again holding a major Giving Tuesday campaign on November 29.

Why should you give? The ASE Foundation is the organization that has supplied the most funding for research grants in the specialty field of echocardiography in the United States. Since its inception in 2003, the Foundation has surpassed $5 million in research grant funding. And from 2002 to the present, more than $172,000 has been given for scholarships and travel funding for attendance at the ASE Scientific Sessions, supporting more than 115 deserving sonographer students.

We are currently at about 61% of our $250,000 goal for the 2016 Annual Appeal, with just a few weeks to go. The 2016 Annual Appeal ends on December 31! To date, 1642 individuals have donated, with gifts both large and small. When getting to our goal, every donation counts!

The Foundation has a transparent and thoroughly documented record of spending to enhance our field. One hundred percent of the gifts to the Foundation are put directly to use in projects that help improve quality and accessibility in cardiovascular ultrasound, helping to make all of us better practitioners. Global guideline dissemination, support for travel to the ASE Scientific Sessions, research awards to young investigators, and global health projects are among the things that would not be achieved without your contributions. We’ve held nine medical missions to underserved areas of the globe, including this year’s missions to China, Kenya and the Philippines, where we provided life-saving diagnoses for underserved adults and children and we assisted in training clinicians whose continued work will mean a lasting impact for the efforts of the ASEF.

Charity is about people, not problems. You most likely have no idea who you are helping, but a small contribution multiplied by our entire membership makes an incredible impact.

Charity is about people, not problems. You most likely have no idea who you are helping, but a small contribution multiplied by our entire membership makes an incredible impact. That’s exactly what it means to be part of something bigger than yourself. Donations can be made in a number of ways, from donating online at ASEFoundation.org/donate, to including a donation with your annual dues renewal. Faculty at ASE courses, as well as at other programs beyond ASE, can seamlessly donate honoraria. And of course our sustainer members are our lifeblood, offering ongoing support each and every month. This particular type of donation helps us plan our budget ahead of time which in turn helps us confidently project the size of any given award. Details on these and other ways to give are available at ASEFoundation.org/ways-to-give.

And as we give thanks, we would be remiss in failing to thank each individual and company that helped the ASEF advance cardiovascular ultrasound worldwide in 2016. Whether you participated in a Foundation project, mission or other activity, supported one of our fundraisers, or donated to the Annual Appeal, we deeply thank you for helping to ensure the continued viability and visibility of our field.

2016 Annual Appeal Progress Report

As of October 31, the Foundation has met 61% of its $250,000 fundraising goal for the 2016 Annual Appeal. Donors have allocated their gifts as follows:
2017 Travel Grants are Available: Apply Today!

Every spring, the ASE Foundation funds Council Travel Grants for trainees to support their attendance at the ASE Annual Scientific Sessions. These travel grants are part of an ongoing effort by the Foundation, with the assistance of the Council Steering Committees, to encourage trainees to focus on sub-speciality practice. By facilitating their attendance at the annual meeting, these grants provide trainees with a deeper understanding of the imaging field, and cultivate the development of meaningful mentoring relationships with established imaging faculty.

To apply, please contact Natalya Read, ASE’s Director of Membership, at nread@asecho.org for more details. Application closes April 1, 2017.

Pick Your Passion!

Wherever your heart lies in echo, the ASE Foundation is making a difference. Donate on Tuesday, November 29 to ensure that your passion is supported next year. Our goal to raise $10,000 in 24 hours will go a long way towards supporting future projects. Whether your priority is fostering echo careers, standardizing cardiovascular care, or reaching the underserved, the Foundation is where your support has global impact. Learn more at ASEFoundation.org and join us in giving back on Giving Tuesday!
ASE Foundation volunteers traveled to Eldoret, Kenya in September for a collaboration with the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH). Our ASE team worked with the MTRH staff to survey children in Western Kenya in an outreach event looking for undiagnosed heart disease. Over the course of their week in Eldoret, team members assisted with assessment of over 1,000 primary school students and provided training for local clinicians. All of the children that presented with pathology have been plugged into the MTRH clinic for follow-up and further testing. This event also provided the hospital with valuable information on the potential burden of acquired, particularly rheumatic, and congenital heart disease in the greater-Eldoret area.

Learn more about Team Eldoret @ ASEFoundation.org/Kenya.

The ASE Foundation’s 2016 global health initiatives and humanitarian events are supported by donor contributions to the 2015 Annual Appeal and by a grant from Edwards Lifesciences’ Every Heartbeat Matters program.

Thank you, Team Eldoret!

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The Foundation also thanks our industry partners Hitachi Aloka Medical America, Inc., Terason, and Toshiba America Medical Systems for providing our team with the ultrasound equipment and technical support required to make this event possible. Thank you!

Special acknowledgement for their advice and assistance planning this event: Piers Barker, MD, FASE – Duke University Health System, Durham, NC; Gerald Bloomfield, MD, MPH, FASE – Duke University Health System, Durham, NC; Andrew McCrary, MD – Duke University Health System, Durham, NC; Dunia Karama – Indiana University House, Eldoret, Kenya; Duke Hubert-Yeargan Center for Global Health, Durham, NC; Moi Teaching & Referral Hospital, Eldoret, Kenya

Asante sana, Team Eldoret!
Your Gifts in Action: Primary School Outreach in Western Kenya

Each child was assessed for weight, height, and pulse rate before being scanned.

Little faces were constantly peeking around corners and through windows at each school, keeping an eye on what the visitors were doing.

Classrooms were emptied to make room for our equipment. We brought all of the materials necessary for a makeshift echo lab – including camping cots and stools, patient gowns, tarps, and rolls upon rolls of paper towels – with us each day.

Learning from each other’s professional experience is an important component of these events, and our team took every opportunity to offer training to our Kenyan colleagues.
Your Gifts in Action: Education in Central China

ASEF volunteers traveled to China in mid-September where they collaborated with the cardiac ultrasound communities in the cities of Xi’an, Yan’an, and Ansai, all in the Shaanxi Province. Representatives from our institutional host, Xijing Hospital in Xi’an, organized three educational events for a total of 600+ attendees, two patient outreach opportunities in rural areas, and numerous opportunities for professional and cultural exchanges. We’re proud to recognize the team members from the U.S. and China below. The photos tell our story, but we also invite you to visit our blog @ ASEFoundation.org/Central-China-2016.

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Special thanks to our team members in Xi’an and Yan’an: Xijing Ultrasound Dept: Xiaodong Zhou, Minjuan Zheng, Xin Meng, Jing Wang, Hua Feng, Xirxin Xiang, Shujia Sun, Nan Kang, Daojue Xuhong, Haiyan Zhang, Xi Chen, Jianyong Peng, Wenqing Gong, Dan Zhao, Fen Gu, Xiaoli Zhu, and Wei Han. Xijing Cardiothoracic Surgery Dept: Wensheng Chen, Feng Jin, and Chao Zhang. Yan’an Ultrasound Dept: Jianlei Zhang, Shengjun Tuo, Xiaohuan Feng, Xiaoye Cao, Lei Jing, Xinyu Liu, and Yishu Jing.

Phones were a favorite distraction for small children when cold probes were involved.

U.S. and Chinese experts collaborated on this and other cases. The surgeon, standing second from left, was a part of the team and performed all but the most complex surgeries while we were in China.

Touring the local hospital

Dr. Cynthia Taub, team leader, takes care of a patient. Behind her is a translated ASE guideline poster.
Your Gifts in Action: Education in Central China

ASE volunteers dressed in attire to honor the host country's traditions.

Distributing ASE posters following the lectures. Posters and USB drives, loaded with translated ASE guideline documents, were distributed to 600 attendees.

ASE sonographer Erica Chung examines a patient with help from U.S. and Chinese colleagues.

Foundation representatives were highlighted on signs announcing the conference.

Group photo with attendees and faculty at educational conference in Xi’an.

… and in Ansai
Year End Giving Tips: How to Maximize Your Charitable Contributions

Over 30% of all charitable giving is done in the last three months of the year. If you want to boost the impact of your charitable contributions before the end of 2016, follow these tips:

**Give wisely:** Be sure to confirm that the organization you’re giving to is a qualified charity or else your donation won’t be tax deductible. The ASE Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, so your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent of United States law.

**Keep it simple:** Having a hard time picking your passion between multiple options? Unlike when investing in stock, diversification isn’t as important a consideration when giving to ASEF. The simplest choice for maximum impact of your donation is to give to the “Area of Greatest Need.” This allows the Foundation to allocate your gift to where it will make the most difference in 2017.

**Think about appreciated securities, rather than cash:** Transferring appreciated stock directly to a charity, rather than selling the assets and donating the cash proceeds, is an easy way to give more. Plus you can take advantage of applicable tax incentives by receiving a charitable deduction for the initial transfer value as well as eliminating capital gains tax on the appreciation. But remember that gifts of stock or other securities can take 2-3 weeks to process, so don’t wait until the last minute to initiate a transfer.

**Explore employer gift matching programs:** Many companies offer gift matching programs that can increase – even double – the impact of your gift.

**Remember the deadline:** Donations are tax deductible in the year they are made. So if you want to deduct your charitable contributions on your 2016 tax return, you have until December 31st to make those donations. Online giving at ASEFoundation.org/donate makes it easy to donate at the last minute.
The ASE Foundation proudly recognizes and thanks these individuals for their leadership and support of the 2016 Annual Appeal. Together, we can make a world of difference!

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