



# **Featured News**

### **ASE Members Raise \$15,267 to Support India**

In response to the dire COVID-19 situation in India, ASE Immediate Past President Madhav Swaminathan, MD, FASE, identified two organizations in New Delhi working on the ground that would benefit from PPE supplies. Duke Hospital made a generous donation of surplus materials, and ASE donated \$5,000 to support the shipping



of these supplies to India. In collaboration with Dr. Judy Hung (ASE President) and Dr. Vera Rigolin (ASE Foundation Chair), the ASE Foundation solicited donations from members to further support this relief effort. In just a little over one week, **52** donors contributed **\$15,267**.

We are thrilled to report that three pallets containing more than 12,000 pieces of PPE and medical grade disposables have already arrived in New Delhi, with the shipping costs funded by these donations. Oxygen masks, tubing, intubation equipment, stethoscopes, CPAP BiPAP masks, isolation gowns, hoods, facemasks, and disposable gloves are now being distributed to healthcare and community workers who are caring for the sick.

Due to the overwhelmingly generous response to this campaign, we are currently exploring options for a second shipment of oxygen delivery kits and portable ventilators, as well as options to donate funds to a charitable organization directly supporting healthcare on the ground in India. Thank you for your generosity!

# **Announcements**

## **SAVE THE DATE: ASE Foundation Saturday Night Lights Fundraiser**

Join us Saturday, June 19 from 7:30 – 9:00 PM ET during the <u>ASE 2021 Scientific Sessions Virtual Experience</u>, for a magical event! Sponsored by the **National Board of Echocardiography**, **Inc.**, the evening will begin with a happy hour where guests can virtually mingle, moving freely from table to table. Following happy hour, magician & mentalist **Gary Ferrar** will join for a virtual performance full of unexpected moments and unique effects. Gary has appeared on NBC, USA, and the Travel Channel, and is excited to blow our minds in this private performance. Tickets will be available for sale soon and 100% of your purchase price will be treated as a charitable contribution to the ASE Foundation's 2021 Annual Appeal.

\*You must register, or already be registered, for the <u>ASE 2021 Scientific Sessions</u> <u>Virtual Experience</u> in order to purchase a table or ticket and attend.

Congratulations to the Recipient of the Inaugural Pamela S. Douglas, MD, FASE Research Scholar Award

ASEF is proud to announce the recipient of the inaugural Pamela S. Douglas, MD, FASE Research Scholar Award: **Dr. Yasufumi Nagata** from Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Nagata will receive a \$75,000 scholarship which allows him the protected time and mentorship to pursue impactful research.

**Congratulations Dr. Nagata!** 

The Foundation established the Pamela S. Douglas, MD, FASE Research Scholar Endowment Fund with a goal to raise \$375,000 by December 31, 2021. You can contribute to future research scholar awards by **donating to the fund**. If supporting the future of echocardiographic research is important to you, we encourage you to donate.



### Hope and Resilience in Action Photo Exhibit

This year's photo exhibit has a new focus: healthcare workers during the global pandemic. We are taking a break from our traditional Images from the Heart photo exhibit to showcase photos of hope and resilience during COVID-19. Send us your pictures! All qualified entries will be included in an electronic display at the ASE Foundation's booth during the <u>ASE 2021</u> <u>Scientific Sessions Virtual Experience</u>. The images for this exhibit will not be for sale. Full submission details can be found online <a href="here">here</a>. Deadline for submission is this Friday, May 14.



#### **ASEF Raffle**

ASEF will be hosting a raffle during the ASE 2021 Scientific Sessions Virtual Experience. The fundraiser will run from Friday, June 18 at the start of the Scientific Sessions and close Sunday, June 20 at 8:30 PM ET. Purchase \$10 raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes including: 2020 Physician Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Dr. Catherine Otto's book titled "The Practice of Clinical Echocardiography", a ticket to next year's Gala, and a table for 10 at next year's Gala\*. The winners will be announced Monday, June 21.



\*You must purchase \$500 in raffle tickets to be eligible for the 2022 Research Awards Gala table prize.

It's not too early to start thinking about your 2021 charitable contributions. Learn about the numerous ways you can give to the ASE Foundation <a href="here">here</a>.

**Donate to the ASE Foundation** 



