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Letter from the Chair

Vera Rigolin, MD, FASE, 2020 – 2021 ASE Foundation Board Chair & Annual Appeal Committee Chair



And just like that... this is my last newsletter as Chair of the Annual Appeal Committee and ASE Foundation Board of Directors. The past two years have been eventful to say the least. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation has persevered thanks to the unwavering support of our donors. It gives me such joy to share that because of you, the Foundation exceeded its 2021 Annual Appeal goal raising over \$241,000! We also saw record-breaking donor participation with over 3,300 individual supporters. I am very proud of all that we accomplished. Let's take a look at what we did last year:

- Raised over \$15,000 to provide COVID-19 support for two organizations in New Delhi, India.
- Collaborated with ASE to establish the Women In Echo member community.
- Participated in two virtual global health outreach events: Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging Congress and the Vietnam National Heart Association Congress, reaching over 6,400 clinicians.
- Hit new fundraising records for GivingTuesday raising \$35,529 from 294 donors.
- Awarded \$165,000 in research grants.
- Distributed free copies of ASE's Role of Echocardiography in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Guideline Poster to over 7,000 people in the October print version of JASE.
- Awarded 47 training grants to students, sonographers, and fellows.

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Thank you again to the more than 3,300 people who donated in 2021. Your donations will allow us to do even more this year!

Please join me in welcoming James Kirkpatrick, MD, FASE, as the next Annual Appeal Committee and Board Chair. Dr. Kirkpatrick brings valuable experience as a former member of the ASE Board of Directors, repeat global health event leader, and long-time supporter of the Foundation.

Hello! My name is Jim Kirkpatrick from the University of Washington, and I am very excited to be the next chair of the ASE Foundation Board and Annual Appeal Committee. I would like to start by thanking Dr. Vera Rigolin for the warm welcome and for leading the committee and the inaugural ASEF Board of Directors over the past two years. She has been an incredible leader, setting the tone for the ASEF and ensuring it has been established on a firm foundation. I am planning to continue her many initiatives, and I am also hoping the ASEF can expand its global outreach by encouraging international participation in education and research, building on the amazing work of ASEF's outreach and the WASE studies. I am also looking forward to ways in which the ASEF can attract participation in its many activities from a broad section of ASE members. We have so much to do and need the skills and expertise of many in the ASE community. In particular, I would like to encourage participation from our critical care echocardiography and cardiac POCUS communities.



Let's talk about some specifics of what to look for next in 2022. In March, we are hosting our Spring Giving fundraiser in celebration of Women's History Month. Help the Foundation bloom and kickstart our annual appeal. In June, we will be back **in person** at ASE 2022, in my neck of the woods, Seattle, WA. Plan to stop by the Foundation booth to catch up with staff, track your exercise for the cardiovascular challenge, and make a donation. On Saturday, June 11, we are hosting a scavenger hunt around the Capitol Hill area, just east of downtown Seattle, so bring your walking shoes. You'll also want to pack your dancing shoes because the Research Awards Gala will take place Sunday, June 12, at the Grand Hyatt Seattle. This will be our first in-person gala since 2019 so it is sure to be a night to remember! We will continue to hold the fundraisers you have come to know and love, Coffee Day in September and GivingTuesday on November 29.

I look forward to working with the volunteers and Foundation staff and am hopeful for a great year ahead. With the continued support of our donors, I know we will continue to make a world of difference.

2021 Giving Report

The ASE Foundation reached 121% of its \$200,000 fundraising goal for the 2021 Annual Appeal, raising **\$241,292.15**! Donors allocated their gifts as follows:

In addition to the 3,379 donors who contributed to the Annual Appeal (see pages 9-11) we are honored to thank the following partner organizations:

2021 Annual Appeal Supporters

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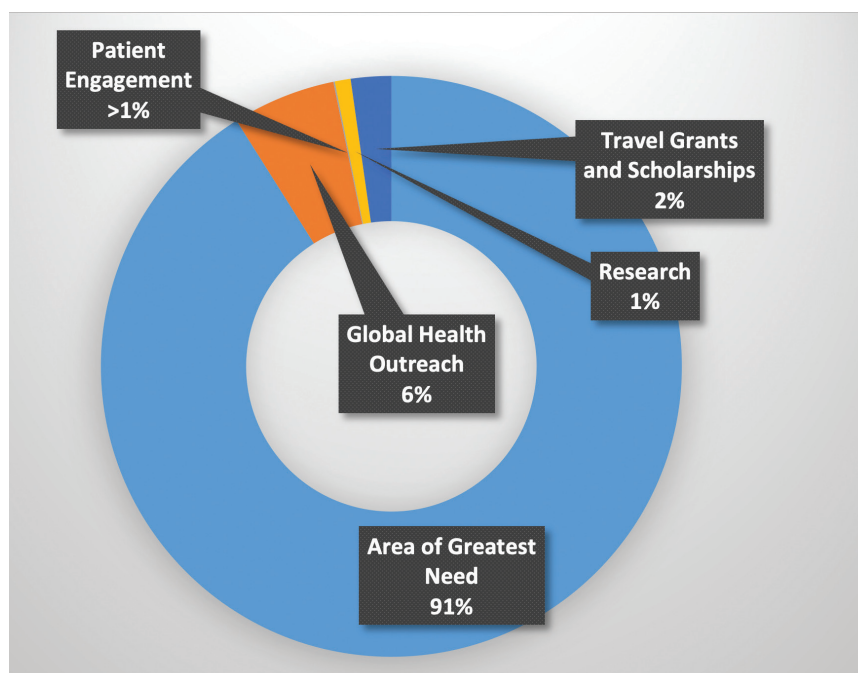
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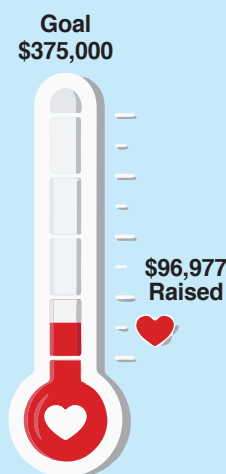
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The Pamela S. Douglas, MD, FASE Research Scholar Fund

The ASE Foundation has reached 26% of its fundraising goal for the Pamela S. Douglas, MD, FASE Research Scholar Endowment Fund, raising \$96,977.40. Thank you to the 12 donors who contributed in 2021 (see page 11).

You may contribute to this endowment by making a donation [here](#). Your contribution honors Dr. Douglas' legacy and supports giving research scholars the protected time and mentorship to pursue impactful research in cardiovascular ultrasound.



Every gift is meaningful. Every contribution makes a difference. It's not too early to start thinking about your 2022 charitable contributions. Learn about the different ways you can give to the ASE Foundation [here](#). Together, we can make a world of difference!

Looking for your 2021 donation receipt? All donation receipts are available online in the [ASE member portal](#).

Your Donations In Action

India COVID-19 Support

In just a little over one week in May 2021, **52** donors contributed **\$15,267** towards a fundraiser to support the dire COVID-19 situation in India. ASE Past President Madhav Swaminathan identified two New Delhi organizations that would benefit from PPE supplies to which Duke Hospital donated a surplus of materials. ASE gave \$5,000 to support shipping the products to India and the additional \$15,267 in donated funds contributed to this effort as well. With the money raised, we were able to ship three pallets containing more than 12,000 pieces of PPE and medical grade disposables to New Delhi. Your donations brought much needed PPE to healthcare and community workers in India.



2021 Research Grants

Supporting the future of echocardiography by investing in the discovery process and in the careers of investigators is an important objective of the Foundation. In 2021, we awarded \$165,000 in research funding which included two Cardiovascular Ultrasound Research Grants and the inaugural Pamela S. Douglas, MD, FASE Research Scholar Award. **Olivier Villemain, MD, PhD**, from the Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto and **Bethel Woldu, MD, MPH**, from Medstar Heart and Vascular Institute each received \$45,000 Cardiovascular Ultrasound Research Grants for their respective research proposals. **Yasufumi Nagata, MD, PhD**, from Massachusetts General Hospital was awarded the Pamela S. Douglas, MD, FASE Research Scholar Award. Upon receiving the award,



Olivier Villemain, MD, PhD



Bethel Woldu, MD, MPH



Yasufumi Nagata, MD, PhD

Dr. Nagata said,

"I am deeply grateful and excited to receive the Pamela S. Douglas, MD, FASE Research Scholar Award. It will advance my career growth as an independent investigator conducting impactful echocardiography-based research. It provides an opportunity to connect advanced echocardiographic technology with physiology to find innovative solutions for reducing mitral valve regurgitation and heart failure in patients with cardiac dysfunction. I am inspired by the leadership role model of Dr. Pamela Douglas and by mentors who include Drs. Judy Hung and Robert Levine in Boston, Yutaka Otsuji

of Sangyo Medical Center, William Zoghbi and Carlos El-Tallawi with their novel measurement of 3D mitral valve strain as a noninvasive window into cardiac biomechanics, and Joyce Bischoff and Elena Aikawa in Boston to bridge echocardiography with cellular and molecular therapeutic targets for clinical translation and improved patient outcomes."

Donations allocated to Research and the Pamela Douglas, MD, FASE Research Scholar Fund allow us to continue to support echocardiography researchers like Drs. Nagata, Woldu, and Villemain.

Your Donations In Action

2021 Training Grants and Scholarships

The Foundation awarded 47 student sonographer and fellow training grants and scholarships in 2021. When you allocate your donation to this area, you help the Foundation foster the next generation of cardiovascular ultrasound professionals. Hear directly from them how your contributions support their futures!



"It was such an honor to present at the ASE Arthur E. Weyman Young Investigator Award Competition. As a T-32 post-doctoral scholar, I will use the support from this award to further my development as an academic cardiologist and bolster my research in the field of cardio-obstetrics to improve cardiovascular outcomes and prevention among women." – **2021 Arthur E. Weyman Young Investigator Award Competition Winner, Malamo Countouris, MD, MS**



"I wanted to thank you, the Pediatric and Congenital Council, and the entire ASE Foundation for the opportunity to attend the 2021 ASE Scientific Session. It was extremely informative and offered a variety of topics. Thank you and I look forward to future involvement with ASE."

– **2021 Council on Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease Training Grant Recipient J. Kevin Wilkes, MD**



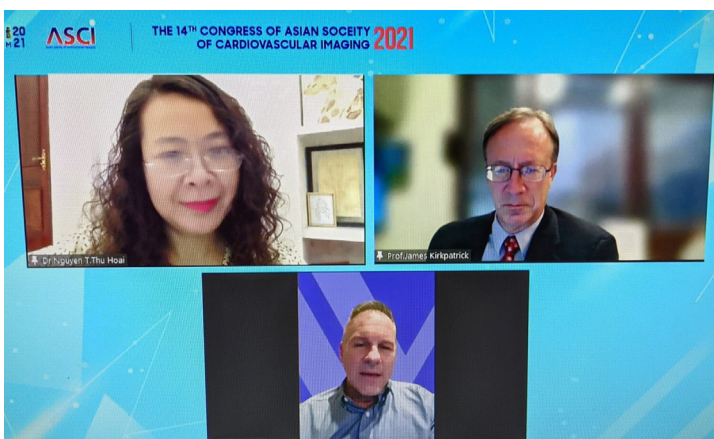
"The Katanick Student Scholarship Award has already helped with the transition between being a student and professional cardiac sonographer in that it gave me added confidence in my knowledge and skills after completing my formal education, and it will continue to be a reminder to strive for excellence and always keep learning! It is an honor and privilege to be recognized by this award, and is therefore motivation to live up to the high standards set by ASE and to actively contribute to the future of echocardiography throughout my career." – **2021 Katanick Student Scholarship Winner, Jennifer Danos**

Virtual Global Health Outreach in Vietnam

Despite not being able to travel, Foundation volunteers were able to share their expertise virtually with over 6,400 clinicians during two educational events in Vietnam: the 14th Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging Congress

(ASCI) in August and the Vietnam National Heart Association Congress in November. Both events were coordinated by James Kirkpatrick, MD, FASE, and Hoai Nguyen, MD, PhD. ASEF volunteers participated in virtual training villages

and presented lectures on various topics including: the future of valve imaging, innovation in risk assessment, congenital heart disease, and more.



Thank you, volunteers!

James Kirkpatrick, MD, FASE, and Hoai Nguyen, MD, PhD; and speakers: Nausheen Akhter, MD, FASE; Jose Banchs, MD, FASE; Keith Collins, MS, RDCS, FASE; Ashlee Davis, BS, ACS, RDCS, FASE; Michelle Fujioka, RDMS, RDCS, FASE; Gary Huang, MD, FASE; Carol Kraft, BS, RDCS, RDMS; Eric Kruse, BS, ACS, RDCS, RVT, FASE; Wyman Lai, MD, MPH, MBA, FASE; Roberto Lang, MD, FASE; Michael Lanspa, MD, FASE; David Linker, MD, FASE; Stephen Little, MD, FASE; Thuy Nguyen, MD; Pravin Patil, MD, FASE; Nina Rashedi, MD, FASE; Vera Rigolin, MD, FASE; and Becky Schwaegler, BS, RDMS, RDCS, FASE

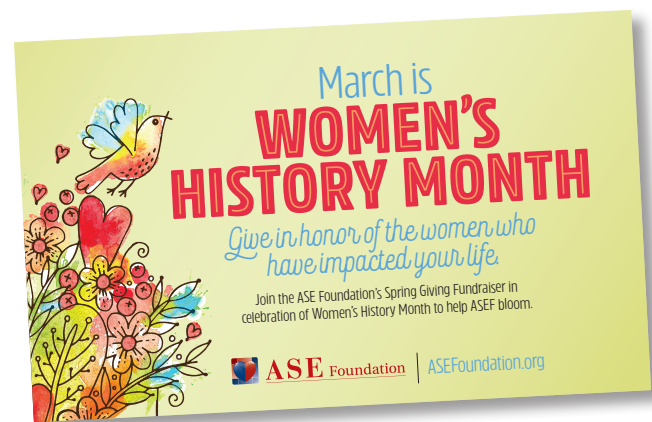
Scavenger Hunt

Join us for a team-based scavenger hunt on Saturday, June 11, during the ASE Scientific Sessions in Seattle. Pack your walking shoes and recruit fun teammates to join you on this adventure. Explore the Capitol Hill area of Seattle while as you answer clues and take pictures along the way. This is the perfect opportunity to get to know the city and mingle with friends or network! Join us for an after party to cap off the night with the other teams. The winning team will get a spiffy medal and all the bragging rights. You do not want to miss out on this adventure! How to sign up will be available soon on ASEFoundation.org.



2022 COUNCIL TRAVEL GRANTS AVAILABLE: APPLICATIONS CLOSE APRIL 18

The ASE Foundation funds Council Travel Grants for trainees to support their attendance at the ASE Annual Scientific Sessions, which this year will be held in Seattle, WA, June 10 – 13. These grants are part of an ongoing effort by the Foundation and the Council Steering Committees to encourage trainees in cardiovascular specialties to focus on the respective echocardiography subspecialties, provide echo-specific educational opportunities, and to encourage participation of these enthusiastic new members in the Councils. Recipients will receive a \$1,000 travel stipend to support their attendance at the ASE 2022 Scientific Sessions. Don't miss your opportunity to apply for a 2022 ASE Foundation Council Travel Grant. View application instructions online at asefoundation.org/council-travel-grants/. Contact NRead@ASEcho.org with any questions.



The Cardiovascular Challenge Returns This June



Get ready because we're bringing back the Cardiovascular Challenge! Whether you plan to attend ASE 2022 in-person or virtually, you'll be able to participate. The challenge tracks miles exercised, not steps taken, which means you can bike, swim, run, walk, etc. Use your own device to track your progress and share your daily totals with Mary Carmody at the ASE Foundation booth or by email at MCarmody@ASEcho.org. The leader board will be updated throughout the weekend so be sure to stop by and check on your competition. While you're checking your status, consider donating towards our 2022 Annual Appeal. You can allocate your donation to the category that most aligns with your personal priority. Sign up information will be available soon on ASEFoundation.org.

Remembering David J. Sahn, MD, FASE

The echo community is mourning the loss of ASE Past President, David Sahn, MD, FASE, who passed away December 31, 2021. Dr. Sahn was a pioneer in echocardiography and Doppler ultrasound, performing the first real-time 2D echocardiogram in the United States in 1972. He was a mentor to many, received numerous honors and awards, and authored five books and hundreds of peer-reviewed publications, just to list a few of his accomplishments. He leaves behind a great legacy and will be missed deeply.

Those looking to honor his memory were encouraged to donate to the ASE Foundation. As of February 17, 2022, 12 people had made contributions in his memory. With the donors' permission, we have included their names and messages to pay tribute to Dr. Sahn. Thank you to the following donors:

Dr. & Mrs. Rolf Ehlers; Julius Gardin, MD, FASE; Kerry Skram Jurgens; Elizabeth Le, MD, FASE; Alan Pearlman, MD, FASE; Michael Picard, MD, FASE; Charles Pollick, MBChB, FASE; Judy Rosenbloom, RDCS, FASE; Christine Sahn; John Skram; Alan Tong, MD; and Uyen Truong, MD.



Dr. Uyen Truong said,

“David lived his life with such enthusiasm and love, from his work breaking new grounds in medicine, to his love of his family, to his love of those less fortunate. His humor and happiness was so infectious. His life’s work continues on in the care of children with congenital heart disease.”

Dr. & Mrs. Rolf Ehlers said,

“David left his brilliant mark in the world....what a dedicated genius he was. Our arms are around you, Love, Deb & Rolf.”

Dr. Charles Pollick said,

“I was so sad to hear of David’s passing. I was always in awe of him as a pioneer in echocardiography. He brought passion, intellect, zeal and style into the profession. Condolences to his family. I wish them all a long and healthy life.”

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March – Spring Giving Month

April 18 – Council Travel Grant Application Deadline

June 10-13 – Cardiovascular Challenge

June 11 – Seattle Scavenger Hunt

June 12 – 13th Annual Research Awards Gala

September – Coffee Day: Donate a Cup to the Foundation

November 29 – GivingTuesday