AMA Foundation

Update on Activities

2022 Interim Meeting

Below is a written update from the AMA Foundation President William C. Sternfeld, MD, FACS, as part of the 2022 November Interim Meeting (I22).

Because of the outpouring of support from donors and supporters, which includes many members of the House of Delegates, the AMA Foundation dispersed nearly $1.8 million in charitable funding to support medical students, physicians and community health care and advocacy organizations. Activities included:

- **Awarded $345,000** in scholarship support to medical students through the Physicians of Tomorrow Program, which promotes diversity in medical education.
- In response to the destruction caused by Hurricane Ian this fall, the AMA Foundation has been working with state societies through the Disaster Relief Recovery Fund. The fund is designed to support medical or health-related organizations that help individuals with medically related aid.
- Added Harvard Medical School, in collaboration with Fenway Health, and Vanderbilt University Medical Center to the AMA Foundation National LGBTQ+ Fellowship program. The institutions join the pilot program at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and the 2021 inaugural institution at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.
- In recognition of Hawaii’s Native communities, the AMA Foundation awarded a special grant to the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, which will support two Native Hawaiian medical students.
• **Granted $100,000** in aid to support the International Medical Corps and Heart to Heart International to address the humanitarian crisis for citizens in Ukraine.

• Partnered with the AMA on an employee fundraising campaign that cumulated in **more than $60,000** being raised for a Nourishing Hope, a Chicago organization that provides food, mental wellness counseling and other social services to those in need.

• In the wake of mass gun violence earlier this year, the AMA Foundation **distributed $50,000** in grant support to the John Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions and the Saint Francis Employee Fund at the Tulsa Community Foundation.

• In June, several donors came together to establish a **women’s health advocacy fund**, joining other recently created funds such as the Paul O’Leary, MD Memorial Fund and the H. Hugh Vincent, MD Family Scholarship for Physicians of the Future.
In addition, the AMA Foundation has launched a new Health Equity Acceleration Fund. Over the course of the next three years, the foundation is committing $5 million to help further accelerate AMA projects designed to advance health equity. Working together, the AMA and the AMA Foundation can accomplish much more.

Thank you for your continued support of the foundation. Because of you, the AMA Foundation is able to deepen its commitment to advance health equity. If you have not made a gift to the foundation this year, give now and receive an I22 commemorative pin (pictured below). To donate:

- Text “I22” to 41444 and donate right from your phone.
- Visit amafoundation.org/i22 and donate online.
- Stop by the AMA Foundation’s booth at the Interim Meeting and speak to a staff member employee to make your donation. Be sure to grab some I22 swag while you are there and learn if your gift qualifies you to receive a commemorative pin.