A quest for healthy, productive aging motivates giving

In 1965, Paul Glenn launched the Glenn Foundation for Medical Research in his quest to extend the healthy productive years of life through research on the mechanisms of biological aging. In 2005, his mission led him to Harvard Medical School, where the first of two generous gifts of $5 million established the Paul Glenn Laboratories for the Biological Mechanisms of Aging. Glenn made his second gift in 2009.

“We’re not aiming to fill nursing homes,” says Glenn, whose foundation also funds aging research labs at MIT and the Salk Institute for Biological Studies.

The average American today lives 79 years, says Bruce Yanker, MD, HMS professor of pathology and co-director with David Sinclair, MD, of the Paul Glenn Laboratories for Biological Mechanisms of Aging. Yanker is leading research focused on the downside of this longevity: an increase in neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer’s.

The Glenn Laboratories at HMS are dedicated to understanding the mechanisms of normal aging and the development of interventions to delay its onset and progression, thereby extending the healthy years of human life. Since 2006, an annual symposium, sponsored by the Glenn Labs, brings together some of the country’s most preeminent researchers in aging to exchange ideas.

Many leaders in the aging field predict that significant strides will be made in understanding how human health and lifespan are regulated and how healthy lifespan is extended. The goal is to translate these discoveries into therapies that could postpone and treat diseases of aging.

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Training the first generation of autism specialists

Although autism affects 1 out of 150 children in some form, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, little is known about the neurological disorder, which affects a person’s ability to communicate, engage in social interactions, and respond appropriately to his or her environment. The cause is not clear, there is no cure—and no test can detect it.

Much of the reason little is known about the disorder is that there are so few physicians who understand autism and the needs of patients affected by it.

To help address the demand for more physicians who work with both pediatric and adult autism patients, the Nancy Lurie Marks Family Foundation has provided $5 million to the Harvard Medical School to establish the Nancy Lurie Marks Clinical and Research Fellowship Program in Autism.

The multifaceted program furnishes funding for HMS students and junior faculty members interested in pursuing a deeper understanding of autism and neurological disorders, and supports the Medical School’s focus on neuroscience. Half of the faculty members’ time will be spent seeing patients in the clinic.

Lurie Marks, who has as an adult family member with autism, says the new program is a leap forward in autism research. “I’ve spent a lifetime looking for answers and searching the best treatments for people with autism,” she says. “Now that Harvard has joined in this quest, it is my hope that this new partnership will result in new treatments for people with autism, and hope for their families.”

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The first Nancy Lurie Marks Clinical and Research Fellows are (left to right) Michael Coulter, MD ’12, Katharine Clapham, MD ’12, and David Lin MD ’12.
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It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural issue of The Benefactor: Partners in Discovery, our bi-annual publication to honor and acknowledge our most generous friends and supporters. You make possible so much of the success that defines Harvard Medical School.

Home to the largest community of biomedical researchers in the world, the breakthroughs that happen here transform our understanding of human disease. Harvard medical faculty are leaders in all areas of medicine and healthcare policy. Our innovative medical school curriculum is a model for schools nationwide.

This level of excellence and international leadership is thanks in large part to all of you, Harvard Medical School’s partners in discovery. Your ongoing generous support ensures that we continue to be the best medical school and research center in the country, if not the world.

Among our many partners featured in this issue is Paul Glenn, whose $5 million gift from the Glenn Foundation to Medical Research is advancing research into the mechanisms of biological aging in order to increase our understanding of how to extend our productive years.

Nancy Lurie Marks has made a generous $5 million gift from the Nancy Lurie Marks Family Foundation to study autism and specifically, to create the next generation of physicians and researchers focused on autism. The first Marks Fellows—see their picture in this issue—represent the initial step of what we believe will be a future in better care for people with autism and support for their families.

We also bring you the story of a very special alum, the late James “Bud” Stillman, MD ’32. Descended from a long line of philanthropic Harvard men, Stillman left a legacy in an $8 million trust that will provide scholarship support to HMS students for years to come.

This issue also features stories about two longtime HMS partners: the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Brain Science Foundation. The late James “Bud” Stillman, MD ’32 created a legacy that will support Harvard Medical students for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Harvard Medical School and for all you do to support the great work that happens here.

Regards,

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A legacy creates a long future of scholarship support

The late James “Bud” Stillman, MD ’32, made sparks fly. During his lifetime, he—a third generation Harvard man—was a pyrotechnic expert who in 1992, put on a fireworks display at the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. Beyond his hobby, however, he also created a fire for numerous medical students who would benefit from the Stillman Scholarship Fund he established. An electrician and genealogist for three decades, Stillman passed away in 1998, bequeathing $8 million charitable remainder trust to Harvard Medical School to forward this mission. The trust was realized in 2009.

Stillman believed that all the medical advancements in the world were only useful if the best and brightest medical students were available to make the most of them. To make that possible, he wanted to give smart young people the opportunity to come to Harvard Medical School, regardless of their financial circumstances. His generous bequest will ensure this possibility for many students for years to come.

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Long-time benefactors to HMS continue to support student scholarships

Harold Spear, MD ’47, and his wife, Suzanne, believe in the value of education. Grateful to have both had wonderful educations themselves, they have focused their generous philanthropic giving on their favorite educational institutions. For several years, Harvard Medical School has been a fortunate beneficiary, including a $1 million charitable remainder trust in 2000, with another $25,000 added in 2008. The Spears also established a $50,000 charitable gift annuity in 2009 for Suzanne as well as naming HMS as the beneficiary of $50,000 in a trust managed outside of Harvard.

“We think education is the key to the strength of families, communities, our country, and the world,” says Suzanne. “It’s like a small ripple in the pond.”

All of the Spears’ gifts are directed to the Suzanne and Harold Spear, MD ’47 Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Suzanne recalls her late stepfather, who paid his way through medical school by shoveling coal. “Young people who can’t afford their own financial situation at HMS should still be able to come to school here,” she says.

“We think education is key.”

—Suzanne Spears

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CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION GIFTS $550,000 – $999,999

The Simmons Foundation gave $525,000 to support the research of Bernardo Sabatini, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Neurobiology. With genetic evidence linking autism with defects in signaling between neurons, this gift will allow Sabatini’s lab to study how neuron activity affects synapse formation, focusing on the role of three autism-associated proteins in this pathway. The Simmons Foundation advances research in basic science and mathematics, and they hope to “stimulate collaborations and facilitate the exchange of new ideas that will further advance research in the life sciences.”

The G. Harold & Leila Y. Mathers Foundation made a gift of $525,000 to further the work of research of Bernardo Sabatini, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Neurobiology. This gift will further studies uncovering the mechanisms of synapse regulation in the brain and how changes in that system likely contribute to development of Tuberous Sclerosis Complex, an Autism Spectrum Disorder and Alzheimer’s Disease. The Mathers Foundation supports basic research in the life sciences.

The Brain Science Foundation gave $517,426 to support the Steven and Kathleen Haley Professorship in Neurosurgery. In keeping with the foundation’s mission to strengthen and expedite research for primary brain tumors, the Brain Science Foundation founders, Steven and Kathleen Haley, created this professorship at Harvard and Brigham and Women’s Hospital to enhance the excellence of investigation into brain tumors and related topics. The Professorship was created in honor of Peter Black, MD, PhD, Francis Ingram Professor of Neurosurgery.

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The Stillman Family Foundation gave $525,000 to support the work of Richard Mills, JD, Dean for Operations and Business Affairs. The Foundation seeks to stimulate collaborations and bring together researchers in diverse fields to further research in the life sciences.

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Trip to Africa brings home impact of giving

William Helman's children, Bea and Wilson, and his wife, Daisy, met with Paul Farmer, MD '80 during a trip to Rwanda to see Farmer's work first hand.

“IT’s the least you can do.” —William Helman IV

A desire to make a difference is good for all concerned

Douglas Payne and his wife, Caradine, who don’t have children, made the choices years ago that the majority of their assets would go to charity. Among Douglas’s first choices was Harvard Medical School. “Edward—Douglas holds an undergraduate degree from Harvard, Class of 1962 and he graduated from Harvard Medical School, Class of 1966. His best option was a charitable remainder trust—a smart choice, as it supports both alma mater while also giving him a reliable return for the rest of his life. He recently made a $750,000 contribution to his trust to be divided evenly between the two schools upon his passing.

“Harvard has a good record of managing the endowments,” says Payne. “I know the funds will be managed better than if I were managing them.”

A charitable remainder trust is one of many vehicles that enable those over 55 to make smart money management strategies to support HMS and themselves at the same time.

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A long-standing relationship of firsts

The relationship between Eliot Berson, MD ’62, Harvard Medical School, and the Foundation Fighting Blindness is built on firsts.

Back in 1954, the young foundation was looking to award its first research grant addressing blindness caused by hereditary retinal degenerative diseases. They found Berson, one of the few doing research of that kind at the time. That initial grant established the HMS Berman-Gund Laboratory for the Study of Retinal Degenerations in partnership with the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, with Berson as the lab’s director. The lab is named after foundation co-founders Bernard Berman and Gordon Gund, AB ’61, who went blind due to retinal degeneration as a young adult.

The Owings Mills, Maryland-based foundation has supported the laboratory every year since then, with grants totaling $10.5 million to date, including $1.3 million in 2009.

The lab is especially significant because it is the first cohesive center that takes a multi-faceted approach to understanding retinal diseases, according to Steve Rose, PhD, the foundation’s chief research officer.

Rose praised Berson’s leadership in the field, and says his research has led to numerous firsts, including the development of a diagnostic tool that measures electrical signals in the retina that can tell physicians how fast retinal degeneration is progressing in the patient. Berman also discovered that inhibiting Vitamin A into the retina can help stem blindness in some individuals.

“Eliot and his group are responsible for major advances in understanding retinal degenerative diseases that lead to significantly impaired vision and total blindness,” Rose says.

Friend’s gift is put immediately to good use

When Chris Flowers received an appeal from Paul Farmer, MD ’80, chair of the HMS Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, he didn’t think twice before making a gift of $100,000 to support the Department’s Program in Disease and Social Change.

“Paul Farmer is an extraordinary and unique individual,” says Flowers. “There is only one Paul Farmer.”

With its interdisciplinary faculty of social scientists and physicians, the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine applies social science and humanities research to constantly improve the practice of medicine, the delivery of treatment, and the development of health care policies locally and worldwide. Its members are concerned with the historical, cultural, and ethnic aspects of health care, poverty, and other social problems intimately interconnected with disease, and with the moral issues that arise in the practice of medicine today.

“We need more programs that train physicians in delivery science,” says Farmer. “We’re building a reservoir for Global Health.”

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A charitable trust is a good choice for all concerned

Robert Reck-Peterson, PhD, Assistant Professor of Cell Biology, the 2009 Milton Cassel Scholar and gave $550,000 to support her project “The Molecular Mechanism of Cryptochrome Dysmension.” Reck-Peterson is interested in understanding the mechanisms underlying intracellular transport and cell division, in particular the role played by microtubules and microtubule-based molecular motors like dynein.

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The RITA Allen Foundation’s mission is to promote the Common Good by supporting medical research and treatment. The Foundation “intends to be flexible enough to respond to unique challenges, ideas and projects that lie beyond our identified program areas.”
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When the study ends in 2015, most of the common genetic variants that predispose to MS will be present—information that will ultimately help identify people at risk, help predict how severely a person might be affected, and advance therapies.

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Industry leader’s gift supports mission critical work

Harvard Medical School is number one in the country, probably the world,” says Beck Gilbert, founding President and CEO of Field Point Capital Management Company and chair of the Harvard Medical School Board of Fellows. His gifts totaling $500,000 in 2009 were made to support the School and Dean Flier in a variety of initiatives, including student financial aid and the hiring of new faculty.

A firm believer in the incorporation of innovative technology into medical education, Gilbert has been a big supporter of the human patient simulator, a life-sized computer-controlled mannequin “patient” used to teach medical students. A portion of his gift will also advance cutting-edge Alzheimer’s disease research.

In his two years as chair, Gilbert has spread the School’s message to many leaders in industry and medicine. “I really want people to understand what HMS is all about.”

His commitment to the School, he says, underscores his giving. “You know it’s mission critical. We don’t want to wait. It’s very important to step up to the plate.”

“The future of our profession is our current and future students,” says Mark Hughes, MD ’86, chair of the Alumni Fund. “If we want HMS to continue to attract the very best candidates and for our School’s future to be as strong as its past, we must offer viable financial aid packages.”

Reunion gifts—those made by alumni returning to the School for their reunions—are a key contributor to the Alumni Fund. In 2009, 12 classes enjoyed their HMS reunions, with the Class of 1969, celebrating its 40th, the Class of 1979, celebrating its 30th, and the Class of 1959, celebrating its 50th reunion, taking the lead in reunion giving.

Also solid annual giving supporters are the members of the Board of Fellows, a powerful group of leaders in medicine, health care policy, and industry and a valued resource of advice and guidance for Dean Jeffrey Flier, MD. In 2009, Board of Fellows members, with key leadership from Chair Beckwith Gilbert, advanced significantly the Annual Fund’s ability to support the Dean’s initiatives.

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Giving back to the community while honoring the past

Robert Zufall, MD ’47, and his wife, Kathryn, say they feel fortunate to be in a position to make an impact in the world. Their gift of $500,000 to support financial aid at Harvard Medical School is just one of the many contributions they have made to improve people’s lives. They also founded a clinic 20 years ago to provide primary care for an underserved, mostly Hispanic community in Dover, New Jersey near where they live.

“We have a little more money than we really need,” says Robert. “It’s more satisfying to give than to have a yacht.”

Robert says he was motivated to give to HMS out of his nostalgia and close ties to his own class of 1947. “There is a close bond,” he says. He also believes in the future: “The education of doctors who will go on to do good things in the world is important.”

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The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation gave $1,000,000 to support the study of autophagy and diabetes using protein microarrays at Harvard’s Institute of Proteomics. The Institute’s research program will apply these funds to use new high-throughput technologies to understand the roles of all the proteins made in the human body in order to identify disease targets for type 1 diabetes. The mission of DRF is “to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.”

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Annual giving is essential to supporting the school’s ongoing needs, whether it is to offer financial aid to deserving students, hire new faculty, or support education and research facilities. At HMS, we are fortunate for the generosity of thousands of annual donors, whose continual commitment to the School’s mission makes our everyday work here possible.

In fiscal year 2009, annual donors gave more than $4.2 million.

Among our annual giving donors are those who give to the Alumni Fund. Harvard Medical School boasts more than 10,000 living alumni, all leaders in their chosen fields of medicine or other professional endeavors. HMS accepts only the best students, regardless of their financial situations. Therefore, robust scholarship and financial aid programs are fundamental to ensuring the success of our students. The Alumni Fund supports student scholarship, thus alumni giving plays a key role in many students’ lives and careers.

Gifts made in honor of alumni class reunions are the backbone of the Alumni Fund and are essential in supporting current and future students at HMS. The Reunion Gift Committee volunteers are fundamental to this effort. The 2009 reunion giving volunteers were:

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Ira Marks, MD, with his class ’79 reunion gift.

Trust and true: annual gifts provide solid foundation

Edward Hundert, Class Agent and Reunion Co-Chair for the Class of 1984, presents Dean Jeffrey Flier, MD, with his class’s 35th Reunion gift.
Clinical professorships make the grade

Harvard Medicine is composed of Harvard Medical School and 17 affiliated first-class hospitals and research institutions. Faculty at each of these affiliates hold HMS titles; many hold the additional distinction of an endowed named professorship. These coveted positions are awarded to faculty who are known experts in their fields and who continue to make major contributions to clinical medicine and research as well as to teaching and medical education. The generosity of numerous individuals has made possible many endowed professorships at Harvard Medical School; below are those that launched in 2009.

Slater professorship, Massachusetts General Hospital

Combined gifts from Shirley Slater, Richard Slater, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Z. Slater, along with gifts from past and present patients and families of Maurizio Fava, MD, Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, have created the Slater Family Professorship in Psychiatry in the Field of Depression Studies at Harvard Medical School. Fava, whose research at MGH focuses on depression studies and whose clinical interests focus on depressive disorders and psychopharmacology, is the first incumbent.

Smith professorship, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital

Richard and Susan Smith have established the Richard and Susan Smith Professorship in the Field of Cardiovascular Diseases at Harvard Medical School.

A gift annuity supports the school and a plan for retirement

Mark McMahon, MD ’86, at age 48, is on the younger side of those who make planned gifts to HMS. But, he says, when he looked at his retirement plan a few years ago and became worried about the market. A defined gift annuity seemed a smart idea. In fiscal year 2009, he added another $100,000.

“The annuity is attractive, especially nowadays when I am concerned about my 401K,” says McMahon. “I can contribute to FDAS, take a tax deduction, and the earlier I give, the better my return at retirement.”

He is also happy to be supporting student scholarships with a gift.

“Look at the scientific research being done to solve disease and my hope is that these are the people who will play a role in discovery or will be clinicians alleviating disease.”

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A Strategy for Success

Harvard Medical School is a world leader in medical education, health care policy, global health, and biomedical research. The examples are many: raising a respected voice in the current national health care debate; providing a force on the ground in Haiti following the devastating earthquake there in January; graduating the nation’s best doctors; and producing Nobel Prize winning research. Dean Jeffrey Flier’s strategic plan is geared toward advancing HMS’s standard of excellence and international leadership in key areas.

Knowledge of Disease

Harvard Medical School is home to the largest community of biomedical researchers in the world. Through robust departments in the basic and social sciences as well as expertise in areas such as bioengineering, stem cell and regenerative biology, therapeutic discovery and more, Harvard Medical School is poised to make great breakthroughs in the most vexing diseases of our time, including cancer, Alzheimer’s disease and autism, as well as diabetes, mental illness, muscular dystrophies and more.

Health around the World

Harvard Medical School is committed to improving the health of people around the world, from villagers in the poorest, most remote communities of central Africa to those living in western urban metropolises. Whether it is developing ways to improve the delivery of medical care in Rwanda or changing U.S. national health care policy, HMS’s key priority areas of global health and social science and the biology and social impact of aging will enhance and continue HMS global leadership.

Leaders in Medicine

The medical education curriculum developed at Harvard Medical School serves as a national model. Continually ranked the best in the country by U.S. News and World Report, Harvard Medical School attracts the most gifted students and graduates the most sought after doctors. Alumni become specialists in their fields, advise presidents, shape national policy, win Nobel Prizes and more.

Your partnership with us to end human suffering caused by disease is creating the future of medicine here and around the globe. There are many ways to support Harvard Medical School: To discuss the best way for you, please contact Christopher Painter, Executive Director of Individual Giving, at (617) 384-8462, Christopher_Painter@hms.harvard.edu.

“Harvard Medicine has always been a magnet for curious, creative individuals who are encouraged and supported to pursue ambitious research and innovative teaching and who keep the pipeline of scientific excellence flowing.”

—Jeffrey Flier, MD, Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Corporate and Foundation Gifts

Supporting Harvard Medical School and the Harvard Institute of Medicine requires a comprehensive and collaborative approach to meet the range of opportunities available for students, researchers and teachers. Whether it is a gift to provide funding for student scholarships, a gift to support research, or a gift to help support the administrative and academic infrastructure, there are many ways to contribute. These include the following:

Endowed Naming Opportunities

Senior Professorship $4,000,000

Clinical Professorship 3,500,000

 Associate Professorship 2,000,000

 Librarianship 1,700,000

Manton Professorship 1,500,000

Dean’s Initiative Fund 1,000,000

Fellowship 500,000

Scholarship 250,000

Financial Aid Fund 100,000

Teaching Fund 100,000

Research Fund 100,000

Book Fund 25,000

Current Use Naming Opportunities

Fellowship 75,000

 Scholarship 50,000

 Financial Aid 25,000

Teaching 25,000

Research 25,000

Technology 25,000

All other Current Use Funds 25,000

Space Naming Opportunities

Several areas and buildings throughout the Harvard Medical School Quadrangle and in the New Research Building are available for naming. Among them are:

- Harvard Institute of Medicine
- New Research Building
- Amphitheatre Lecture Hall
- Blum Center
- Belfer Court
- Belfer Garden
- Beinecke Library
- Academic Entryway
- Conference Center Entryway
- Breakout Room
- Corridor Lounge
- Amphitheatre
- Rosebery Hall
- Tisch College of Public Policy
- New Research Building
- Harvard Institute of Medicine
- Quad
- Academic Entryway
- Conference Center Entryway
- Breakout Room
- Corridor Lounge
- Amphitheatre
- Rosebery Hall
- Tisch College of Public Policy
Paul Farmer, MD ’90, chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine and co-founder of Partners in Health, led a symposium in February to talk about the Harvard Medical School response to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake in January. Farmer is recognized world-wide for his work to develop sustainable health care delivery systems in Haiti and other poor regions around the globe.