Fondation Bertarelli advances translational research with international partnership

Continuing its mission to advance translational medicine, Fondation Bertarelli has made a $1.8 million gift to Harvard Medical School. The generous gift continues the support of the family foundation, co-Chaired by Ernesto Bertarelli and his sister Dona, with his wife Kirsty and mother Maria Iris as members of the Board.

In 2010, the Fondation launched the Bertarelli Program in Translational Neuroscience and Neuroengineering to fund research grants for innovative translational medicine. The new program forged a partnership between HMS and École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), the premier bioengineering institution in Switzerland. Under the program, teams of researchers from each organization work together on projects geared toward finding solutions for people suffering some kind of sensory loss. Employing novel technologies such as gene therapy, flexible electronics, optical imaging, and human-machine interfaces, research teams are exploring innovative ways to repair spinal injuries and hearing loss, among other sensory disorders.

Louis Lange, MD ’74, PhD supports next generation of MD-PhD candidates

Louis Lange, MD ’74, PhD is an internationally recognized expert in the field of molecular mechanisms of cardiovascular disease. His successful career has included being Chief of Cardiology and Professor of Medicine at Jewish Hospital at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, and then founding and leading the biotech company CV Therapeutics, which launched two first-in-class cardiovascular drugs that now have been used by over 10 million patients; the company was acquired by Gilead in 2009. Lange attributes his success to the foundation he built at Harvard Medical School.

"I know how valuable it has been for me to have a true investigative career," he says. His $1 million gift to support the Harvard/MIT MD-PhD Program gives back while continuing the School’s progress in creating robust basic science researchers among its medical students. When Lange was here in the 1970s, there was no MD-PhD program, so he charted his own course to become the School’s first MD-PhD. Today, there are 150 MD-PhD candidates at HMS. Lange’s support of the Harvard/MIT MD-PhD Program, he believes, will foster more of these unique investigators. The rigorous program provides training for highly qualified students to become the next generation of leading physician-scientists. A number of these students may go on to pursue a career in basic research, while all students will be much better equipped to lead clinical trials and other research projects.

"This is a great chance to give some amazing students an opportunity.”
—Louis Lange, MD ’74, PhD
Dear Friends,

In this issue of The Benefactor, I again have the great pleasure of sharing stories from our friends and alumni about their giving to Harvard Medical School. In their shared generosity we find diverse passions—gifts to advance translational research, support our medical and graduate students, bolster programs in global health, and further basic science research among junior faculty members.

We are delighted to thank the Fondation Bertarelli for its $1.8 million gift in support of translational research within the Bertarelli Program for Translational Neuroscience and Neuroengineering. We recognize the extraordinary commitment of Lou Lange, MD ’74, PhD to our MD-PhD degree candidates as well as the Harvard/MIT MD-PhD program. We share our gratitude for the vital support of medical research from J. David Wimberly as well as the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation. We celebrate alumni like Andrew Kang, MD ’62, Yeu-Tsu Margaret Lee, MD ’61, Paul Weiden, MD ’67, and Cheryl Gorelick, wife of the late Ken Gorelick, MD ’67, each of whom gave back generously to their alma mater through charitable gift annuities and trusts. And we thank Arthur Rosenfeld as well as Mark Schwartz for their leadership in supporting global health programs that expand our reach well beyond our campus.

Together, the individuals and foundations featured on these pages have made an immediate impact on our capacity to train future leaders and end suffering caused by human disease. Beyond these pages, each of you who give so generously has helped make possible our current standing and positioned us for even greater contributions to medicine moving forward. Thank you for all you do for Harvard Medical School.

Regards,

Susan Rapple
Dean for Resource Development

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Positive experience inspired J. David Wimberly gift to support Alzheimer’s research

J. David Wimberly was so moved by his wife’s care at Brigham and Women’s Hospital (BWH) that in 2009, he created the J. David and Virginia Wimberly Professorship in Neurology at Harvard Medical School. Just this year, Wimberly has continued his generosity with a $500,000 gift to Harvard Medical School to support the work of Dennis Selkoe, MD, co-Chair of the Harvard NeuroDiscovery Center.

Wimberly’s gift will significantly help advance the Alzheimer’s Biomarkers Discovery Program, which is collecting samples from hundreds of patients in order to identify specific biological traits of the disease. If detected early enough, Selkoe and other researchers believe the disease’s onset can be prevented or delayed. “I was very impressed by what they are doing in that field,” says Wimberly, whose three grown children, he says, inherently worry him by becoming a doctor. As a non-citizen, however, state schools wouldn't consider his application and most private schools didn’t offer financial aid.

“I fell off my chair,” says Andrew Kang, MD ‘62 recalling when he learned that he had been accepted into Harvard Medical School and that he was being given a scholarship. It was a “double gift,” he says. “I was very grateful to be going to the medical school I wanted to go to, and to be given the opportunity to be able to afford to go.” Kang has expressed his gratitude with a $400,000 charitable gift annuity.

Kang recalls a different world in the mid-1950s when he moved to the United States with his family from South Korea with a dream to follow in the footsteps of the generations before him by becoming a doctor. As a non-citizen, however, state schools wouldn’t consider his application and most private schools didn’t offer financial aid.

“This is thanks for the very important help I got from Harvard Medical School when I was a student,” says Kang.

Andrew Kang, MD ’62 reflects on School’s generosity more than 50 years ago

The gift of Andrew Kang, MD ‘62, pictured with his family at a Christmas gathering, will allow students to pursue their passions.

You-Tsu Margaret Lee, MD ’61 returns help she was given

You-Tsu Margaret Lee, MD ’61 who joined many members of her class in May 2011 for her 50th Reunion, recalled the enormous impact Harvard Medical School has made in her life.

“The education and training I received at Harvard have enabled me to have a career and to serve humanity,” she says. Lee, who is now semi-retired from surgery, has traveled the world on medical missions—including Ghana and Honduras—and several times a year, she serves as a Visiting Professor of Surgery at Tzu-Chi Buddhist University in Taiwan.

Lee has made a $250,000 charitable gift annuity to the School. Making a CGA was a smart financial planning decision on her part, but it also allows her to return the largesse she was given.

“Rice and my family are proud to be associated with the groundbreaking research being done by the talented young recipients of these awards. Our hope is that, through them, our foundation is making a real impact,” says Richard.

Richard and Susan Smith, through the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation, have continued decades of generous philanthropy to support basic biomedical research toward advancing our understanding of disease and how to treat and prevent it. The Foundation has granted a $300,000 Excellence in Biomedical Research Award to Joseph Loparo, PhD, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology at Harvard Medical School.

Loparo’s work focuses on DNA damage and repair. This award will specifically be directed toward understanding a key player in the process of DNA transcription: an enzyme called translesion polymerase. Mistakes in the process of translating genetic information can lead to major diseases, including cancer.

Through their foundation, the Smith Family continues to enhance the greater Harvard medical community for the benefit of people everywhere.

“My family and I are proud to be associated with the groundbreaking research being done by the talented young recipients of these awards. Our hope is that, through them, our foundation is making a real impact,” says Richard.
The Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) has awarded grants to two outstanding members of the Harvard Medical School faculty, Michael Greenberg, PhD, co-Chair of the Harvard NeuroDiscovery Center and Nathan Marsh Pusey, Professor, has been awarded a $500,000 grant to advance his research into the possible genetic linkages between autism and a rare and severe neurodevelopmental disorder called Angelman syndrome. Peter Howley, PhD, the Shattuck Professor of Pathological Anatomy at Harvard Medical School, has been awarded a grant of $250,000 to support his research into autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

The genetic mutation that leads to Angelman syndrome is found in a region of DNA that in some people is duplicated and can lead to autism. Greenberg and his colleagues at Harvard Medical School have identified several novel substrates for the enzyme that when mutated causes Angelman syndrome, knowledge they hypothesize will lead to a greater understanding of how these factors contribute to some of the neurological and cognitive dysfunction associated with autism.

“Government funding for research is very tight right now so organizations that support basic research that is relevant to diseases is very valuable,” says Greenberg. “SFARI is building a partnership around autism research that will really make a difference.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that roughly 1 in 110 children in the U.S. have autism. Howley’s colleagues are looking at proteins that have been implicated in ASD and are working to unravel how these proteins interact and function in neurons. This work will help advance research toward the treatment and amelioration of this troubling and complex disorder.

“This is a new area of research for us and grants like these from the Simons Foundation are crucial to build research such as this so it can be funded by the NIH,” says Howley.

The grants are awarded from the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative, SFARI, a research campaign whose mission is to improve the diagnosis and treatment of ASD “by funding, catalyzing and driving innovative research of the greatest quality and relevance.

**Simons Foundation grants to reveal answers about autism**

**Arthur Rosenfeld’s visionary gift makes a global impact**

Arthur Rosenfeld, PhD changed the world. During the energy crisis of the 1970s, Rosenfeld, then a physicist at the University of California, Berkeley, founded the energy conservation movement. In spring 2011, he was awarded Russia’s prestigious Global Energy Prize. He used part of his award money to make a $150,000 gift to Harvard Medical School.

“He always raised us with the idea that our job is to save the world,” says his daughter Anne Hansen, MD ’90, MPH, who encouraged her father to direct his gift to support the Program in Global Newborn Health and Social Change within the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. The program is working to improve newborn health care in Rwanda with the long-term goal of replicating successful projects in other poor regions.

“My father’s gift makes it possible to really grow this program,” says Hansen. “I could not be happier than to see his lifetime achievement award for work in global warming support our work in global medicine.”

**Cheryl Gorelick gift brings together literature and medicine**

Ken Gorelick, MD ’67 loved literature and believed that the written word, particularly poetry, had therapeutic value for patients. He became a widely recognized leader in the use of poetry as a component of psychotherapy and regularly integrated poetry in the care of his own psychiatric patients.

Gorelick died in 2009 after a two-year battle with brain cancer. In his memory, his wife, Cheryl, has made a gift of $500,000 in the forms of a charitable gift annuity and a charitable remainder unitrust to support an eventual professorship in their names in medicine and the literary arts. She quotes these words from a poem Gorelick wrote after his diagnosis:

“I am in a generous leisurely mood with myself
Filled with gratitude and awe for what has been,
the gifts, the luck, the love.”

“Harvard has been one of those gifts,” says Cheryl. “We are so fortunate for HMS.”

**Podolsky Professorship advances reproductive endocrinology**

William Crowley Jr., MD, Chief of the Reproductive Endocrine Unit and Director of Clinical Research at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), was installed as the inaugural Daniel K. Podolsky Professor in Medicine at MGH on October 17, 2011. An anonymous donor established the professorship in honor of Podolsky, who graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1978 and served as Chief of MGH Gastroenterology and the Mallinckrodt Professor of Medicine at HMS until 2008, when he became President of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. At MGH, Crowley developed a broad-based translational research program that led to the formation of the Reproductive Endocrine Unit of the Department of Medicine and pioneered the use of GnRH analogues, which block the release of sex hormones to treat children with precocious puberty. This therapy is also widely used to treat prostate cancer, endometriosis, and uterine fibroids.

William Crowley Jr., MD and Bertarelli Professor of Translational Medical Science and Executive Dean for Research William Chin, MD ’72.

Left to right: Dean Jeffrey S. Flier, MD; William Crowley Jr., MD; Daniel K. Podolsky Professor; Daniel Podolsky, MD ’78; President, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; Peter Slavin, MD ’84, President of Massachusetts General Hospital; Dennis Ausiello, MD, Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital.
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation supports research on innovative elder housing and care program

There’s an evolving way to grow old. The gray hair and wrinkles still exist, but a novel model of housing and caring for elders is cropping up around the country as a potential substitute to traditional nursing homes.

Called Green Houses, these new programs are what they sound like—smaller homes in which older residents live, usually eight to twelve elders per house. Green Houses are organized to deliver individualized care, meaningful relationships, and better direct care jobs through a self-managed team of direct care staff working in cross-trained roles. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is interested in Green Houses and has made a grant of $699,000 to Harvard Medical School to support David Grabowski, PhD, who is analyzing the cost effectiveness of Green Houses relative to traditional nursing homes. Grabowski is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Care Policy.

“The Foundation’s support is incredibly important,” says Grabowski. “It’s a huge benefit to have a funder take an interest in the research of nursing home care, particularly innovative models such as the Green House project.”

“The Foundation’s support is incredibly important.”
—David Grabowski, PhD

Good planning makes for good long-term results for Paul Weiden, MD ’67

Paul Weiden, MD ’67 has a perfect solution. He has found a way to provide for his wife, Bev, while making a contribution to his alma mater with a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT). This past year, he contributed $100,000 to his trust, which supports research and education at Harvard Medical School and also gives him a nice way to celebrate Bev’s birthday.

Weiden explains that he wanted to find a good way to provide for his wife in the event that he was to die before her. The CRUT, he says, is the ideal plan for this, as it allows him to participate in the incredibly strength of the Harvard endowment, is managed by sound minds of the Harvard Management Company, and is essentially free to utilize. Birthdays and HMS Reunions provide good occasions to make incremental contributions.

“I give to HMS because I love it and it’s dear to my heart.”
—Paul Weiden, MD ’67

In memory of M. Judah Folkman, MD ’57

M. Judah Folkman, MD ’57 is widely known as a pioneer in cancer research after his study of tumor angiogenesis became the basis for an entirely new modality for treatment. His death in 2008 was described by many as “a loss to the world at large.”

In an effort to preserve, organize, and create an online guide to the records created throughout Folkman’s extensive career, his wife, Paula Prial Folkman, has made a $100,000 gift in his honor to support the creation of the Folkman Collection at the Countway Library’s Center for the History of Medicine.

She says, “Judah accomplished so much in his life. But he had notebooks full of ideas—interesting ideas—that still need doing. I hope my work not only serves as a historical perspective, but also sparks ideas for future generations of scientists and scholars.”

“There was no question in my mind that his research belonged at Harvard,” says Folkman. “I’m happy to provide financial support to help establish this collection. This is exactly what he would have wanted.”

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HMS Conversation takes on Alzheimer’s

Leading faculty at Harvard Medical School discussed Alzheimer’s disease and what is being done to treat it at “Alzheimer’s Disease: Advancing New Treatments and Prevention,” moderated by MSNBC Special Correspondent Meredith Vieira. The Conversation, held November 14, 2011, at the Harvard Club of New York, featured Michael Greenberg, PhD and Dennis Selkoe, MD, co-Chairs of the Harvard NeuroDiscovery Center. The evening was co-hosted by NeuroDiscovery Advisory Council member Martha Crowninshield, Rod and Alice Moorhead, and Barbara and Louis Perlmutter.

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Meredith Vieira, Michael Greenberg, PhD, and Dennis Selkoe, MD take a question from the audience.

NeuroDiscovery Advisory Council member Barbara Perlmutter and husband Louis Perlmutter (left) with William Kaye at the event.

HMS Conversation takes on Alzheimer’s
Support from Dean Rizer, MD ’38 gives students a head start

Dean K. Rizer, MD ’38 credited Harvard Medical School for preparing him for a successful life in medicine, and felt deep gratitude for the dedicated faculty who gave him what he described as a “head start.” Rizer, who died in 1994, expressed this gratitude by giving $100,000 to HMS through a charitable remainder trust, which has just been realized. His unrestricted gift will allow current and future students to tackle the challenges facing doctors today. Throughout his life, Rizer engaged in trying to improve the way medical students are able to handle changes in medicine as a result of politics and business.

Rizer practiced internal medicine at several hospitals in Minnesota throughout his life and taught as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota. He and his wife, Elizabeth, had five children. His gift will provide the next generation of medical students with the tools to become leaders in medicine in a changing world.

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ResMed Bolsters Farrell Prize in Sleep Medicine

ResMed Inc. has generously committed $300,000 in support of the Peter C. Farrell Prize in Sleep Medicine. Named for company Founder, Chairman, and CEO, Peter C. Farrell, MD, the Farrell Prize in Sleep Medicine has been awarded at Harvard Medical School since 2003 to outstanding scientists and physicians for their lifetime contributions to the field of sleep. This newly established fund will provide vital support to a prize of increasing distinction at HMS. Each year, events surrounding the Farrell Lecture and Prize in Sleep Medicine bring together faculty, fellows, and students in the Harvard community to advance the understanding and study of sleep.

The prize, lecture, and surrounding events also serve as a celebration of the prize’s namesake, Peter Farrell. In addition to founding and leading ResMed—a leader developer and manufacturer of products for sleep-disordered breathing—Farrell has generously supported sleep medicine research at HMS, and an endowed professorship dedicated to sleep medicine was established in his name in 2006.

Mark Schwartz’s experience in Africa inspires giving to create sustainable change

For the last 10 years, Mark Schwartz has been traveling to some of the poorest regions of Africa to help care for vulnerable people suffering from HIV, TB, and other infectious diseases. Through this work, he says, he has been inspired by Paul Farmer, MD ’90, PhD, Kolokotrones University Professor and Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Schwartz’s gift of $100,000 will support the Program in Global Medical Education and Social Change—one of nine new initiatives Farmer has launched—which have as their mission to “promote excellence and equity in global health care delivery through leadership and innovation in research and education.”

“...I’ve learned that there are many ways to contribute to global health care,” says Schwartz. “You can build buildings and buy medical supplies and equipment. But one of the most important ways is to invest in medical education and research and to train the next generation of HMS scientists who will succeed Paul and build on his legacy.”

Burroughs Wellcome Fund builds bridges

The goal to develop and grow bold new talent in the basic sciences is the driving force behind the Career Awards at the Scientific Interface given by the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. Stirling Churchman, PhD, Assistant Professor of Genetics at Harvard Medical School, has received one of these prestigious grants.

These awards are particularly sought after because they create the “bridges” for an investigator between their post-doctoral work and the first independent step in their career. “Getting the grant was a real validation that I was going in the right direction,” says Churchman, whose research is looking at the process of how DNA makes a temporary copy of itself. Churchman discovered that several pauses occur along this event, called RNA transcription, and is asking why these stops in production take place and what other factors, or regulators, might be contributing. RNA transcription is inherent in all biological processes and plays a huge role in disease.

“Getting the grant was a real validation that I was going in the right direction.” —Stirling Churchman, PhD

Lynch luncheon recognizes outstanding systems biology research

On December 8, 2011, Peter Lynch gathered for lunch with the Lynch Foundation Fellows, who are researchers pursuing studies in systems biology. The Lynches have a long history of involvement in systems biology at Harvard Medical School, and their support of the Department of Systems Biology has been integral to its growth. The two new Fellows for 2011 are Siting Gan, from Peking University, and Antonina Iagovitina, from École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne. Marc Kirschner, PhD, Chair of the Department of Systems Biology, invited each Fellow to speak about his or her research in the field.
An accomplished translational researcher and physician, Karlan is the Board of Governors’ Endowed Chair in Gynecologic Oncology and Director, Women’s Cancer Program at the Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

“I am very excited to serve in this capacity, especially during these times of dramatic changes in health care, science, and technology,” Karlan said. “I look forward to working with leadership and alumni to enhance opportunities for discovery and service.”

In its goal to further clinical research and improve the quality and affordability of health care, Aetna Life & Casualty Company is partnering with Harvard Medical School to support research in medical bioinformatics, led by Isaac (Zak) Kohane, MD, PhD, co-Director of the HMS Center for Biomedical Informatics (CBMI).

Support of $259,000 will advance Kohane and CBMI’s core work toward part of its mission. CBMI is committed to developing an understanding of the complex genetic and molecular interactions of drugs in the body and to developing the ability to make more accurate assessments of how a patient will respond to particular drugs based on this information.

“There is much that we do not know about the effects of treatments, for good or for ill, in modern medicine because of the lack of a comprehensive picture of the populations of patients we treat,” says Kohane. “The Aetna partnership will allow us to investigate these unexplored domains.”

Clinical Professorships

Robert R. Linton Professorship in Vascular Surgery, Massachusetts General Hospital

Grateful patients and friends have established the Robert R. Linton Professorship in Vascular Surgery at Harvard Medical School. The professorship will be held by a professor or an associate professor who is working in the field of vascular surgery and is appointed in the Department of Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital. Recruitment efforts are underway to identify and install the inaugural incumbent of this prestigious professorship, which supports interventions for vascular disease performed by minimally invasive or endovascular methods to better serve patients with pathological conditions that are characterized by abnormal blood vessel growth.

Lynn Thoman Renews Support For Global Health Initiatives

Lynn Thoman, a longstanding member of the Harvard Medical School Board of Fellows, has renewed her generous support for the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine (DGHSM) with a gift of $100,000 made through the Leon Lowenstein Foundation.

“DGHSM is at the forefront of developing a more effective way to transfer and promote knowledge for the treatment and prevention of diseases both here in America and particularly in resource-poor areas across the globe,” says Thoman, who is co-President of the Leon Lowenstein Foundation. “I’m so pleased to continue to support their outstanding work.”

Recently, DGHSM launched a course in Global Health Delivery in concert with the Ministry of Health of Rwanda. Students, program managers, and Ministry leaders will analyze case studies and make field visits to develop methods for the improvement of health care delivery.

Such collaboration appeals greatly to Thoman. “DGHSM – and the Medical School as a whole – has enormous potential to improve health care the world over. I am proud to support such an extraordinary Department and faculty.”

Kaneb Fellowship honors gifted junior faculty

The Kaneb Fellowship, one of the most prestigious fellowships awarded at HMS, was established in 2006 by John and Virginia Kaneb, both members of the Harvard Medical School Board of Fellows, to recognize junior faculty members with great promise in their fields.

In 2011, the Kaneb Fellowship expanded to include two new fellows who focus specifically on immunology. A luncheon on December 9, 2011, brought the four 2011-2012 Kaneb Fellows together with faculty and with the Kanebs.

Beth Karlan, MD ’82 named Chair of Alumni Fund

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—Beth Karlan, MD ’92
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