

# OUTLOOK

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## Passion for SOM Prompts Donor's Gift

One year ago, Nick Garofolo of Holmdel had never heard of the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM). Today, he is one of its most ardent supporters, personally contributing \$250,000 to the New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging Endowment Campaign.



*(l-r) Dean Thomas Cavalieri  
with Diane and Nick Garofolo*

It began when Mr. Garofolo was invited to tour SOM by Carman Ciervo, DO, associate professor of family medicine at SOM. Mr. Garofolo, who is a very close friend of Dr. Ciervo's father, was immediately impressed by the New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (NJISA). In fact, he was so enthusiastic that during lunch with Dean Thomas Cavalieri he was asked to join the Dean's Development Council, an advisory group made up of prominent South Jersey business leaders and physicians who guide fundraising strategy for the Institute. He quickly accepted the invitation.

To help the Institute meet its \$10 million goal to support the Education Center at NJISA, Mr. Garofolo and his wife Diane contributed a \$250,000 gift to the Education Center Endowment

Fund, which supports geriatric fellowships, various community programs and the Geriatric Education Center to help educate healthcare professionals in New Jersey.

"With cuts in federal and state funding for geriatric educational programs, it becomes more important now than ever for private individuals, corporations and foundations to fund these vital programs," said Mr. Garofolo. "An investment in SOM is an investment in the future for me and my family and for others in New Jersey who will one day need these vital services."

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## Danellie Foundation Gifts Bring Hope to the Underserved

Since 1999, the Danellie Foundation has been a loyal supporter of the School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM), contributing gifts of more than \$200,000.

This New Jersey family foundation supports two programs at SOM that are in harmony with its own spiritual mission: The Latino Health Initiative at St. Luke's Medical Center in Camden and the Comprehensive Pain Center in Voorhees, which it has been supporting since 2003.

"It is our belief that all persons should have access to health coverage," explained Daniel L. Cheney, founder and president of the Danellie Foundation.

The Comprehensive Pain Center, the recipient of a recent \$25,000 gift, is unique because it includes the services of a pain-management specialist, a physical therapist, a psychiatrist, a drug detoxification counselor and a spirituality counselor. The Center, operated by Richard Jermyn, DO, serves a predominantly minority HIV-positive population that has little or no medical insurance. Some of the patients have been refused pain medication by other medical professionals despite the World Health Organization's injunction that the pain associated with HIV, which attacks the nervous system, should be treated as aggressively as cancer pain.

St. Luke's Medical Center has the same open-door policy as the Comprehensive Pain Center: no one is denied care because of inability to pay. Through the Latino Health Initiative, in addition to physician care, patients with chronic diseases like diabetes have access to a dedicated, bilingual nurse educator who spends quality time explaining the need for behavioral and dietary changes that can help them stay in control of their disease. Because the nurse educator's salary is solely supported by private sector donations, the Danellie gifts are especially welcome.

"Thanks to the Danellie Foundation's compassion and generosity, we will continue to provide quality preventive and palliative care to the underserved population of South Jersey," said Thomas Cavalieri, DO, interim dean of the School of Osteopathic Medicine.

*To find out more about these programs, or to contribute to them, contact June Hampson, PhD, vice president for development, at (856) 566-6300 or [hampsoju@umdnj.edu](mailto:hampsoju@umdnj.edu).*

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## CARES Children Receive Holiday Gifts

For the past five years, Foundation of UMDNJ staff members have brightened the holiday season for children who have experienced abuse and neglect and are being treated at the CARES (Child Abuse Research Education and Service) Institute by making their holiday wish lists come true.

This year, more children than ever benefited from their generosity as they joined forces with the CARES Board of Advisors and Gilbane Building Company of Philadelphia to provide 45 children with holiday gifts. Gilbane made an extraordinary effort by “adopting” one of the children on the list who had recently lost her home and her possessions when she disclosed her abuse. She is living in a youth shelter and had a long list of items she needed, many of which Gilbane generously provided.

In addition, two CARES board members volunteered their companies’ help. Steven Kantor, executive vice president of Complete Enrollment Agency, provided a hat, glove and scarf set for every child on the list. Al Young of Johnson Controls, Inc., asked his co-workers to bring unwrapped toys to their holiday party, which were later shared with the CARES children.

“For many of these children, these holiday gifts are the only gifts they receive,” explained Martin Finkel, DO, co-founder and co-director of the CARES Institute. “On their behalf, we are so grateful to the Foundation of UMDNJ staff members and the companies that have helped make this holiday season a little brighter for each of them.”



*For the fifth year, Foundation of UMDNJ staff members brightened the holidays for children who have experienced abuse and neglect*

## About the Dean’s Development Council

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The Dean’s Development Council was formed in December 2006 to guide fundraising efforts for the New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging. Since its inception, the Council has grown to include 14 members, all of whom are leaders committed to the growth of South Jersey. Last year it raised more than \$850,000 for the Institute; this year the Council has set a \$1.5 million goal for itself.

The Honorable Jack Tarditi of Haddonfield has chaired the group since its inception.

“We are committed to working with Dean Cavalieri to educate the next generation of geriatricians and other healthcare providers to meet the needs of our growing elderly population,” explained Mr. Tarditi. “The Dean’s support and enthusiasm are infectious; he has served as a unifying force that encourages each of us to work as hard as we can to help bring outstanding services to the seniors who so desperately need our attention.”

## Fellowship Trains Future Cardiologists to Meet Growing Need



*St. Jude Medical  
Foundation Cardiology  
Fellow Dr. Michael Kayal  
with patient Allyson Porter*

If you or someone you love has been affected by heart disease, you know how devastating it can be.

In New Jersey, as in the rest of the nation, cardiovascular disease ranks as our number-one killer, accounting for almost 40 percent of all deaths. Almost 68 people in our state die of cardiovascular disease every day.

“With the growing number of baby boomers and the largest population of people over 80 years old, the demand for cardiologists has exploded,” explained John Hamaty, DO, clinical assistant professor at the School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM) and a member of the South Jersey Heart Group. “At this point we know we don’t have enough cardiologists to care for all who will need help in the future.”

To assist with this critical shortage, the St. Jude Medical Foundation in Minnesota has funded a fellowship in cardiology at SOM, which allows a doctor who wants to specialize in cardiology to receive training at SOM and the South Jersey Heart Group.

“The Cardiology Fellowship Program aligns well with the mission of the St. Jude Medical Foundation, as we support education, research and training programs that advance cardiovascular and neurological science,” explained Angela Craig, vice president of corporate relations at St. Jude Medical and president of the St. Jude Foundation. “Our goal is to make life better for future generations. The SOM Cardiology Fellowship Program embraces that objective.”

Gifts like this one from St. Jude are critical, according to Dr. Hamaty.

“The need to provide services is great and will continue this upward spiral,” Dr. Hamaty said. “We can’t provide needed care without gifts like this one to train cardiologists for the future. The forward thinking of the St. Jude Medical Foundation, coupled with the support of SOM Dean Thomas Cavalieri and Acting Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education Dr. Carl Mogil, will help to grow this cardiology fellowship program to greatly enhance care for people in South Jersey.”

*For more information about how you can support fellowship programs in a variety of health specialties, contact June Hampson, PhD, vice president for development, at (856) 566-6300 or at [hampsoju@umdnj.edu](mailto:hampsoju@umdnj.edu).*

# Groff Foundation Renews Vital Support for Research

Because it felt that it was important to support young investigators who demonstrated the potential to advance medical science, the Mary Elizabeth Groff Surgical Medical Research and Educational Charitable Trust Foundation has committed itself to awarding young researchers with seed funding to help them launch their careers.

With that mission in mind, since 2001 the Foundation, which works through the Pennsylvania Trust Company in Radnor, PA, has donated more than \$170,000 for research projects at the School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM), including a recent gift of \$87,000 to three SOM researchers who are making strides in important areas of medicine that could improve the lives of millions.

- Dr. T. P. Stein, professor of surgery, is investigating whether antibodies blocking the absorption of folate can lead to adverse outcomes in pregnancy other than neural tube defects, as recent research seems to indicate. His project will shed light on an unexplored area of the health of newborn babies.
- With support from the Groff Foundation last year, Dr. Kingsley Yin, assistant professor in the department of cell biology, had made significant strides in his research program to understand the development of sepsis, a serious medical condition characterized by a whole-body inflammatory state caused by infection. With the additional grant this year, Dr. Yin anticipates that the results of his project will yield improvements in the understanding of the mechanisms involved in sepsis, which may potentially lead to better treatment of patients suffering from this disease.
- Groff Foundation support over the past two years has allowed Dr. Bernd W. Spur, assistant professor in the department of cell biology, to make considerable progress in his research to help avoid the common life-threatening complication of developing blood clots after surgery. Dr. Spur's research explores binding naturally occurring platelet inhibitors to polymers, including Teflon, to improve artificial arteries used during surgery.

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## Family Endows Fellowships in Geriatric Care

The current shortage of geriatricians in the U.S. is rapidly reaching critical proportions. As the baby boomer generation continues to age, the supply of board-certified geriatricians is falling far short of the number needed to care for all of the nation's elderly. That's why it is more crucial than ever to train physicians in geriatric care.

The New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (NJISA) is building a \$10 million endowment to support geriatric education and a recent generous endowment pledge from the Daniel J. Ragone Family Foundation will help to ensure that the geriatric fellowship program will continue to exist to train the geriatricians needed in South Jersey.

"We chose to support SOM because as our population gets older, we see how the need for qualified geriatricians is growing," said Daniel J. Ragone Sr., a retired chairman of a CPA firm and former chairman of the Kennedy Health System. Mr. Ragone's involvement with the Kennedy Health System spans decades, back to when SOM began its affiliation with the System, and continues today.

When Mr. Ragone says "we," he means himself, his wife and chair of the Foundation, Lillian, and three sons who are officers on the board of the Foundation, Dr. Daniel Ragone, Jr., Dean and David.

"We make our decisions as a family," said Mr. Ragone, who says he is fortunate enough to have all three of his children and six grandchildren living in the same town as he and his wife. "We hope to grow the Foundation so we can continue to help fund South Jersey programs like the geriatric fellowship program at NJISA."

The geriatric fellowship program at NJISA was the first geriatric fellowship created in the osteopathic profession and served as the model for the development of standards for geriatric training for the American College of Osteopathic Internists and the American College of Family Physicians. Over the last eighteen years, the Institute has graduated 37 fellows.

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## NJ Osteopathic Education Foundation Pledges \$50,000 To Fund Residency

The signature difference between a doctor of medicine (MD) and a doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) is that a DO also draws upon manipulative medicine to help diagnose and treat a variety of disorders. These hands-on, non-invasive treatments may include techniques such as stretching, gentle pressure and resistance to ease pain, promote healing and increase mobility.

Unfortunately, the osteopathic profession currently has a shortage of doctors with the specific residency training that allows them to become the academic leaders and researchers needed to advance manipulative medicine in the future.

In order to fill this gap, the School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM) has become one of the few schools in the country to develop a program to train such residents and established a \$1.7 million fundraising campaign to do so. Graduates of the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (NMM/OMM) Residency Program will become the academic leaders who will train the next generation of osteopathic physicians. After completing a residency program such as internal or family medicine, residents can elect an additional year of training in this program. Subsequently, these residents will be candidates to take the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine certifying exam.

To help fund the residency, the New Jersey Osteopathic Education Foundation (NJOEF) has pledged \$50,000 toward the endowment.

“The School of Osteopathic Medicine has an outstanding reputation for its fine residency programs. Improving the practice of osteopathic medicine, enhancing public health education and raising the standards of health care for the people of New Jersey are important goals for us. Supporting SOM’s program is a huge step in helping us to achieve those goals,” said Clifford Botwin, DO, chairman, NJOEF, which is the foundation for the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

*The creation of an NMM/OMM endowed residency program at SOM is part of a larger plan to create a Center of Excellence for Academic Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at the school. To support this residency program, contact June Hampson, PhD, vice president for development, at (856) 566-6300 or at [hampsoju@umdnj.edu](mailto:hampsoju@umdnj.edu).*



(l-r) Dr. Clifford Botwin and Dean Thomas Cavalieri

## Valero Supports CARES Institute

*(l-r) From the Valero Benefit for Children Grant Selection Committee: Ron Mohring, chairperson, members Joe Tierno, John Pickering and Jim White with Dr. Esther Deblinger, CARES co-director and Farah Stith, Foundation of UMDNJ*



The Valero Paulsboro Refinery has supported the CARES Institute for the past five years, contributing \$27,000 during that time. Once again this year, the Institute was proud to be a recipient of funds from the Valero Benefit for Children Golf Classic, held annually with the Valero Texas Open PGA Tour, to support organizations that provide critical services and programs to help at-risk children. The Valero Benefit for Children Grant Program is funded annually through the generous contributions of Valero's business partners and suppliers. To support the CARES Institute, contact Farah Stith, director of development, at (856) 566-5072 or at [stithfa@umdnj.edu](mailto:stithfa@umdnj.edu).



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