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Message from the Chair

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION FOR SMFM,

2020 was a tumultuous year for all of us, for our families, for our friends and coworkers, and for the Foundation. While this year’s annual report reflects activities of the Foundation over the past year, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to reflect on the bigger picture in this roller coaster year.

When we last met at the Society’s 2020 Annual Meeting in Grapevine, Texas, the recently identified “novel coronavirus” infection had just begun its global spread and the devastation to come was not yet front of mind. Just one month later, the WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic, and the virus has since infected and killed millions worldwide. Some of us have been sickened or have seen loved ones become ill. We have lost friends, family, and co-workers. We have been chronically isolated while tending to the sick with resources that could not meet demand, continued to teach our trainees, and have tried to maintain our research efforts. Over the past year, I have been humbled by the adaptability, endurance, courage, and kindness of thousands – including maternal-fetal medicine specialists who have continued to provide care to those in need despite personal risk, our local support staff, and the administrative staff of our Foundation and Society.

After a tremendously successful SMFM Meeting, with nearly 700 attending our event celebrating the meeting’s 40th anniversary and honoring the lifetime commitment of Dr. Mary D’Alton to maternal-fetal medicine, the Society, and the Foundation (see pages 8-9), the pandemic led to a historic shut-down in the spring. We and many of our partners faced significant financial stresses. While some of our partners were unable to provide ongoing financial support, we recognized that our awardees would be under tremendous strain and needed continued support. So, we committed to ongoing full funding of our programs and were able to provide over $360,000 in awards and direct program support in 2020 (see pages 4-5). Our programs could not have continued without your generous support.

Despite a challenging year and financially uncertain times, 2020 saw a record 739 Society member donors – an 18% increase over 2019. This year, ABOG again provided support for our Bridge Funding Award, and the family and friends of Dr. Dani Peress raised over $15,000 in support of MFM fellow research. Additionally, the Foundation received unrestricted educational grants from AMAG Pharmaceuticals, the Maven Clinic, Premier Medical Systems, and Samsung-Neurologica. Through your kindness, we achieved a corpus of over $8.7 million by year end. These funds will allow us to provide support to awardees in 2021.

2020 reminded us of the history of racism and reproductive injustice in the United States and across the world. This fall, a group of our young members raised this history in the context of our named programs. We were challenged to recognize and learn from the past so that we can be better now and in the future. We were also reminded of the importance of thoughtful review and consideration in decision making. To that end, we have impaneled an independent ad hoc committee to review available published and testimonial information to better understand events from the 1970s. Using the lessons learned from this review, we will establish policies regarding the naming and renaming of Foundation programs – including the Quilligan Scholars Program – and will identify new opportunities to support research and education regarding women’s reproductive health.

Each of our programs requires application review, awardee selection and oversight, and ongoing mentorship. We are indebted to our committee volunteers and Board of Directors who have shepherded our programs and awardees in 2020. Nearly 100 volunteers (see pages 20-21) have allowed us to directly impact the careers of our awardees and improve pregnancy outcomes for mothers and babies.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, please accept our gratitude to each of you for your investment in the future of maternal-fetal medicine. Together, we will continue to create and support programs for practicing MFMs, fellows and residents as we pursue our mission “to advance care in pregnancy through research and education.”

With gratitude and respect,

Brian Mercer, MD
Chair, Board of Directors
Launching, expanding, and changing the careers of MFMs

I can’t thank the Foundation enough for the opportunity to be an SMFM/AAOGF Scholar. It’s difficult to express how much this career development award means to me and the group of young MFM scientists trying to make it. I am grateful to be able to continue my work in the lab and look forward to sharing exciting results soon.

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Past Awardees

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**BRIDGE FUNDING AWARD**

The Foundation introduced a one-year bridge grant in 2015, made possible with generous support from the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Educational Foundation, to stabilize the research program of a promising physician scientist who is seeking independent research funding.

**DANIELLE PERESS, MD MEMORIAL FUND**

The Danielle Peress, MD Memorial Fund was established in 2018 in memory of Dani Peress to support MFM fellows in their clinical or translational research endeavors.

**QUEENAN GLOBAL HEALTH AWARDS**

Since 2015, the Queenan Global Health Awards have offered opportunities for research and education to future leaders in perinatal health in order to provide sustained advancement in obstetric practice in underserved areas around the globe.

**GARITE MINI-SABBATICAL GRANTS**

Since 2008, practicing MFM specialists and MFM fellows, including international members of SMFM, have received funding for an eight-week research project or clinical experience with a mentor at another institution.

**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT RESEARCH AWARD**

This award encouraged SMFM members, especially those who practice in community hospitals and private practice settings, to pursue research related to prematurity and further evidence-driven quality improvement and patient safety measures that support SMFM’s mission.
QUILLIGAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM
This program provides mentoring and educational opportunities during the final two years of Ob/Gyn residency, including funded attendance at SMFM Annual Meetings and a weekend biostatistics course.

SMFM/AAOGF SCHOLARS
Our three-year research training grant is designed for future academic physician leaders who seek additional science training that will pave the way to a productive career as a physician-scientist. The research training may be either laboratory-based or clinical, and focused on basic or translational research, disease pathobiology, diagnostics, therapeutics or prevention. Our scholars interact with established mentors nationwide.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH MINI-SABBATICAL GRANTS
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- Foundations: 2%
- Medical centers and private practices: 19%
- Grants: 5%
- Investments: 27%

EXPENSES ($831,766)

- Scholarships and grants awarded, and other direct program expenses: 44%
- General operations: 11%
- Fundraising and special events: 17%
- Personnel: 26%
- Meetings: 2%

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The Literature Alert Series is distributed monthly by email to all SMFM members who make a minimum annual contribution of $100 to the Foundation, as well as to MFM fellows who participate in the Fellows Class Gift Campaign. It highlights recently published articles of interest to maternal-fetal medicine specialists from more than 25 journals, and each issue contains 10-15 of the most important articles for MFMs from obstetric and non-obstetric journals.
Thank you for supporting our mission to advance care in pregnancy through research and education. This report recognizes contributions made to all Foundation programs between January 1 and December 31, 2020.

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