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MEMORIAL FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM



*“The purpose of human life is to serve,
and to show compassion
and the will to help others.”*

– Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Global Health Endowment

Endowment Established: 2017
Total Endowment Goal: \$250,000
Raised-to-Date: \$57,250
Progress to Goal: \$57,250 raised
By the end of 2019, our goal is to have an additional \$42,750 committed to the Endowment.

Our goal is to attract the highest quality medical students to our program. Looking for ways to satisfy diverse interests in training, including international and underserved rotations, helps to set our program apart and garner the best residents possible. Endowment support will help change the world, one resident at a time..

International Rotation Elective: Fast Facts
Program Established: 20+ years ago
Resident Rotations Abroad: 41
Average Cost/Resident: \$2,500
Countries Served: 23
Lives Touched: Thousands & counting

Changing Lives, Here and Abroad

For two decades, the International Rotation Elective has been transformational – not just for the residents who participate – but for thousands of patients in need around the world who benefit from the expertise and compassionate care that our doctors provide.

Each year, 3-4 residents are given the opportunity to serve abroad. As you yourself may know, it is a powerful learning experience with a lifelong impact. It has the potential to reshape their future and the way they envision their own medical practice. It is also a key factor in attracting the highest caliber students to the Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program. But of course, it comes at a cost, and the generosity of both our donors and those who have served cannot be measured.

“For 20 years we have been able to fund this important elective with the generous support of Beacon Health System,” explains Tina Jennings, MD, Director of the Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program. “But the current financial reality in health care is that significantly fewer discretionary dollars are available than in prior years.”

That is why the Memorial Family Medicine Global Health Endowment has been established through the Beacon Health Foundation. “We are determined to create a substantial endowment to ensure that future residents and fellows have the same opportunities for service and personal growth – through the International Rotation Elective – from which so many have benefited,” says Dr. Jennings.

“We are committed to continuing to offer residents and fellows the chance to participate in international medicine rotations in a way that does not burden them financially.” – Randall J. Suttor, MD
Associate Director of the Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program

FOR OUR DONORS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERYDAY

Your Gifts In Action

For every resident and fellow that participates in the International Rotation Elective, the experiences may differ but the impact is the same. They are deeply touched and forever changed.



Susan Cheng, MD
Class of 2018, Liberia, Africa

I had the privilege of spending a one-month international rotation as a resident at ELWA Hospital in Liberia, Africa. Help was always needed in the ER, surgical ward and obstetrical ward. I learned about the brevity of life and how precious each moment is. I had the privilege of learning from these missionary and African doctors. Their resilience and their strength under constant adversity inspire me.

Small Acts Have Big Impacts

The impact of your generosity on those in need around the world is profound. Because of you, we can continue to provide transformative care and life-changing experiences to our residents and fellows in a way that doesn't burden them financially. Thank you for giving back so generously.

Visit our website to learn more:
beaconhealthsystem.org/foundation

Or call 574.524.GIVE.



Alexander Porte, MD
Class of 2019, Kenya, Africa

I served at Tenwek Mission Hospital in Bomet, Kenya for four weeks, working alongside the lone pediatrician at the hospital. He runs the NICU, PICU and the general Pediatrics Ward – an enormous task for one attending – and he needed help. This hospital has been around since the 1930s. I was there for a small blip in its history. And yet, I will never be the same. I learned a new health system and new scope of pathology, all within the context of a new culture. I experienced the responsibility of being an attending for the first time. I met Kenyan physicians who challenged me by their example of faith and compassion. My gratitude for this experience cannot be quantified. It has been the defining moment of my residency. I encourage other residents to seek out similar challenges and likewise be forever changed.



Jonathan Ditty, MD
Class of 2019, Mafraq, Jordan

I was blessed to be able to learn firsthand from some incredible doctors and nurses on how to provide compassionate care across countless barriers. The patients came from many surrounding countries with heartbreaking stories of lost loved ones from war and lost livelihoods from terrible disease. The "American hospital" as they called it was often the last hope for people who had been turned away from other hospitals due to lack of finances or legal status. It was humbling to work alongside these incredible volunteer physicians and I am thankful to have had the opportunity to spend a month learning from them during residency.



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