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ACMG Foundation Announces Largest Donation in Its History

The ACMG Foundation is pleased and honored to announce that it is the beneficiary of a multi-year pledge from anonymous donors valued at \$250,000.

Recently the donors confirmed that they will give \$25,000 annually for ten years to the ACMG Foundation in recognition of and support for the work of ACMG and the ACMG Foundation.

The donation is the largest in ACMG Foundation's 20-year history.

"We are honored and humbled to receive this generous gift. And we deeply appreciate their choice to support the ACMG Foundation, given so many other worthy options," said David Cotter, Director of Development for the ACMG Foundation.

In addition, the donors, a couple who have a long history of service to the medical genetics community, made provisions in their estate plans to ensure the gift is made according to their wishes.

Ways to Support the ACMG Foundation

When you make a donation to the ACMG Foundation, you have tremendous flexibility in how you give your gift. For example, with an outright gift of cash, check or credit card, your contribution can be put to work immediately.

Stocks

Or you can donate securities, stocks, and bonds which provide you with considerable tax advantages when they are transferred to the ACMG Foundation before they are sold.

Pledges

The ACMG Foundation also welcomes your gift through a pledge—a formal statement of intention to make a do-

nation to the foundation. With a pledge, you may complete your gift by making regular payments over time, allowing you to give more generously than you originally may have considered. Just as with our recent anonymous \$250,000 donation.

Wills & Bequests

Wills and bequests are a popular estate-planning tool and a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or specific asset(s) can be designated as a bequest to the ACMG Foundation. A bequest can easily be made by naming the ACMG Foundation as beneficiary in your will. If you already have a will in place, a simple codicil can be written.

Honoraria

By donating fees from speaking engagements, faculty appointments, expert testimony, consulting, or per diem honoraria from either ACMG or from your other engagements, you support the future of medical genetics. Whether through your personal generosity or encouraged by your company or agency, honoraria gifts are an easy way to support a worthwhile charity, the ACMG Foundation.

Corporate Matching Gifts

An easy way to double, or even triple, your donation to the ACMG Foundation is through your or your spouse's employer's matching-gift program. Such programs typically match all or a percentage of employee contributions to charitable organizations. To match your donation, obtain a matching-gift form from your employer's personnel office, complete it, and provide it to the ACMG Foundation with your donation.

Some of the companies that have matching-gift programs include:

Abbott	Agilent Technologies
Lumina	Quidel
Roche	

Note, this is not financial or tax advice. Please consult your accountant or a tax professional about the tax implications of making donations.

For more information on supporting the future of medical genetics and donating to the ACMG Foundation, please contact David Cotter, dcotter@acmgfoundation.org or 301-718-2014, or visit ACMG Foundation website at www.acmgfoundation.org.

Don't forget to renew your 2012 ACMG membership by January 31, 2012, to ensure there is no interruption of membership services and benefits. Membership payment must be current in order to register at the Member rate for the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, access the ACMG Members Only section of the website, and to continue uninterrupted delivery of the *Genetics in Medicine* Journal.

2012 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting

Preliminary program and session information, online abstract submission, registration and hotel reservations for the 2012 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting to be held March 27-30 in Charlotte, NC, is available on the ACMG Meeting website at www.acmgmeeting.net.

The Abstract Submission Deadline is December 9, 2011.

Early-Bird Registration Deadline is **December 14, 2011**. Register by the Early-Bird deadline and save up to \$200! The advance discount registration deadline is **February 15, 2012**. After February 16, 2012 through on-site, late registration fees will apply. Attendees must be registered for the meeting to complete the hotel reservation process – so be sure to register early and book your hotel at the same time. More information on the ACMG hotels can be found at www.acmgmeeting.net.

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The ACMG meeting is the educational and networking event for medical and clinical geneticists, genetic counselors, pediatric and obstetric practitioners who are providing comprehensive diagnostic, management and counseling services for patients with, or at risk for, genetically-influenced health problems; laboratory directors and technicians conducting genetic testing; researchers involved in the discovery of genetic disorders and treatments; and all healthcare and public health professionals with an interest in the rapidly evolving field of medical genetics and genomics and their integration into healthcare.

Cutting-edge science, practical medical and clinical applications, and the latest research combined with unparalleled networking opportunities with peers and worldwide leaders put the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting on the list of scientific meetings you cannot afford to miss!



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