

Your Profession.....Your ASHP Foundation

What are the top three issues that you deal with daily in your profession? With what do you require assistance? Bet it took you less than a minute to answer those two questions.

Last year, we enlisted more than 30 caring, committed pharmacists and asked them to spend the next several months initiating conversations with colleagues. They asked questions just like those above, and then educated their colleagues about the work and future potential of the ASHP Foundation. Many were surprised to learn that the ASHP Foundation is currently offering or poised to offer program support in the areas of most concern to them. These programs include leadership development opportunities, didactic and experiential educational opportunities for pharmacists' expanded patient management roles, research support and educational programs for medication safety, support for resident research projects, pharmacists' clinical investigator development and a host of other program opportunities.

Many of these colleagues became first-time or returning donors as a result of those discussions. In this issue of *Impact*, these volunteers – and one donor – share their perspectives on the dialogues in which they engaged.

From a Donor's Perspective

"For most of the 29 years that I have been in hospital/health-system pharmacy, our profession has been confronted with many struggles and challenges. Three that, in my opinion, have been paramount to not only the progression of our profession, but to the survival of our services, are: 1) leadership, 2) competencies, and 3) clinical research... I strongly feel the ASHP Foundation has established and developed critically needed programs to grow and refine our ranks in these areas... I see the Foundation as a true investment, not only in the future of health-system pharmacy, but in the future of our healthcare system in general."

— John Woon, Pharm.D., FASHP



From a Volunteer's Perspective

"If I had to pick one word to describe the experience, it would be 'fun...' The potential donors I spoke with understood that they weren't just doing something for the Foundation – they were doing something for the profession; they were doing something for a fellow pharmacist. A contribution to the Foundation would help everyone."

—Daniel M. Ashby, M.S. FASHP



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The ASHP Foundation's *Impact* newsletter is now disseminated electronically on a bimonthly basis and is solely devoted to sharing stories about the impact of the Foundation's programs.

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