



ASHP Foundation News Release

ASHP Foundation's David A. Zilz Leaders for the Future Fund Campaign Surpasses Goal First program supported by fund currently under development

BETHESDA, Md. (October 18, 2011) — The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation is pleased to announce the successful completion of its David A. Zilz *Leaders for the Future Fund* Campaign. The campaign surpassed its set goal of \$350,000, raising more than \$407,000.

The Zilz Fund was established for two purposes: First, to honor David A. Zilz, a widely admired pharmacy leader and mentor, and second, to enable the Foundation's Center for Health-System Pharmacy Leadership to continue to develop leadership programming.

ASHP and the ASHP Foundation, which believe that the development of leadership skills is a professional obligation, created the Center in 2007 to serve as an umbrella for a series of programs developed to systematically provide pharmacists with the tools to lead at all stages of the professional continuum. The Zilz Fund will enable the Center to expand its reach and develop new, focused program opportunities that will address pharmacist leadership skills to:

- Design, implement and market necessary pharmacy practice model advances
- Lead health systems in implementing medication information systems and technology
- Assist pharmacy resident graduates with the development of career plans and paths to becoming effective practice leaders
- Assess future health care trends and position the pharmacy profession to plan changes proactively
- Guide health systems in designing medication safety programs.

The Center is already developing the first two programs supported by the Zilz Fund. The Resident Leadership Development Program will allow pharmacy residency programs to apply to the ASHP Foundation for the opportunity to have a prominent, visionary health-system pharmacy leader come to their site to talk with residents and pharmacy staff about their careers and the effectiveness and influence of being a leader. The day-long visit will challenge residents to think about their careers, set goals, create a professional development plan and embrace responsibility as a practice leader committed to advancing pharmacy practice. The goal of this new program is to promote leadership as a professional obligation; to expand the exposure of pharmacy residents to successful health-system pharmacy leaders; and to increase awareness of health-system pharmacy leadership needs and opportunities.

The second program is the Environmental Forecasts for the Pharmacy Enterprise Project. This project will

identify key emerging trends, analyze the implications of the trends from a health-system pharmacy perspective, report the results of the analysis, recommend how practice leaders can prepare to meet the challenges posed by the trends, and suggest steps that the ASHP Foundation Center for Health-System Pharmacy Leadership can take to help practice leaders address the challenges.

If you missed the opportunity to honor Mr. Zilz or to support the Foundation's leadership activities, you can still make a gift. Visit www.ashpfoundation.org/onlinegiving to contribute now.

Related Resources

The ASHP Foundation established the Center for Health-System Pharmacy Leadership in 2007. Its mission is to assure that pharmacy leaders have the knowledge to proactively influence the medication-use system; to provide leadership development programs which promote the role of the pharmacist as a change agent and leader in patient care; and to integrate into health-system leadership decision making the critical role for pharmacists in achieving organizational objectives.

About the ASHP Foundation

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation (www.ashpfoundation.org) was established in 1968 by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (www.ashp.org) as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. As the philanthropic arm of ASHP, our vision is that patient outcomes improve because of the leadership and clinical skills of pharmacists, as vital members of the health care team, accountable for safe and effective medication use. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients in health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use.

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