



The Illinois Eye Fund continues to support research, education and the operations of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, thanks to the generous support of loyal alumni and friends. In addition, new endowed gifts also were established in 2008.

A gift from Dr. R. Mark Hatfield, an Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary alumnus who completed his residency in 1987, and his wife Monica, established the **Jose S. Pulido, MD, Endowed Lectureship** in honor of the former department chairman who became a good friend of Dr. Hatfield's during their residencies. Dr. Pulido was chief resident in 1984-85. Dr. and Mrs. Hatfield also completed the funding needed to establish the **Morton F. Goldberg, MD, Endowed Lectureship**. Dr. Goldberg was department chairman when Dr. Hatfield was a resident.

"I feel it was truly an honor to complete my training at the Infirmary," said Dr. Hatfield. "Monica and I both felt there was no better way to show our gratitude than to make these gifts, honoring two individuals who have done so much for the profession of ophthalmology and who mean so much to us, personally."

The Pulido and Goldberg lectureships were announced during the 150th Anniversary celebrations of the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary. Dr. Kirk Packo, chair of ophthalmology at Rush University gave the Jose S. Pulido, MD, Endowed Lecture and Dr. Lee Jampol, chair of the ophthalmology department at Northwestern University gave the Morton F. Goldberg, MD, Endowed Lecture. Both lectures were delivered on June 20, 2008 during the two-day 150th Anniversary alumni meeting.

Another new gift, the **Four Fathers Endowed Lectureship**, also was made on the occasion of the Department's 150th Anniversary. This gift honors four ophthalmologists who all were ophthalmology residents at the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary: **Karl E. Ticho, MD**, class of 1957; **John H. Panton, MD**, also class of 1957; **Arnold D. Curnyn, MD**, class of 1965; and, the late **Harold Q. Kirk, MD**, class of 1953. It was made possible by their children, all of whom also are ophthalmologists and all of whom have ties to the Infirmary: Dr. Benjamin Ticho, resident class of 1991 and Associate Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology; Dr. Kimberlee Curnyn, class of 1995 and Clinical Assistant Professor; Dr. Peter Panton, class of 1986 and his brother Dr. Robert Panton, class of 1990; Dr. Ann Kirk Williams and her husband Dr. Douglas Williams, both class of 1987, Drs. Scott and Kent Kirk, both Clinical Assistant Professors, and Mrs. Elaine Kirk, Dr. Harold Kirk's wife.

Dr. Ron Fishman, a widely published and respected medical historian, now retired from practice, delivered the inaugural Four Fathers Lecture on June 21. Dr. Fishman is married to the Department's own Dr. Marilyn Miller.

Dr. and Mrs. Hatfield also stepped forward to lead the effort to establish the **Morton F. Goldberg, MD Endowed Professorship**. A \$100,000 commitment by Mr. Richard Forsythe and his wife Sandy towards the Goldberg Professorship was announced at the 150th Anniversary Gala Dinner.

Department Head Dr. Dimitri Azar was pleased to announce that, as of October 2008, **an additional \$190,000 had been given or pledged**, including gifts/pledges from Dr. and Mrs. Hatfield; Drs. John, Peter, & Robert Panton; the Katherine Knaphurst Trust; Dr. Peter A. and Mrs. Diane Greanias Lagouros; Dr. Thomas Deutsch; and Dr. Manus Kraff.

"Within fewer than four months of Mr. Forsythe's announcement of his generous commitment, we have surpassed the half-way



point towards meeting the goal of \$500,000 to fully fund the professorship," said Dr. Azar.

"I am very grateful to all of these generous individuals, especially in these difficult economic times, for honoring Mort Goldberg, as well as ensuring our Department's leadership role in ophthalmology for generations to come."

Glaucoma research in the Department will be furthered by a \$250,000 pledge from the Komarek-Hyde-McQueen Foundation for the **Glaucoma Research Fund in Honor of Dr. Mark W. Lunde**. Mrs. Patricia Hyde is a grateful patient of **Dr. Mark Lunde**, a Clinical Assistant Professor who oversees the resident rotation at the Jesse Brown VA Hospital, and made the gift in appreciation of Dr. Lunde's care for both herself and her late husband, The Honorable Louis Hyde, a judge on the Circuit Court of Cook County.

In the first year of the pledge, the gift is supporting projects of Mahnaz Shahidi, PhD, Professor and Director of the Applied Physics Laboratory; Thasarat Vajaranant, MD, Assistant Professor and member of the Glaucoma Service; and, Beatrice Yue, PhD, Professor and Director of the Ocular Cell Biology Laboratory.

The foundation is named for Mrs. Hyde, her brother Michael McQueen, who has been treated for a pre-glaucomatous condition, and their aunt, the late Helen Komarek who passed away in 1999. "Our aunt felt strongly about doing good, and we established the foundation in her memory as a way to carry out her generosity," Mrs. Hyde stated. She explained that she and her brother chose to honor Dr. Lunde because of the knowledgeable and compassionate care he has given their family.



It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of **Mr. Charles I. Young**, a great friend and generous benefactor to this department.

Mr. Young served as District Governor of Lions International and during his tenure he successfully co-chaired a \$5.3 million campaign to build the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute, dedicated in 1985.

"The contributions to vision science by Mr. Young and his fellow Lions are immeasurable," said Dr. Dimitri Azar. "His selfless efforts to create a building dedicated to eye research have helped to push the boundaries of what we know about vision and eye disease. We are deeply indebted to him," Dr. Azar added.

In 1984, Charles I. Young was presented with The University of Illinois' Presidential Award and Medallion to recognize his outstanding contribution to the University as a Co-Chair of the Lions of Illinois fund raising campaign. Under Mr. Young's leadership, the generosity of the Lions of Illinois to the Department was the primary source of support for the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute.

Lions' philanthropy raised nearly \$6.5 million for the construction of the building in 1985 and for an endowed chair. In 1992, the Lions of Illinois endowed the first chair in the department, named the Illinois Lions/Charles I. Young Chair in Ocular Research, which has been held by Harris Ripps PhD, DSc.

Mr. Young's wife, Dottie, has continued his generous legacy by asking that donations to the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute be made in his memory.

