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NEW GRANTS & PROGRAMS

- **Connecticut Health Foundation** (New Britain) announced intended funding to support the development of systems that will identify low-income pregnant women or women contemplating pregnancy, promote their oral health, and provide pathways to establish ongoing dental homes for their continued care. The foundation anticipates awarding four, 18-month grants of up to \$65,000 to nonprofit organizations or government agencies that provide health care to low-income pregnant women and women who are contemplating pregnancy and that can connect multiple providers and agencies to develop integrated systems of care that address pregnant women's oral health. Contact: Ben Rodriguez, 860.224.2200, ext. 35, ben@cthealth.org.
- **George Family Foundation** (Minneapolis, MN) awarded a grant of \$556,000 to the **Center for Spirituality & Healing** at the **University of Minnesota** (Minneapolis) to create a fellowship and cocurricular program that will prepare nurse leaders in integrative health and healing. Over the next six years, the fellowship program will provide clinical and professional development opportunities – nationally and abroad – to more than 40 nurse fellows. The accompanying cocurricular program will bring pioneering thought leaders to Minnesota to conduct forums, intensive workshops, and other activities that will facilitate dialogue and strategic learning around issues associated with nursing leadership in integrative health. These

activities will impact hundreds more nurses who will be invited to participate. The project also involves Allina Hospitals & Clinics' Penny George Institute for Health and Healing. Contact: Jennifer Syltje Johnson, 651.246.4040.

- **The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis, Inc.** (IN) awarded \$25,000 to underwrite two **Clowes Memorial Hall** (Indianapolis, IN) arts education programs, the **Student Matinee Scholarship Fund** and the **Clowes Cash** discount ticket program, for two years beginning with the 2011 season. This is the second 25th Anniversary grant the foundation has awarded in 2010 as part of its celebration of 25 years of providing funding for health issues facing greater Indianapolis' most at-risk populations. Clowes Memorial Hall offers a prekindergarten-through-12th grade **Student Matinee Series** of curriculum-based, culturally diverse, multidisciplinary performances and programs each year. The foundation's grant will underwrite the scholarship program, which allows students from participating schools to attend regardless of ability to pay. The funding will also be used to support Clowes Cash, the discount ticket program for the **Clowes Presents** series. In addition, Clowes will use the funding to offer community outreach programs to reach new audiences and encourage learning and arts participation. Contact: Lisa Sirkin Vielee, 317.979.4424.
- **The Health Trust** (Campbell, CA) awarded \$360,000 to three local organizations as part of the **Healthy People Healthy Places** initiative, which is funded through the **Convergence Partnership Fund of Tides** (San Francisco,

GIHNEWS

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE 2010 GIH FALL FORUM

Attend the 2010 GIH Fall Forum **Improving Women's Health from Communities to Care Settings** to explore health challenges of women and how grantmakers can play a role in improving health outcomes. Whether you are funding women's health or are interested in doing so, this national meeting will inform your work and expose you to the broader factors that affect women's health. The Fall Forum will take place in Washington, DC, November 9 and 10. Register by October 22. Visit www.gih.org for more details.

GIH REPORT ON HEALTH CARE REFORM IMPLEMENTATION

To support philanthropy's response to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, GIH has released **Implementing Health Care Reform: Funders and Advocates Respond to the Challenge**, a report based on over 40 interviews with national and state grantmakers and advocacy organizations about their initial work around implementation. Visit www.gih.org for the full report.

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CA). The trust provided a two-to-one match of the partnership's funding. The grantees are: **Somos Mayfair** (San Jose) – \$160,000 to improve student nutrition in the Alum Rock School District through a variety of efforts aimed at improving nutrition policies in local schools and improving access to healthy, locally grown produce; **CommUniverCity** (San Jose) – \$100,000 to support a project that promotes safe, active living and commuting by integrating the community's vision for a walkable, bikeable, and interconnected transportation system in San Jose's Five Wounds/ Brookwood Terrace neighborhood into policy and implementation efforts currently underway by the City of San Jose, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; and **Hollister Youth Alliance** – \$100,000 to increase the utilization of Dunne Park for physical activity and increase availability of healthy foods by improving the environment, preventing gang activity, engaging youth, and implementing a food distribution site. Contact: Nicole Kohleriter, 408.879.4112.

- **The Leona M. & Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust** (New York, NY) awarded two grants totaling \$10 million to **The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America** (CCFA) (New York, NY). The funds will support the foundation's **Human Gut Microbiome Initiative**, as well as 13 research awards. The initiative will help create improved diagnostic tests and help develop less toxic and more effective individualized treatments for patients. The grant will also support the exploration of a small sample of Crohn's disease twin pairs, and expand to a multi-institution consortium that aims to increase understanding of intestinal microbiota in subsets of Crohn's and colitis patients and how these bacteria, fungi, and viruses cause disease in genetically susceptible individuals. Contact: Ariella Levine, CCFA, 646.943.7430, alevine@ccfa.org.
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** (Princeton, NJ) and the **Northwest Health Foundation** (Portland, OR) announced nine new grants as part of **Partners Investing in Nursing's Future** (PIN), a national initiative to help find innovative ways to create an adequate nursing workforce appropriate in size and equipped with the specific skills necessary to meet the changing demands of the 21st century patient population. **Caring for Colorado** (Denver) will use funding for **Care and Career Transitions: Innovations in Home Healthcare, the Missing Link**, which will develop new ways to increase the number and competencies of nurses providing home health care in Colorado. A grant to the **Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan** (Detroit) will support the **Nurse Leadership Development in Southeast Michigan** project, which will address nursing workforce retention issues at acute and long-term care institutions in southeast Michigan through a leadership development program. The **Cleveland Foundation's** (OH) project, **Expanding the Number of Non-Traditional Nurse Educators through Online Education**, will increase educational capacity in Ohio schools of nursing by training nontraditional instructors to deliver high-quality education to graduate and undergraduate nursing students via the Web. Contact: Lauren Musiol, 202.745.5051, lmusiol@gymr.com.
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities** (Oak Brook, IL) awarded \$1.1 million in grants to six international nonprofit organizations. Among the grantees are: **United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago** (IL) – \$366,912 to benefit 16,000 children in Georgia and 9,500 children in Minnesota by supporting teaching resources for children with specialized learning needs; **One Heart Worldwide** (San Francisco, CA) – \$280,280 to support the **Pregnancy and Village Outreach Training** project in Mexico and Nepal to benefit 23,775 women in childbearing years; and **IVUmed** (Salt Lake City, UT) – \$100,000 to continue to support the **Pediatric Education Program**, a surgical and education program that responds to the needs of developing countries like Honduras, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Mozambique, Nepal, and Mongolia. Contact: Clara Carrier, 630.623.6573, clara.carrier@us.mcd.com.
- **McKesson Foundation** (San Francisco, CA) announced intended funding through its new **Mobilizing for Health** initiative, which aims to play a critical role in disseminating knowledge and understanding of mobile health (mHealth). The initiative's first area of focus will spotlight the growing diabetes epidemic in the United States among low-income and minority populations. The initiative's grant program will fund U.S.-based pilot research projects and ongoing studies in need of additional funding focused on mobile phone-based interventions for low-income patients with chronic diseases. The first grant program aims to build the evidence base for using mobile phones to improve chronic disease management in the nation's health care system. For more information about the initiative, visit www.mobilizingforhealth.com. Contact: Karen Coppock, 415.983.9325, karen.coppock@mckesson.com.
- **Missouri Foundation for Health** (St. Louis) awarded \$5.8 million to 45 Missouri-based nonprofit organizations to improve the health of state residents, especially those who are uninsured and underserved. Among the grantees are: **Children's Home Society of Missouri** (St. Louis) – \$200,000 to help provide care and residential services to children with severe, multiple developmental disabilities; **CoxHealth** (Springfield) – \$147,653 to support efforts toward encouraging students to explore health professions through career fairs, school visits, volunteering, job shadowing, and facility tours; **Audrain County Crisis Intervention Services, Inc.** (Mexico) – \$100,000 to help provide services for uninsured and underserved women dealing with domestic and sexual violence; **Institute for Family Medicine** (St. Louis) – \$100,000 to support health and dental programs for the underserved and students from low-income families; and **Senior Care Dentistry** (St. Louis) – \$100,000 to provide dental services to low-income skilled nursing facility residents. Contact: Julie Johnson, 314.345.5580, jjohnson@mffh.org.
- **The Regence Foundation** (Portland, OR) awarded \$220,400 to five nonprofits in the nation's northwest region. **University of Washington, Harborview Medical Center** (Seattle) received \$100,000 to address disparities in palliative care; measure outcomes; and create guidelines from its new **Primary**

Palliative Care Program, which works to improve continuity and quality of care for terminally ill patients who lack a primary care provider. **Familias en Accion** (Portland, OR) will use a \$77,700 grant to increase breast cancer screening rates among Latinas in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties and develop policy recommendations to help remove barriers to care for Latinas diagnosed with breast cancer. A grant of \$22,400 to the **Morrow County Community Health Improvement Partnership** (Heppner, OR) will support a new community collaborative made up of local health care providers and local government, community organizations, and businesses. Its goal is to increase access to treatment locally and improve the health of residents in this rural county. Contact: Joanna Feif, 503.225.6860, jcburke@regence.com.

- **Rose Community Foundation** (Denver, CO) awarded 88 grants totaling more than \$2.1 million. Among the grantees are: **Denver Health Foundation** – \$65,000 for a school-based health center at Lake Middle School; **Mental Health America of Colorado** (Denver) – \$60,000 to promote the understanding of mental disorders, expand access to services, and improve systems of care; **Community Health Services** (Commerce City) – \$30,000 to provide health care services to low-income children and youth in Commerce City; **Jewish Family Service of Colorado** (Denver) – \$30,000 for **KidSuccess**, a school-based mental health program; **MDS Counseling Center** (Denver) – \$30,000 to provide counseling services to low-income, uninsured individuals, children, and families in the Denver metro area; and **Colorado Gerontological Society** (Denver) – \$10,000 to provide case management services for older adults in the metro Denver area. Contact: Susan Knudten, 303.398.7450, sknudten@rcfdenver.org.
- **Tufts Health Plan Foundation** (Watertown, MA) awarded more than \$1.4 million in grants to 39 nonprofit organizations based in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Among the grantees are: **Hebrew Senior Life** (Boston, MA) – \$150,000 for **Prevention In Action:**

Culturally Inclusive Training and Education for Seniors; Rhode Island Free Clinic (Providence) – \$72,225 to support **Healthy Lifestyles for Today and Tomorrow; Soar 55/Newton Community Service Center** (RI) – \$49,958, to support the **Volunteering: A Pathway to Vibrant Aging** project; **The LGBT Aging Project** (Boston, MA) – \$37,682 to support the **Healthy Aging in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community** initiative; **Cornerstone Adult Services** (Warwick) – \$43,150 for the **Enhanced Fall Prevention** program; and **Community Health Center of Cape Cod** (Mashpee, MA) – \$41,250 to support the **Case Management for Healthy Seniors** program. Contact: Patti Embry-Tautenhan, 617.972.1090.

- **WellPoint Foundation** (Indianapolis, IN) awarded \$210,000 to the **Nurse-Family Partnership** (NFP) (Denver, CO), a leading nonprofit organization addressing the needs of low-income, first-time parents and their children. The grant will help augment NFP nurse home visitors' ongoing educational and monitoring efforts to reduce the rate of low-birth-weight newborns among women enrolled in the NFP. Funding is specific to NFP sites in California, Colorado, Kentucky, Missouri, Nevada, New York, Ohio, and Wisconsin. More than 400 NFP nurses and nearly 5,000 NFP clients stand to benefit from this funding. NFP serves more than 22,000 families in 32 states in a program of ongoing nurse home visitation. Contact: Julian Kesner, 303.865.8408, julian.kesner@nursefamilypartnership.org.
- **Winter Park Health Foundation** (WPHF)(FL) announced intended funding of \$500,000 through a new initiative aimed at supporting nurses in local faith communities. The **Faith Community Nursing Initiative** will offer multiyear grants to faith communities or collaborative faith communities with 750 members or more. The foundation will prioritize faith communities located in Eatonville, Maitland, and Winter Park, Florida. WPHF has enlisted the support of Florida Hospital's Center for Community Health Ministry on Faith Community Nursing to assist grantees in the planning, development,

and operation of their programs. Faith Community Nursing programs help people understand the influence of faith on healthful living and help change the culture of the community so that it supports healthy lifestyles. Further, it seeks to improve members' health through health advisement, health education/programs, personal health advocacy, connection of members to faith and community resources, coordination of support groups, and health care navigation. Contact: Lisa Portelli, 407.644.2300, lportelli@wphf.org.

SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

- **California HealthCare Foundation** (Oakland) commissioned a survey of more than 700 California dentists to assess their use of information technology, such as electronic dental health records (EDHRs). The results are outlined in *Health Information Technology in California Dental Practices: Survey Findings*. Survey responses indicate that most dentists use technology for administrative functions, such as billing, accounting, and scheduling; however, fewer dentists have adopted the use of EDHRs and other clinical tools. The survey revealed that only 23 percent of dentists statewide claim to have fully implemented an EDHR system. Further, while California dentists see the benefits of EDHRs in terms of business efficiency, accuracy in reporting, and communication, they are less likely to see its benefit on quality of and access to dental care. Although a program established through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provides financial incentives for implementing EDHRs, approximately one-quarter of the state's dentists are considering participating in the ARRA program. Contact: Alexandra Matisoff-Li, 510.587.3154, amatisoff@chcf.org.
- **The Commonwealth Fund** (New York, NY) published an issue brief that summarizes lessons from programs in five states that refer families to appropriate community or state programs, help coordinate their care, provide support and follow-up to ensure they receive

needed services, and provide a feedback loop to primary care providers. ***Systems of Care Coordination for Children: Lessons Learned Across State Models*** lists common features of successful programs, including maximizing efficiencies through shared resources; leveraging and partnering with other organizations; in-depth involvement with pediatric practice staff; appropriate training and tools; flexible program design, measurement, and evaluation; and a holistic approach to care. Among the brief's suggestions is to intensify efforts to identify and disseminate information on best practices, technical assistance, and stable funding sources. The brief is available on the publications section of www.commonwealth.org.

The Ethel and James Flinn

Foundation (Detroit, MI) commissioned a study on mental health care in Michigan and recently released the findings in ***Mental Health Michigan***. The report describes the existing structure and financing of mental health care in Michigan, identifies professionals providing services and the types of interventions provided, and addresses issues that affect mental health services provided throughout the state. It also summarizes Michigan's progress toward implementing recommendations from the state's Mental Health Commission. This study will help inform the foundation as it shapes its grantmaking strategies to improve the quality, scope, and delivery of mental health services. To read the report, visit www.flinnfoundation.org.

■ **RCHN Community Health**

Foundation (New York, NY) released ***The Affordable Care Act, Medical Homes and Childhood Asthma: A Key Opportunity for Progress***. The brief, which was also supported by the **Merck Childhood Asthma Network** (Washington, DC), focuses on how the medical home model facilitates comprehensive, patient-centered care by fostering partnerships between and among patients, primary care doctors and pediatricians, specialists, and emergency and other services. The document also highlights the potential role of community health centers, one of the providers the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) designates

as a health home, in treating children with asthma. In addition, the brief offers recommendations for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as it implements the new law and presents key considerations in creating high-quality medical homes for children with asthma. The report is the first in a series of policy briefs that will examine key provisions in the PPACA and highlight opportunities for improving childhood asthma care. Contact: Feygele Jacobs, 212.246.1122, ext. 700.

- **The SCAN Foundation** (Long Beach, CA) released a policy brief highlighting opportunities in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that could lead to improvements in California's long-term services and supports infrastructure, allowing seniors to age with dignity and independence. ***Federal Health Care Reform and Its Potential Impact on California's Long-Term Care System*** makes five recommendations for improving the state's long-term services and supports infrastructure, which includes supporting increased access to aging and disability resource centers, strengthening and increasing the direct care workforce, and helping California explore the potential to apply for enhanced Medicaid home- and community-based services options. The policy brief is available at www.thescanfoundation.org. Contact: Victoria Ballesteros, 562.308.1154, vballesteros@thescanfoundation.org.

ON-LINE

- **Endowment for Health** (Concord, NH) has developed a new on-line tool offering current and easy-to-understand information about the new federal health law and its impact on individuals, families, and small business. **EH Pilot** is searchable in multiple ways based on an individual's unique circumstances or characteristics, such as health status, and has a Spanish language section, as well as a Google Translator feature for other languages. The site includes information from several sources, including the New Hampshire Department of Insurance and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. It also includes links to national resources. For

more information, go to www.endowmentforhealth.typepad.com/pilot/. Contact: Karen Ager, 603.228.2448.

- **The Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City** (HCF) (MO) launched a Web site to provide information about the new health care reform law as part of a campaign to help residents of the region better understand upcoming changes in health care and health insurance. The Web site, as part of the foundation's ***Reform Reality*** campaign, is designed to provide information to area residents based upon their state of health coverage and to inform the public when various changes will take effect. Information on www.ReformReality.org includes areas of specific concern, such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program. The Web site also helps families understand how health care reform will impact area residents with pre-existing conditions, and how coverage will change for children on their parents' health insurance plans. Contact: Morgan Johnson, 816.842.8111, mjohnson@trozolo.com.

OTHER NEWS

- **The California Endowment** (Los Angeles) launched a major statewide health consumer education effort to raise awareness of the facts of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. In spite of several key provisions that are already in effect and new provisions that will take effect soon, public opinion data show that very few Californians understand the law or how it will affect them and their families. The campaign is the first phase of a multiyear effort to educate Californians about their access to health care. Targeted groups for the initial phase of the education effort include Latinos, the business community, and young adults under the age of 26. The campaign will employ paid media through Latina media outlets, on-line and social media outreach that is primarily targeted to young adults, and local events in or near the endowment's **14 Building Health Communities** sites to education state residents about the provision of the act. Contact: Jeffrey Okay, 213.928.8622, jokey@calendow.org.

■ **Maine Health Access Foundation** (MeHAF) (Augusta) has been named a 2010 nonprofit **Champion of Economic Development** by the **Maine Development Foundation** (MDF) (Augusta). The award honors organizations that demonstrate a commitment to economic growth in Maine, the ability to collaborate and create partnerships, high professional standards, and capacity to embrace and promote innovation. MDF cited MeHAF's commitment to educating policy and business leaders about the pivotal role that health care coverage and cost play in shaping Maine's economy and recognized the foundation's key leadership role in advancing and supporting strategies to control rising costs without sacrificing quality or access to care. Contact: Catharine Hartnett, 207.775.2673, hartnett@maine.rr.com.

■ **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** (San Francisco, CA) partnered with the **American Association of Colleges of Nursing** (Washington, DC) on June 9-11, 2010, to host a faculty training program for full-time San Francisco Bay Area nursing faculty to teach them how to incorporate Quality and Safety Education in Nursing (QSEN) competencies into prelicensure registered nurse education. This faculty training institute kicked off a longer-term effort to encourage as many San Francisco Bay Area prelicensure nursing programs as possible to enhance their curriculum with critical content related to current quality and patient safety needs by fall 2012. Funded by the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** (Princeton, NJ) beginning in 2005, QSEN is a project in its third phase of development that is striving to meet the challenge of preparing future nurses with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to continuously improve the quality and safety of the health care systems within which they work. Contact: Angela Hue, 650.213.3163, angela.hue@moore.org.

PEOPLE

■ **Aetna Foundation, Inc.** (Hartford, CT) announced the addition of five new

staff members as part of its continuing efforts to promote wellness, health, and access to health care for everyone. **Gillian R. Barclay, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.P.H.** has joined as vice president-programs and is responsible for developing, executing, and evaluating strategic grant programs, and cultivating new projects. Previously Dr. Barclay served as an advisor to the World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization. **Diana M. Hill, Ph.D.** is senior project manager-grants and is responsible for developing operational excellence in the foundation's grant application, review, and evaluation processes. She previously held several positions in human resources at Aetna, Inc. **Alyse B. Sabina, M.P.H.** is senior project manager-programs and is responsible for program development and grant assessment. She previously was a program officer at the **Missouri Foundation for Health** in St. Louis. **Marnie Goodman** is communications manager and will promote the foundation's work and the accomplishments of its grantees. She most recently was manager, philanthropy and community relations, at The Hartford Financial Services Group where she also held several positions in media relations. **Stephanie Tatro, C.P.A.** is finance manager and will manage the foundation's financial systems. Prior to joining the foundation, she was an accountant with Atlantic Development and Investments. Contact: Susan Millerick, 860.273.0536, millericks@aetna.com.

■ **The Annie E. Casey Foundation** (Baltimore, MD) named **Brenda Donald** to serve as vice president for its Center for Effective Family Services and Systems. Ms. Donald was previously Secretary for the Maryland Department of Human Resources where she was responsible for designing and implementing two major systems' reform agendas: **Place Matters**, a comprehensive overhaul of the state's child welfare system, and **MD RISE**, a workforce development initiative for welfare and child support customers. In addition, she was the District of Columbia deputy mayor for Children, Youth, Families, and Elders from 2005 to 2007. In her new position as a member of the foundation's senior leadership team, Ms. Donald will lead the center's work of

improving outcomes for children living in the country's most fragile families. Ms. Donald succeeds **Patrick T. McCarthy** who became the president and CEO of the Casey Foundation in April. Contact: Sue Lin Chong, 410.223.2836, schong@aecf.org.

Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) (Hamilton, NJ) announced that **Carolyn Ingram** joined the organization as a senior vice president. Ms. Ingram brings nearly two decades of experience working in Medicaid to CHCS. She worked as New Mexico's Medicaid director where she led multiple program improvements resulting in increased utilization of services, greater quality of care, and enhanced health coverage options for the uninsured, while at the same containing program costs. As senior vice president for CHCS, Ms. Ingram will work with Medicaid stakeholders across the country to maximize opportunities presented under health reform. In particular, she will focus on assisting states in meeting the needs of the expansion population and developing the interface between Medicaid and the health insurance exchanges. Contact: Lorie Martin, 609.528.8400, lmartin@chcs.org.

■ **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation** (Atlanta, GA) elected **John Rice** to serve a five-year term on its board of directors. Mr. Rice is currently vice chairman of General Electric Company (GE), and president and CEO of GE Technology Infrastructure. He has worked with GE since 1978. In addition, Mr. Rice is a trustee of Emory University and the Walker School, International Advisory Board of King Fahd University in Saudi Arabia, and past chairman of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Contact: Amy Tolchinsky, 404.523.3486, atolchinsky@cdcfoundation.org.

■ **The Colorado Trust** (Denver) named **Ned Calonge, M.D.** president and CEO. Dr. Calonge has served as chief medical officer of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment since 2002. In this capacity, he has been responsible for supervision of the health-related

divisions and overseeing the Office of Health Disparities. From 1991 to 2001, Dr. Calonge served as chief of the Department of Preventive Medicine for Colorado Permanent Medical Group. In addition, he has chaired and served on numerous boards and commissions, authored more than 80 articles, and is board certified in both family medicine and preventive medicine. Contact: Christie McElhinney, 303.539.3147, christie@coloradotruster.org.

Health Literacy Missouri (St. Louis) will honor **James Kimmey, M.D., Ph.D.** as the first recipient of the **Cecilia and Leonard Doak Health Literacy Champion Award**. The award recognizes Dr. Kimmey's visionary leadership in advancing the cause of health literacy across Missouri and the nation. Dr. Kimmey is president and CEO of the **Missouri Foundation for Health** (St. Louis) and is chair of the Board of Directors for Grantmakers In Health. Dr. Kimmey is scheduled to receive his reward October 6, 2010, at the inaugural Health Literacy Tribute Awards Luncheon, in St. Louis, Missouri. For more information, visit www.healthliteracymissouri.org.

University of Florida (Gainesville) has established the **Frank Karel Chair in Public Interest Communication**, an endowed professorship named for the visionary and university alumnus who pioneered the field. Mr. Karel led teams at the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** (Princeton, NJ) and **Rockefeller Foundation** (New York, NY) in using innovative communications methods such as cutting-edge technology to effectively advocate for new policies to help the homeless, people suffering from AIDS, school children lacking access to basic health services, people facing choices about care at the end of their lives, and others. Mr. Karel, who died in 2009, was a past recipient of Grantmakers In Health's Terrance Keenan Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy. **Ann Christiano** was recently introduced as the inaugural Frank Karel Chair recipient. Ms. Christiano, who brings 20 years of experience in strategic communications, media relations, and policy engagement, was one of Mr. Karel's protégées, having been hired by Karel in the communications office of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Contact: Chris Brazda, 352.392.1633, cbrazda@uff.ufl.edu.

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