In a book published in 2006, Creative Philanthropy, two scholars in the nonprofit field, Helmut Anheier and Dana Leat, examined the unique potential afforded by not-for-profit foundations. They concluded that foundations are in a special position to take risks, test innovative ideas and influence the way we think about some of our greatest challenges. This is one of the primary reasons I decided to join the board of the CSHP Research and Education Foundation. Although the transformation of pharmacy to a clinical profession started 50 years ago, we have a long way to go. For example we have yet to come to grips with the thorny issue of compensation for the many expanded scope of practice provisions under SB 493.

It is difficult for busy practitioners to carry out the type of studies and documentation necessary to demonstrate to the general public, the medical community, regulators and legislators the value of the services we provide. That is what a well-funded foundation is designed to do. The CSHP Research and Education Foundation was founded in 2006 as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization formed to "promote the public health and the safe use of medication through research and education in health systems pharmacy". In 10 years the foundation has sponsored a number of projects, granted scholarships to pharmacy students through the Joseph H Beckerman Memorial scholarship award. We recently implemented the John Carbone Memorial Scholarship Fund, and we will be awarding a $1500 reward this year to a pharmacy student. These awards are intended to help deserving students who have leadership potential.

Although we have made significant progress in making the foundation financially viable, we have a ways to go. We’ve had a number of campaigns to seek donations, including events at Seminar, golf tournaments, and direct solicitation. There is no shortage of worthy causes to contribute money to. Most of us contribute to causes such as cancer cure, homeless shelters, and others. Recent research has shown that doing good makes people happy and that the act of goodness has an even greater happiness affect when there is some connection to the organization. Some of us who were fortunate to know Joe Beckerman and John Carbone were happy to donate to the funds and supported the idea of making funds available for deserving pharmacy students. The foundation has been successful in promoting education through programming at our meetings and our support pharmacy students.
As we begin the second decade in the life of the foundation, it is urgent that we generate the resources to sponsor and conduct the research necessary to advance pharmacy practice. Collectively through the Foundation can do what none of us can do individually. California pharmacy practitioners have been the vanguard of the clinical pharmacy movement and we have the opportunity to continue that rich tradition. The members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation are contributing their time and money to this effort and I hope that you will join us.

Attention Students - Two $1,500 Scholarships Available!

The CSHP Research and Education Foundation is accepting applications for the Joseph H. Beckerman Memorial Scholarship and John J. Carbone Memorial Scholarship Fund. These $1,500 scholarships are awarded annually to a California pharmacy student who exhibits a desire for a career in health-system pharmacy. For a student to qualify, she or he must also demonstrate characteristics that were important to these leaders in Pharmacy. For more information, see the CSHP Foundation website.

Applications are due by June 30 and the winner will be announced on September 1.

View the Beckerman Application
View the Carbone Application

Thank You to our Retiring Board Member

The CSHP Foundation Board of Directors thanks Sam Shimomura for his years of service to the board (2013 - 2016).

Sam Shimomura, PharmD, FASHP, CGP Professor of Pharmacy Practice & Administration Associate Dean at Western University College of Pharmacy

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If you are interested in serving on the Foundation Board and would like additional information, please feel free to contact us at foundation@cshp.org.