ABOUT THE FOUNDATION:

The Metro Omaha Medical Society Foundation was formed in 1981 when Dr. Charles Bressman was President of Metro Omaha Medical Society. After Dr. Bressman’s death in 1994, the Foundation received a gift of $5,000 from the Bressman Family to help fund the community goals of this program. Since then, physicians have had the opportunity to donate to the Foundation at the time of membership renewal or as a memorial. Foundation funds have grown over the years because of the generous support by Metro Omaha Medical Society members. In 2002, the Foundation began awarding community grants to various organizations in the Metro Omaha area.

The MOMS Medical MESS Club Event, which features a silent auction and musical theater performance, is another opportunity for members to donate. All proceeds from this event benefit MOMS Foundation.

For the last decade, the MOMS Foundation has also supported a number of organizations through our Match Grant Program: Hope Medical Outreach Coalition, Lasting Hope Recovery Center, Josie Harper Hospice House, Food Bank for the Heartland, Omaha Street School, Metropolitan Community College Single Parent Homemaker Services, and Omaha Children’s Museum ImagiNation exhibit. MOMS Foundation matches the first $5,000 in donations for this grant.

The Metro Omaha Medical Society Foundation is proud to award thousands of dollars each year to organizations supporting Metro Omaha Medical Society’s primary mission of advocating for patients and public health. Since 2002, Metro Omaha Medical Society Foundation has donated over $250,000 through our general grant, and $60,000 through the Match Grant Program! We thank you for your commitment in serving our community and ask that you join us in making an even greater impact in this coming year.

OUR MISSION:

The Metro Omaha Medical Society Foundation identifies and provides support to community priorities where physician involvement can make a difference in improving the health of the Metro Omaha Community.

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BOY SCOUTS - $2,234
The Boy Scouts of America program aims to create unparalleled experiences for more youth which create value, enthusiasm, robust growth and retention of program participants. This grant will help fund an opportunity for scouts to become familiar with first aid and take the “First Aid” merit badge course offered at Camp Cedars. Funds will purchase medical supplies for the course and for the Medic office, serving over 2000 individuals.

CHILD SAVING INSTITUTE - $1,658
Child saving Institute provides a safe haven and healing for thousands of innocent young victims of family crisis, neglect and abuse. They offer several services including early childhood education, foster care, adoption, an emergency shelter, parenting classes, and therapy. Funds from this grant will be used to purchase an automatic defibrillator machine for facility which can serve both adults and children, along with the child sized pads needed for the machine. The automatic defibrillator will benefit over 200 children.

CHILDREN’S RESPITE CARE - $1,534
Children’s Respite Care Center provides comprehensive services and family support for children with special medical, developmental, cognitive needs. Services offered include safe, fun, and educationally stimulating environment, low adult-to-child ratio, and parent training and resources. Funds from this grant will be used to purchase Pulse Oximeters with advanced capabilities for each of the organization’s locations to help children with medical needs to be monitored continuously, serving approximately 170 clients.

CITY SPROUTS - $1,200
City Sprouts Education Programming teaches healthy lifestyle choices through workshops and programs. By combining gardening with educations, the community is strengthened and empowered. Funds from this grant will support the Truck Farm mobile garden program that is used as a teaching tool to educate Omaha-area youth about healthy eating, environmental sustainability and the benefits of growing fresh food. This grant will serve about 9,000 individuals.

COMPLETELY KIDS - $1,595
Completely Kids is devoted to educating and empower kids and families to create a safe, healthy, successful, and connected community. Funds from this grant will be used to fund a full time therapist at Liberty Elementary that works one-on-one with children and facilitates small group sessions to increase mental health access to about 45 low-income students.

HETRA - $3,500
Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy aims to improve the health and development of children and adults with disabilities. Grant money will be used to fund 70 hippotherapy sessions, which are one-on-one therapy sessions with a student and therapist using the movement of the horse as a tool to improve student's fine gross motor skills, spatial awareness, endurance, balance, strength, and overall independence.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BINATIONAL HEALTH FAIR - $5,067
Metropolitan Community College will be hosting the Omaha’s Bi-National Health Fair, the largest mobilization effort taking place across the U.S. and Canada to improve the health and well-being of underserved Latino populations with services such as flu vaccinations, and screenings for vision, dental, hearing, HIV/AIDS, STDs, cholesterol, blood glucose, height, weight, and body mass index (BMI). Funds from this grant will support blood glucose screening and provide attendees with first aid kits, serving about 600 individuals.
MATCH PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

2015: METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE SINGLE PARENT HOMEMAKER SERVICES - $12,200 (Presented January 2015)

As more MCC courses are offered and supported by on-line resources, ensuring student access to a working computer off-campus has become an urgent need among Single Parent Homemaker program participants. This grant supports MCC SPH participants, low-income single parents who are first generation college students, by funding the purchase of laptop and tablet devices for participants to use off-campus to complete homework online from home. The generosity of MOMS members goes a long way in supporting the retention and success of single parents who are uniquely dedicated and committed to achieving their education goals.

2016: OMAHA CHILDREN’S MUSEUM 40TH ANNIVERSARY IMAGINATION EXHIBIT - $10,220 (Presented Jan 2016)

The ImagiNation exhibit will feature an interactive, hands-on medical section that is developed with the input of physician members of the Metro Omaha Medical Society. It will be part of a larger show that will highlight popular exhibits throughout the 40-year history of the Omaha Children’s Museum. The contribution of the Metro Omaha Medical Society Foundation and its physicians will be added as part of the museum’s permanent collection. This exhibit is expected to be visited by 150,000 people throughout the duration of the exhibit from Oct 2016 to April 2017.

OMAHA THEATER COMPANY - $2,000

The Rose Theater is committed to enriching the lives of children and families through live theater and arts education. This grant will help fund the underwriting, development, and presentation of a theatrical work, “Palette of Possibility,” by Greta Berghammer to advance the field of children’s theater for youth with autism and help audience members with autism and other development disabilities reach five goals including playing pretend, sharing an idea, initiating or responding to social contact, and creating a sense of personal security. This grant will serve approximately 1,200 people.

OMAHA CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY - $1,350

Omaha Chamber Music Society collaborates with Hospice House – The Josie Harper Residence, to support dying patients and their families with the healing power of music, aiding in reducing anxiety and pain perception, as well as improving blood pressure and heart rate. This grant will fund professional musician and Certified Clinical Musician visits to Hospice House seven times monthly, serving about 820 people.

“Your grant of $1350 will allow us to continue our program, reaching over 800 people with the visits your gift has made possible. We believe that the presence of musicians at the Hospice House will bring peace and comfort to residents and their families during a difficult time, and that live music of this sort provides documented benefits to dying patients.” – Lynn Lawson, Treasurer

“We are excited to partner with the Metro Omaha Medical Society to create an exhibit piece that is hands-on, engaging and of course, fun. Partnerships with organizations such as yours allow children to role play as a doctor, nurse, or patient which then can spark a conversations between children and families about a possible future career in the medical field. Role-playing also helps children gain a better understanding of what they can expect when they visit their own physician’s office.”

Michelle Chartrand
Omaha Children’s Museum Director of Advancement

“We truly appreciate this gift—which has helped make the magic of theater accessible to the children with autism as well as the very young.”

Julie Walker – Managing Director
SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2015 DONORS

The donors listed below made contributions the Metro Omaha Medical Society Foundation either to the general grant fund, as a memorial or through the Match Program.

We thank each and every donor for enabling the MOMS Foundation to make a positive impact in the community.

In memory of Dr. Paustian, a $100,000 fund was bequeathed to the Metro Omaha Medical Society Foundation, of which only the interest may be used for 20 years, to support the projects and priorities of the Foundation in our community for many years to come. A special thanks to Dr. Paustian’s family for their generosity and commitment to improve the health of the Metro Omaha Community.

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