

THE SVS FOUNDATION® ANNUAL REPORT 2011

A Message from SVS Foundation® Chair, Robert Zwolak, MD

Dear Colleague:

To strengthen the Society for Vascular Surgery's® (SVS) presence in advocacy and continuing education, SVS replaced its foundation, the American Vascular Association® (AVA), with the SVS® Foundation. The AVA's accomplishments have been remarkable, and the new SVS Foundation will continue its mission by assuming all its activities.

Because of the generosity of vascular health medical professionals, industry, and affiliated societies, the AVA has helped some of the specialty's current leaders advance their careers. Many of our most prominent surgeons have used their awards to conduct research that improves the health of vascular patients. We need to continue on this path.



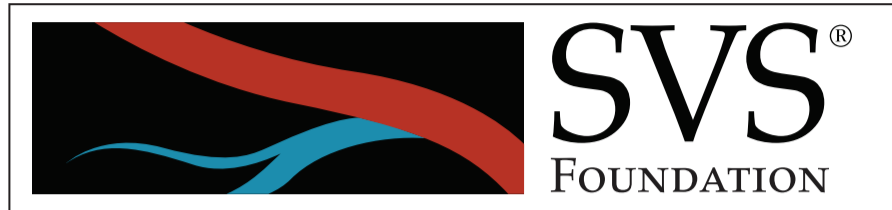
ROBERT M. ZWOLAK, MD,
CHAIR, SVS FOUNDATION

Dr. G. Patrick Clagett, last year's chair, succeeded in raising funds to present the K08, K23, EJ Wylie Traveling Fellowship Resident Research Price, and Student Research Fellowships to our specialty's most promising future leaders this year. The awardees are featured (below) receiving their

awards at the 2011 Vascular Annual Meeting®.

The SVS Foundation will continue to be the focal point for advancing the role of vascular surgeons in clinical and translational research, activities so often dominated by non-surgeons.

To ensure these important grants and scholarships are awarded annually requires the commitment of the entire SVS membership, industry, and affiliated societies. As a specialty, it is our responsibility to lead in vascular health management.



Your contributions fund clinical and translational research grants including:

- ▶ Clinical research seed grants provide direct support for pilot clinical projects which have potential to grow into larger studies fundable by industry or governmental sources.
- ▶ A clinical study planning grant supports development of all the components necessary for a competitive, multi-center clinical trial application.
- ▶ Medical student and resident awards stimulate development of research skills and exploration of investigative careers.
- ▶ Partner grants with the National Institutes of Health, the Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award and the Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award, both

directed at vascular surgeon scientists in the early stages of their careers.

I want to thank everyone, including our industry partners and generous affiliate societies, for their loyalty and commitment to our future. We ask for their continued support. For those of you who have not yet contributed, I encourage you to take this request seriously and make a donation to the SVS Foundation.

Your contribution is tax-deductible. Contributions may be made at www.SVSFoundationsite.org or by completing the contribution form included in this annual report.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Zwolak, MD
Chair, SVS Foundation

2011 SVS Foundation Awards

The SVS® Foundation Awards were presented at the opening SVS session of the 2011 Vascular Annual Meeting. The SVS Foundation supports research in vascular disease.

SVS Foundation/American College of Surgeons Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (K08)

Philip P. Goodney, MD (below middle), of Dartmouth Medical School, received the SVS Founda-

tion/American College of Surgeons Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award. Dr. Goodney is shown with Robert M. Zwolak, MD (at left), and Alan Dardik, MD.

EJ Wylie Traveling Fellowship

Rabih A. Chaer, MD (middle), of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, received the EJ Wylie Traveling Fellowship from Dr. Zwolak and Dr. Dardik. The primary purpose of the fellowship is to provide an opportunity to visit a number of excellent vascular surgery centers in the United States and abroad.



SVS Foundation Resident Research Prize

Clay C. Quint, MD, PhD (middle), of the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, received the SVS Foundation Resident Research Prize for his paper "Decellularized Human Tissue Engineered Vessel as an Arterial Conduit" from Dr. Zwolak and Dr. Dardik. The prize consists of a monetary award and a 1-year complimentary subscription to the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*. Dr. Quint presented his research at the Vascular Annual Meeting and it will be considered for publication in the journal.

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Inspired by a Poster Award, Dr. Halpern Donates to SVS Foundation

It was a poster award that inspired Vivienne Halpern, MD, of Phoenix, AZ, to support vascular research in general and the SVS Foundation in particular. "More than 10 years ago, I won a poster award through the Eastern Vascular Society from the William J. Von Liebig Foundation," said Dr. Halpern. "This predates the SVS Foundation, but the award inspired me to do more."

A practicing vascular surgeon since 1998, Dr. Halpern became an active member of SVS in 2004. She donates her time and has served on the SVS Women's Leadership Committee, the Quality and Performance Measures Committee, the Public and Professional Outreach Committee, and the SVS

Foundation Development Committee.

Dr. Halpern has provided financial support to SVS Foundation during the last four years. "I want to improve re-

search funds for vascular research and help up-and-coming surgeon scientists," she said. "That's why I donate to SVS Foundation."

Funds donated to the SVS Foundation by Dr. Halpern and others provide awards for clinical

and translational research. The funds enable researchers to develop new advances in vascular care. "To improve the care of vascular patients and progress the field of vascular surgery and vascular medicine, those are the reasons I contribute to SVS Foundation," she said. ■

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Dr. Andros: An Ardent Supporter of SVS Foundation

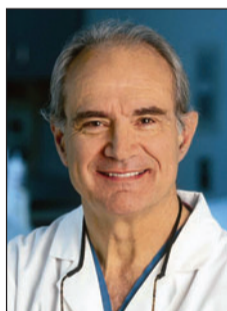
"Charity begins at home," said SVS Member George Andros, MD, of Los Angeles, CA. "Since SVS is my professional home, I support the future of my profession by donating to the SVS Foundation."

For years, Dr. Andros has generously supported SVS Foundation research efforts. He has donated his time, talents, and treasure to the Foundation since the days in which it was known as the American Vascular Foundation / Lifeline Foundation. That name began in 1989.

In 2004, the foundation became known as the AVA Foundation. Today, it's the SVS Foundation. To Dr. Andros, the name of the Foundation is irrelevant. He remains an ardent supporter.

"I served on the AVA Foundation's Executive Committee from 2007 to 2009," said Dr. Andros. "Many of my colleagues have been Foundation award recipients and have benefitted from the assistance provided."

As the focal point for advancing the role of vascular surgeons in clinical



GEORGE ANDROS, MD

and translational research, the SVS Foundation provides the following clinical and translational research grants:

- ▶ Clinical research seed grants
- ▶ Clinical study planning grant
- ▶ Medical student and resident awards
- ▶ Partner grants.

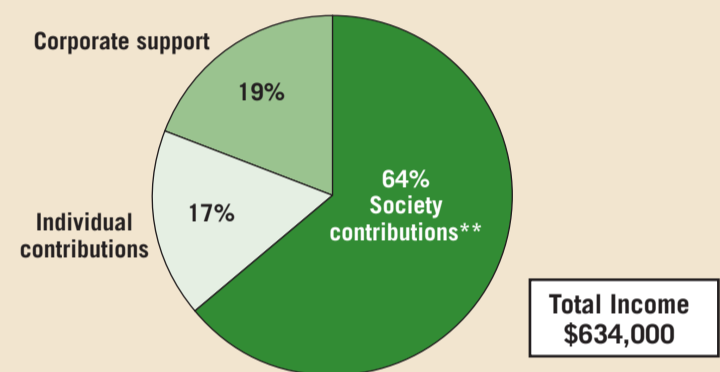
"In order to continue to advance the science of vascular research, I encourage all SVS members to donate to the SVS Foundation," said Dr. Andros. "It is through support for our Foundation that SVS will remain at the forefront of vascular research." ■



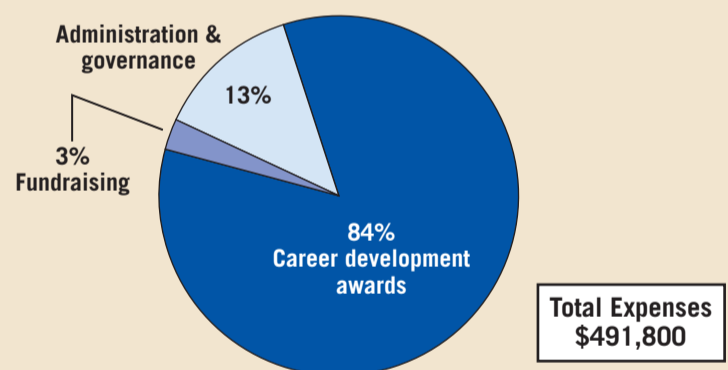
The SVS Foundation® FY 2012 Budgeted Revenue and Expense

MARCH 2011 TOTAL ASSETS: \$5.2M*

SVS Foundation Total Income



SVS Foundation Total Expenses



Source: Society for Vascular Surgery

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**includes SVS, ACS, and regional society contributions

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- ▶ Cook Medical
- ▶ Eastern Vascular Society
- ▶ Massachusetts General Hospital, Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, Dr. Richard Cambria, Chief

- ▶ Medtronic
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- ▶ W.L. Gore & Associates
- ▶ Western Vascular Society
- ▶ von Liebig Foundation



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Support the Hobson Resident Research Fund

The Hobson Resident Research Fund was established by the New Jersey Medical School Vascular Alumni in honor of Robert Hobson II, MD, for his dedication to future vascular and general surgeons. Contributions to the fund enable young surgeons to continue their vascular research efforts. It endows the SVS Foundation Resident Research Prize, an annual \$5,000 award

presented to an outstanding vascular or general surgery resident.

The SVS Foundation Resident Research Prize is funded with a principal of \$100,000. A portion of the Hobson Resident Research Fund has been raised. Additional contributions will



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Robert Hobson, MD, is shown during his days in the United States military.

keep alive Dr. Hobson's dreams for vascular surgery.

Hobson Resident Research Fund contributors are listed with the SVS Foundation individual donors.

The SVS Foundation contribution form in this annual report may be used to make a donation to the Hobson Resident Research Fund. Online donations are welcome at www.SVSFoundationsite.org.

Dr. John Blebea 'Gives Back' to SVS Foundation

"I was fortunate to have received a clinical research award from the Lifeline Foundation in 2001," said John Blebea, MD, of Cleveland,



JOHN BLEBEA, MD

OH. "The award provided funds to continue research on ultrasound diagnosis and development of an implantable flow sensor. This interest continues with the hope for human trials in the near future."

To "give back" to the Foundation, Dr. Blebea became a financial donor.

"Although we are asked to donate to many worthwhile causes, we should also allocate a portion of our charitable giving to our specialty because it has provided us with both our economic sustenance as well as personal and professional fulfill-

ment," said Dr. Blebea. "Giving to the SVS Foundation is a form of thanksgiving and a contribution for the future and those who follow in our footsteps."

Dr. Blebea has donated to SVS Foundation for the past six years. "It is critical for our success as a specialty and for the care of our patients, that we support research at both the clinical and basic research levels," he said.

"The most effective way of doing this on the national level is through a donation to the SVS Foundation."

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Support Vascular Surgery Research

The SVS® Foundation awards grants to young vascular surgeon scientists to help develop their careers in research. Contributions to the SVS Foundation are used to award these grants to promising, young surgeons to create a foundation for significant research accomplishment as their careers mature. It is the focal point for advancing the role of vascular surgeons in clinical and translational research, activities so often dominated by non-surgeons.

The SVS Foundation replaces and assumes all of the activities of the American Vascular Association® (AVA) and consolidates the clinical and translational research grants that were previously administered by the SVS and AVA including:

- Clinical Research Seed Grants
- A Clinical Study Planning Grant
- Medical Student and Resident Awards
- Partner Grants with the National Institutes of Health

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