

*Dr. Bass and a patient in
Arequipa, Peru, in July 2022*

LEGACY

A Planned Giving Newsletter from Northwestern's Medical School

Medical Missionaries' Bequest Aims to Boost Global Health at Northwestern

For Kim Bass, '87 MD, and Ben Gulli, '87 MD, of St. Paul, Minnesota, global health is not just a keen interest, but a way of life marked by hard work, leading by example, and giving back.

Drs. Bass and Gulli, who met as students at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in the 1980s, are avid medical missionaries: doctors who travel around the world and provide care to populations in need.

It is this passion that led the alums to make a bequest to their alma mater benefiting the Robert J. Havey, MD Institute for Global Health at the medical school. They hope that their gift will provide funds to medical trainees eager to make a difference abroad.



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Kim Bass, '87 MD*

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"This is a way for us to say, 'Go for it,' because it's a life-changing opportunity for everybody involved," Dr. Bass said.

Dr. Bass is an ophthalmologist who, in 2007, began scaling back her clinic activities in the Twin Cities in favor of offering comprehensive eye care, with an emphasis on treating cataract patients, in several countries, including Peru, Bolivia, and Colombia.

Dr. Gulli, an orthopaedic surgeon who semi-retired this past year, has joined his spouse for a couple of her trips and travels separately to provide services in Nicaragua and, later this year, Kenya. Dr. Gulli focuses on training local healthcare workers in best practices in orthopaedics.

"That's a really good thing, because then you're leaving a legacy," Dr. Gulli said. "Those people I've trained can then continue on doing what I've taught them as opposed to me just coming and showing up for a week or two of just doing a bunch of surgeries."

ROLE MODELS FOR OTHERS

These ideals align with those of the Havey Institute for Global Health, which is a catalyst for numerous student and faculty clinical and research initiatives that aim to ultimately improve human health worldwide.

Today, the institute has 400 members, nine centers, and more than 50 partner sites and collaborations around the world. In the past year alone, the institute's research programs have grown by 71 percent.

"Dr. Bass and Dr. Gulli serve as inspiring role models for those of us in the field of global health," said Robert J. Havey, '80 MD, '81, '83 GME, deputy director of the Havey Institute for Global Health. "Their tireless efforts in South and Central America, as well as East Africa,

along with their generous contribution to the Havey Institute, are making a significant impact in this critical area."

In addition to their planned gift to support Northwestern's global health program, Drs. Bass and Gulli pledged an equal sum to the MD Class of 1987

Scholarship. The couple said Jack Snarr, the former dean for Student Programs from 1968–2004, was a major influence in their decision-making. So, too, was Dr. Gulli's personal experience as a struggling medical student.

"Medical education is so expensive," Dr. Gulli said. "You know, I really struggled. I almost had to drop out of school because I couldn't afford the tuition."

The medical school aims to one day provide tuition support to all students who need it. Today, 66 percent of Feinberg students receive some level of financial aid. Providing tuition support to all would require more than tripling the current endowment of \$251.2 million.



Dr. Gulli (second from left) with an interpreter, patient, and physical therapy student in Arequipa, Peru, in 2018



You Can Make a Life-Changing Impact

Like Drs. Bass and Gulli, you can make it your mission and your legacy to improve health around the world. Contact Development and Alumni Relations at 312-503-8933 or medgiving@northwestern.edu to learn how an estate gift to Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine can create a ripple effect.



You Decide

How You Want to Make a Difference for Aspiring Doctors

You believe in the power of an education. Your dedicated partnership with Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine has helped train the doctors who improve the health of people across the world.

Like so many of our generous alumni and friends, you understand how important it is to ease the financial burden faced by medical students attending a world-class institution.

Now you have the power to help medical students—and those who will be helped by them—even more. You can choose to make an impact today, establish a legacy gift for tomorrow, or do both. We would be delighted to help create a plan that works for your lifestyle and honors your values.

HOW WILL YOU MAKE AN IMPACT?

Make a difference now:

- 1 Use charitable funds you have already set aside (and simplify your recordkeeping) by recommending a grant to the Feinberg School of Medicine from your donor advised fund.
- 2 If you're 70½ or older, save taxes on IRA withdrawals by making a distribution directly to the medical school. You do not get taxed on the gift, and neither do we!

Make a difference later:

- 3 Include a gift to the medical school in your will or trust.
- 4 Consider one of the quickest, easiest ways to give a gift: naming the Feinberg School of Medicine as full or partial beneficiary of a retirement account, life insurance policy, or other asset.



Start Changing Lives Today!

Our FREE guide, *12 Ways to Make a Meaningful Difference*, gives details on the four gift options above, plus eight more. [Request your free guide today to learn more.](#) **Simply complete and return the enclosed reply card.**



Ernie Kaminski, '83 MD, and Mary Kaminski at the annual Rogers Society luncheon



The annual Rogers Society luncheon in Evanston, Illinois, in May

Lunch for Feinberg Planned Gift Donors

Thursday, October 10, 2024

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The Rogers Society Welcomes New Members

Fifteen alumni and friends included Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in their estate plans during the past year and became members of the Henry and Emma Rogers Society. Through charitable bequests, gift annuities, insurance policies, and other forms of planned gifts, members of the Rogers Society have created a lasting legacy for Northwestern students, faculty, and programs.

F. Douglas Carr, MD, and Karla Carr
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Don Jackson and Beverlee Trindl Nelson
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Bonnie L. Typlin, MD, and John J. Kaiser
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This list reflects individuals who have shared their estate plan with Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine between June 22, 2023 to June 11, 2024. We have made every effort to provide accurate information.