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Dear SSCI Members,

In a recent audit conducted to determine SSCI's capacity for philanthropy, many members were asked to identify the aspect of membership that meant the most to them. The answers came in different words and turns of phrase but unanimously cited SSCI's unique ability to nurture the career development of gifted young physician-scientists as its most significant commitment and accomplishment.

Thus, we have created a special *Fund for Academic Medicine*, and ask that you consider becoming a friend to the *Fund*. You can become a friend by pledging as little as \$1000 to be fulfilled over a period up to 3 years. Please review the attached pledge sheet which explains giving options.

With traditional corporate support diminishing annually and the overall diminution of federal and other monies previously targeted to support medical research, SSCI feels a unique responsibility to respond by attempting to grow charitable support from our membership and from other gifts from individuals. I would be profoundly grateful for your participation in this effort.

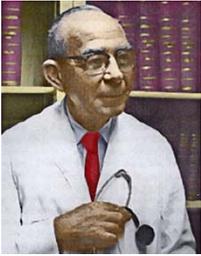
A portion of all proceeds will be allotted to ensure the availability of travel awards that make participation in our key annual meeting possible for so many fellows and junior faculty. Other monies will be used to increase merit awards for junior investigators. It is our hope that we can increase both support for career development, and awareness and identification of SSCI as an organization that plays an integral role in the creation of the next generation of highly trained and credentialed physician-scientists.

If we can enroll 100 Friends of the Fund by the time of our annual meeting in February, then I will be pleased to host a special donor recognition dinner in celebration of an impressive, expanded commitment on the part of SSCI members to foster career development.

Like you, I constantly have to juggle the priorities of my personal philanthropy. Choosing SSCI is an easy choice, though, its mission and impact essential to a cause near to my heart, and perhaps yours. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you, and to moving our Society's mission forward through this important opportunity.

With all good wishes for the Holiday Season,

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Please enlist me as a Friend of the *SSCI Fund for Academic Medicine* at the following level:

___ Platinum \$10, 000 and above

___ Gold \$7,500 - \$9,999

___ Silver \$5,000 - \$7,499

___ Bronze \$2,500 - \$4,999

___ Sustaining \$1,000 and above

___ Enclosed is my check in the amount of _____ in partial/full payment

___ Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____ in partial/full payment.

I pledge to pay the balance by donating \$ _____ per year for _____ years to be paid before December 31st of each year.

___ American Express ___ MasterCard ___ VISA

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

I wish to be recognized as: (e.g., Dr./Dr. and Mrs./Mr. etc)

Please fill in this form and email, fax or mail completed form to Joan Kemp, SSCI Executive Director (contact information above)

Thank you for your generous support of the *SSCI Fund for Academic Medicine*. All gifts are fully tax deductible according to law.