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HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

# 2022 IMPACT REPORT: TRANSFORMING PATIENTS' LIVES

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## A MESSAGE FROM WENDY-JO TOYAMA

On behalf of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), I am pleased to share our 2022 impact report. We strive to ensure that all patients and families facing serious illness receive the care they need. We do this by supporting physicians and interprofessional team members through education, networking, and advocacy. We know the transformative power of hospice and palliative medicine (HPM) and the positive impact it can have on patients and their families at a vulnerable time.



This report highlights the many ways donations make a difference. Connecting professionals within the field and expanding the voice and representation of the field ensures the provision of quality hospice and palliative care. We are proud of the progress made and look forward to continuing to drive new and exciting innovations.

We thank all of our members and contributors for their dedication to the field, the mission, and our values.

Sincerely,  
Wendy-Jo Toyama, CEO

## OUR MISSION

The Academy's core mission is to advance hospice and palliative medicine through enhancing learning, cultivating knowledge and innovation, strengthening our workforce, and advocating for public policy to achieve our vision.

## IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

 **5,547** members

 **\$140,872** in donations received

 **173** donations from 132 donors

## PROGRAM INCOME

**\$89,412** Unrestricted

**\$7,300** International Physician Fund

**\$40,450** Alyssa L. Bogetz Educational Fund

**\$3,710** Leadership Scholars Fund

## HPM FELLOW MATCH PROGRAM

The National Residency Match Program (NRMP) Specialty Match for Hospice and Palliative Medicine, in partnership with AAHPM, provides the official platform and algorithm for coordinating the choices of applicants and program directors, ensuring each achieves the most preferred training situation possible.

**394** total applicants

**191** enrolled programs

**93%** matched to medical schools

**91%** matched to the HPM specialty

**74%** matched with applicants



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## 2022 OUTCOMES

- The Leadership Scholars Fund provided funding to 5 recipients to participate in leadership development engagement activities designed to support growth in the next generation in the field.
- The Alyssa L. Bogetz Educational Fund was established. This fund provides education offerings at AAHPM events that address issues related to refractory mental illness from experts in the field of broad palliative care.
- Through the Research Scholars Program, 6 scholars were able to attend the 2022 Kathleen M. Foley Palliative Care Retreat and Research Symposium in La Jolla, CA.
- In May 2022, AAHPM instituted Quarterly Grand Rounds, designed to provide early and mid-career professionals across all settings access to legacy leadership voices in the field of hospice and palliative care.
- AAHPM convened more than 2,800 people for the 2022 Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care. Planned as a hybrid event, a surge in COVID-19 required a rapid transition to virtual. More than 16,000 connections were made between registrants on the virtual platform.
- The Academy is building the next generation of HPM leaders; more than 40 interprofessional attendees joined the 2022 Ascend program.
- AAHPM is assessing learner perceptions of how its educational activities addressed cultural humility and sensitivity.
- AAHPM engaged with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center to advocate for alternative payment models for people with serious illness.
- AAHPM launched two new patient-reported experience measures for outpatient palliative care, assessing the quality of care provided.

### DONOR SPOTLIGHT: STEVE SMITH

In 2007, I began an incredible 13-year journey, both personally and professionally, as the CEO for AAHPM. I was familiar with hospice and palliative medicine early in my career from working for other medical specialty societies and the Alzheimer's Association as well as from gerontology courses in college.



I started with AAHPM just as hospice and palliative medicine was being recognized as a subspecialty and fellowship training programs were being developed. Within a few years, the field would certify more than 7,000 physicians and create slots for 350 trainees per year. It was a time of incredible growth, visibility, and success. The AAHPM team grew during that period as well. Despite all this success, there continues to be a need for more professionals in hospice and palliative care. I am inspired and encouraged by the many amazing volunteer leaders who created and facilitate our Leadership Forum and other Academy leadership programming.

During my time transitioning from a leadership role with the Academy to one with Association Management Center, I wanted to give back to AAHPM and show my gratitude and commitment to the field. People asked how they could thank me for my years of service as I was preparing to transition into a new role. I asked them to join me in supporting the AAHPM Leadership Scholars Fund.

So many people in hospice and palliative care have forged their own leadership pathways. Several generous foundations funded leadership development at critical stages of the field's early years, and I saw firsthand the impact that had on people within the field throughout their careers. Many said they would not have been successful without that support. I wanted that to continue so others could benefit from mentorship, programming, and connections through AAHPM.

I believe many of us have been forever changed by the experiences we've had within AAHPM. There are times in our lives when we receive and times when we give. The Academy is a unique medical specialty society because its members care deeply and genuinely about not just what they do but also one another. It is the home for a special group of people who provide exceptional care to individuals living with serious illnesses. This work and the organization are so very important now and in the future.



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## SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT: DANIEL SHALEV (2022 AAHPM RESEARCH SCHOLAR)

As soon as I heard the opening remarks for this year's Kathleen Foley Research Retreat, I felt like I was home. I was able to attend the retreat as an American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Research Scholar. I expected to build my palliative care research network with a national cohort of peers and mentors committed to advancing the evidence base of palliative care. What I didn't expect were the deep personal connections and the shared mission.

Being in the room with the senior scholars who created palliative care research and junior scholars who will be stewarding the next phase was powerful and inspiring. I met other American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Research Scholars, American Cancer Society Grantees, and National Palliative Care Research Center Kornfeld Scholars. The talent and heart of this group were remarkable—as was the diversity: PhDs, MDs, nurses, physical therapists, social workers, and many others were among our ranks studying palliative care across the lifespan, from the perinatal period to centenarians and beyond.

The breadth of topics and methodologies presented over the 2.5 days reminded me of how deep our pool of talent and passion is in palliative care—and of the incredible potential for collaboration in advancing our field.

The opportunity that my AAHPM Research Scholarship provided was one of the richest experiences I've had professionally. The information sharing was exciting. The sense of community and identity was even more valuable. Being in a group of people across career stages, disciplines, and institutions who shared a deep passion for palliative care research was a pivotal experience for my identity formation as a palliative care investigator. I returned home with new ideas, new collaborations, and a deepened sense of my professional

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### FUNDS

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An unrestricted gift or pledge provides the flexibility and resources needed to address the most pressing issues facing hospice and palliative care medical professionals by supporting the Academy's programs, services, and general operating needs. With your support, the Academy is able to provide more to its members so they, in turn, can help their patients.

#### LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS FUND

The Leadership Scholars Fund provides financial support to physician members seeking to participate in leadership development engagement activities to support growth as a leader.

#### ALYSSA L. BOGETZ EDUCATIONAL FUND

The Alyssa L. Bogetz Educational Fund to Integrate Care for Patients with Mental Illness into Hospice and Palliative Medicine aims to provide educational offerings for multidisciplinary clinicians from the field of hospice and palliative care at AAHPM events that specifically address the challenges related to refractory mental illness in patients and families served.

#### INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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