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AFAR 2008 Annual Report

**AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AGING
RESEARCH, INC.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2008

BOYCE, FURR & COMPANY, LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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American Foundation for Aging Research, Inc.
Raleigh, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of American Foundation for Aging Research, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2008, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Foundation for Aging Research, Inc. as of December 31, 2008, and the results of its activities and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information included in the supplementary schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Boyce, Furr & Company, LLP

February 26, 2009

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AGING RESEARCH, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2008

ASSETS

Current assets	
Cash in bank	\$ 42,984
Certificates of deposit	85,000
Total current assets	<u>127,984</u>
Fixed assets	
Office equipment	1,222
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(596)</u>
Total fixed assets	<u>626</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u><u>\$ 128,610</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 686
Deferred contract revenue	<u>5,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>5,686</u>
Net assets	
Unrestricted	<u>94,439</u>
Temporarily restricted	
Richard E. Shepherd Fellowship Fund	4,975
Dr. Vincent J. Cristofalo Memorial Fund	5,662
Cecille Gould Memorial Fund	14,658
Agris/Rokaw Cardio/Stroke Fund	2,146
Jacob Agris Fund	<u>1,045</u>
Total temporarily restricted net assets	<u>28,485</u>
 Total net assets	 <u>122,924</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 <u><u>\$ 128,610</u></u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AGING RESEARCH, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted					Total
		Richard E. Shepherd Fellowship Fund	Vincent J. Cristofalo Memorial Fund	Cecille Gould Memorial Fund	Agris/Rokaw Cardio/Stroke Memorial Fund	Jacob Agris Memorial Fund	
Revenues							
Contributions							
Combined Federal Campaign	\$ 3,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,295
Other	22,401	2,000	-	1,040	-	-	25,441
Glaxo contract	27,000	-	-	-	-	-	27,000
Interest	3,801	243	179	716	54	45	5,038
Total revenues	56,497	2,179	716	1,094	45	45	60,774
Net assets released from restrictions	3,450	(703)	(518)	(2,073)	(156)	-	-
Total net assets after releases from restrictions	59,948	(460)	1,661	(1,357)	938	45	60,774
Expenses							
Program services	44,380	-	-	-	-	-	44,380
Management and general	3,697	-	-	-	-	-	3,697
Fundraising	2,501	-	-	-	-	-	2,501
Total expenses	50,578	-	-	-	-	-	50,578
Change in net assets	9,370	(460)	1,661	(1,357)	938	45	10,196
Net assets - beginning of year	85,069	5,435	4,001	16,015	1,208	1,000	112,728
Net assets - end of year	\$ 94,439	\$ 4,975	\$ 5,662	\$ 14,658	\$ 2,146	\$ 1,045	\$ 122,924

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AGING RESEARCH, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Cash flows from operating activities	
Change in net assets	\$ 10,196
Adjustments to reconcile net assets to net cash	
Depreciation	370
Changes in:	
Accounts payable	(1,316)
Deferred contract revenue	(11,999)
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(2,749)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities	
Purchase of fixed assets	(652)
Redemption of certificate of deposit	45,000
Purchase of certificate of deposit	(45,000)
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(652)</u>
Net decrease in cash	(3,401)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>46,385</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 42,984</u>

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in bank and certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less.

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AGING RESEARCH, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

Note 1- Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The American Foundation for Aging Research, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation, which provides funding for graduate and undergraduate students who are conducting research in health-related problems affecting the elderly. Fellowship awards made by The Foundation range from \$500 to \$2,000 and help students with tuition and fees. The Foundation was incorporated in 1979 and is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation receives its funding through contributions and grants.

The accounting records and financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual method records revenue when earned and expenses when incurred. As a result, receivables are recorded as assets, and obligations due are shown as liabilities.

Equipment expenditures greater than \$500 are capitalized and carried at cost. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated life of the asset.

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the support is recognized. All other donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Note 2 - Investments

The Foundation holds four certificates of deposit with three financial institutions. The certificates have terms of 12 to 36 months. The certificates bear interest at rates of 3.45% to 4.65%.

Note 3 – Deferred Revenue

The Foundation has partnered with the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation to establish fellowships and conduct symposiums related to education and research in aging. The contract amount for this project is \$105,000 over a five year period ending June 30, 2009. At December 31, 2008, \$80,000 had been received and the unspent portion is reported as deferred contract revenue.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AGING RESEARCH, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

Note 4 – In-kind Contributions

During the year ending December 31, 2008, The Foundation received in-kind contributions for meeting facilities and food used during the biennial North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation – AFAR Symposium. The in-kind contributions, totaling \$4,110, are recorded at fair market value.

Note 5 - Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes:

Richard E. Shepherd Fellowship Fund	\$ 4,975
Dr. Vincent J. Cristofalo Memorial Fund	5,662
Cecille Gould Memorial Fund	14,658
Agris/Rokaw Cardio/Stroke Fund	2,146
Jacob Agris Fund	<u>1,045</u>
	<u>\$ 28,485</u>

The Richard E. Shepherd Fellowship Fund was established in 1989 to honor the efforts of a former board member.

The Vincent J. Cristofalo Memorial Fund was established in 2006 to honor the efforts of a former board member.

The Cecille Gould Memorial Fund was established in 1985 to provide annual fellowships for cancer research.

The Agris/Rokaw Cardio/Stroke Fund was established in 2007 in honor of the Agris and Rokaw families.

The Jacob Agris Memorial Fund was established in 2007 in honor of Dr. Paul Agris' father. The funds will be used toward scholarship awards in the study of cardio vascular disease.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AGING RESEARCH, INC.
 SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Fellowships	\$ 15,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,500
Salaries	9,431	415	518	10,364
Payroll taxes	768	42	34	844
Advertising	313	-	-	313
Audit	2,081	1,979	1,015	5,075
NCSU services	434	86	58	578
Dues, fees and subscriptions	-	1,071	876	1,947
Office supplies	244	-	-	244
Conferences	15,116	-	-	15,116
Information technology	227	-	-	227
Depreciation	266	104	-	370
	<u>44,380</u>	<u>3,697</u>	<u>2,501</u>	<u>50,578</u>
Total	<u>\$ 44,380</u>	<u>\$ 3,697</u>	<u>\$ 2,501</u>	<u>\$ 50,578</u>

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2008 Applicant and Award Data

AFAR’s primary objective is to motivate young scientists and physician students to study age-related diseases and the biology of aging. The interests from endowed funds provide for the perpetuation of fellowships.

Over the past 3 years, AFAR has received hundreds requests for scholarship and fellowship applications from students in U.S. degree granting institutions. Approximately 10% of applicants receive funding. These recipients are students in M.S., Ph. D., M. D. and undergraduate programs. We specifically fund students who are involved in cellular, molecular or genetic research in the biology of aging and/or age-related diseases. Aging related diseases include cancer, diabetes, arthritis, Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s and many other debilitating illnesses.

Students receive applications requested by mail, phone or may download applications from our website. The handling of requests for information from students, faculty members or institutions providing scholarship information is consistent and does not vary from student-to-student or state-to-state. AFAR also lists its scholarships in several scholarship databases.

AFAR’s Program Assistant communicates with students and their educational institutions to ensure all application materials are received and that funds are dispersed to the appropriate student account. With our recent GlaxoSmithKline Foundation of North Carolina, our awards now range from \$500 to \$4,000 per year and are renewable based on evidence of successful research findings. The award recipient’s attending university administers the account, as is not permitted to withhold any of the amounts of the award from the student. The awardee writes a report on how the money was spent six months after the receipt. Any remaining award balance is returned to AFAR

From January of 2006 through December of 2008, AFAR has awarded **48** fellowships to students in the following **16** states.

STATE	YEAR	RESEARCH AWARDED	AWARD AMOUNT /FUND
California	2007	Gene Ma, Stanford University, is studying how orthopedic wear particles inhibit bone formation.	\$500
	2006	Gerald Nagatani, University of Southern California. Mr. Nagatani is conducting research on gastric enzyme’s and aging	\$500
Connecticut	2007	Justin Peacock, Yale University is studying cytoskeletal regulation and cell migration and adhesion	\$500
	2006	Faith Mercan, Yale University, is conducting research on muscle functioning and signaling.	\$500
Colorado	2008	Drew Kern, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center is studying aging in Downs syndrome.	\$1,000

District of Columbia	2007	Rahul Ballal, Georgetown University, is studying prostate cancer.	\$500
Florida	2006	Pamela Bagsiayo, University of Central Florida is conducting research on neurodegenerative diseases.	\$500
	2006	George Kyriazis, University of Central Florida is conducting research on cell death and the aging process	\$500
Illinois	2008	Ashwini Pai, University of Illinois at Chicago is studying Alzheimer's.	\$500
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	2006	Brent Kelly (renewal), Northwestern University, Dept. of Biochemistry. Mr. Kelly is studying the molecular mechanisms underlying the formation of plaque contributing to Alzheimer's Disease.	\$500
Iowa	2006	Justin Hines, Iowa State University. Hines is conducting research on diabetes mellitus.	\$0 Honorary
Maryland	2006	Catharine Choi, John Hopkins University, is conducting research on spinal disc injuries.	\$750
Massachusetts	2008	Nikhul Madhusudhan, Boston University is conducting research on the oxidative stress in SSA.	\$500
Missouri	2008	Mirnela Byku, St. Louis University, is studying SHR as model for hypertension	\$500
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New Jersey	2008	Anton Kolomeyer, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, is conducting research on age-related macular degeneration.	\$500
	2006	Elizabeth Hur, Rutgers University, is studying Alzheimer's disease.	\$500
New York	2007	Som Mukhophadyay, New York Medical College, is studying Cells in pulmonary arterial hypertension and senescence	\$500
	2006	Rebecca Bish, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, is conducting genetic research on aging and Werner's disease.	\$500
	2006	John Coleman, Stony Brook University, is studying immunology and its relation to cancer and aging.	\$500

**North
Carolina**

2008	Laura Bonafacio, at UNC Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.	\$2,000 AFAR- GSK
2008	Sophia Maund at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.	\$2,000 AFAR- GSK
2008	Sophia Maund at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina (renewal).	\$1,000 AFAR- GSK
2008	Rebecca Ruf at UNC Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.	\$2,000 AFAR- GSK
2008	Joanna Soares, at UNC Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.	\$2,000 AFAR- GSK
2008	Jae Young Kim at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina.	\$2,000 AFAR- GSK
2008	Yi Zhang at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina	\$2,000 AFAR- GSK
2007	Stephanie Dance, Wake Forest School of Medicine, is studying lung cancer.	\$1,000
2007	Alix Norris, Wake Forest University, is studying prostate cancer.	\$1,000
2007	Warren Perry III, North Carolina State University, is studying genetics related to aging.	\$500
2006	Margot Bowen, Duke University, is studying the relationship between genetics and cancer.	\$1,000
2006	Stephanie Dance, Wake Forest School of Medicine, is studying lung cancer	\$2,000
2006	Emily Davies, Duke University Eye Center, is studying eye illnesses and conditions affecting older adults	\$2,000
2006	Jesse Gore, North Carolina State University, is studying the cell cycle and cellular aging.	\$2,000
2006	David Holst, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, Biochemistry Department, is studying pathology of human cancer and vascular disease.	\$2,000
2006	Ben Jacquet, North Carolina State University, is studying the nervous disorder and ailments affecting older adults.	\$2, 000
2006	David Kordys, North Carolina State University, is studying Alzheimer’s disease.	\$2,000
2006	Alix Norris, Wake Forest School of Medicine, is studying prostate cancer.	\$2,000
2006	Tony Tu, Duke University, is studying immunology and cancer. He was unable to accept the monetary aspect of our award as he has an existing contract with the U.S. government (Homeland	

		Security) preventing him from accepting other award funds.	
	2006	Andrew Yeh, Duke University is studying the aging processes linked to mitochondrial dysfunction and metabolic deficits.	\$1,000
	2006	Julianne Yost, Duke University, is studying cancer	\$2,000
Oregon	2007	Jessica Siegel, Oregon Health and Science University is studying Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.	\$500
Rhode Island	2008	Daniel Lu, Brown University is studying life span extension.	\$500
	2007	Eddie Blay, Brown University is studying Alzheimer's	\$500
Texas	2008	Duane Winkler, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is studying ALs/Lou Gehrig's disease.	\$500
Wisconsin	2007	Zhayou Wang, University of Wisconsin-Madison, is studying endometrial cancer	
	2006	Prashob Porayette, University of Wisconsin, is studying the affects of aging on the cell cycle.	\$500

The GlaxoSmithKline Foundation has provided AFAR a grant over 5 years to fund young students who reside in North Carolina. The grant also funds a GSK Foundation-AFAR biennial symposium, which provides airfare, lodging and food to participants. The following are the details for the 2006 and 2008 biennial symposiums:

Description of Service, Benefit and Program Activity

Our first (2006) and second (2008) GSK Foundation-AFAR Symposium brought together young scientists studying age-related diseases and the biology of aging within North Carolina and from around the nation. The symposium is a forum and orientation for these students; it is unique to North Carolina and the nation. The students discuss the science among themselves and with their advisors, honored guests and the eminent keynote speaker. Dr. Irwin Rose, Nobel laureate, addressed the Symposium participants in 2006.

The 2008 GSK-AFAR Symposium was the first time Dr. Richard J. Hodes, Director of the National Institute on Aging had ever visited the Research Triangle. Dr. Hodes oversees studies of the basic, clinical, epidemiological and social aspects of aging and under Dr. Hodes' stewardship, the NIA budget has surpassed \$1 billion, reflecting increased public interest in aging as America and the world grow older. Dr. Hodes has devoted his tenure to the development of a strong, diverse, and balanced research program, focusing on the genetics and biology of aging, basic and clinical studies aimed at reducing disease and disability, including Alzheimer's disease and age-related cognitive change, and investigation of the behavioral and social aspects of aging. Ultimately, these efforts have one goal -- improving the health and quality of life for older people and their families.

This symposium presented the two-fold benefit that AFAR's mission provides to the public in general and the North Carolina Biotechnology Center (NCBC) community and residents. By

showcasing the achievements of AFAR awardees, the public has the opportunity to recognize and support our grant program. Given the efficiency with which AFAR operates, we are able to spend 80% of our gross income on student education and research grants. Such research is critical to a nation of aging baby boomers, particularly in North Carolina where 2.3 million residents are over the age of fifty, and represent 28% of the total population.

Further, all of our GSK-AFAR awardees are local to North Carolina and their attendance at the Hamner Center is a tremendous opportunity for them to visit the Research Triangle Park (RTP) and see all that it and the NCBC have to offer. Both national and regional awardees are likely to attend future meetings at RTP and this event marks an introduction to a lifetime of professional development, travel and research presentations. Biotechnology companies and prestigious universities continue to vie over AFAR awardees given their tradition of academic and professional achievement.

2008 Symposium

DATE: November 8, 2008 – Hamner Conference Center – Research Triangle Park, NC

Participants: 36

States: 16 - California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

2006 Symposium

DATE: November 17, 2006 - Hamner Conference Center – Research Triangle Park, NC

Participants: 16

States: 7 – California, Connecticut, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania

AFAR FUNDRAISING

Combined Federal and State Campaigns

AFAR was once again accepted to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) via the federation Health & Medical Research Charities of America (HMR). This campaign reaches armed forces and civilian employees throughout the US providing awareness about AFAR and enhancing our ability to fulfill our mission. AFAR would like to give a special thank you to the Independent Charities of America who have made it possible for AFAR to enhance its fundraising efforts through the Combined Federal Campaign. The distribution of the funds from federal employees comes through the HMR office. The CFC is integral in AFAR's fundraising efforts.

AFAR was also fortunate to participate in the state campaigns of California, Florida, Missouri and Washington. We have applied to these state campaigns again for 2009 as well as the Maryland, North Carolina and Connecticut state campaigns.

Corporate Giving Campaigns

Throughout the United States, there are corporate giving campaigns and non-profits, such as United Way, that act as fiscal managers for these campaigns. AFAR has received donations from these campaigns, for example, Community Shares of Minnesota, received donations from Thomson West employees for AFAR. This year AFAR received donations from employee campaigns in Minnesota, Indiana and Wisconsin. AFAR is very grateful and we thank all of the corporate employees who chose AFAR for their workplace giving.

Grants

AFAR received two restricted grants this year for our 2008 GSK Foundation-AFAR Symposium (see report pages 16-17). The first came from the National Institute on Environmental Health and Sciences (NIEHS) and the second from the North Carolina Biotechnology Center (NCBC).

The GlaxoSmithKline Foundation also provided their fourth installment on their \$105,000 grant. This restricted grant provides funding for the 2008 GSK Foundation-AFAR Symposium, scholarships and fellowships to students conducting aging and age-related research at institutions within North Carolina and operating expenses.

These grants made it possible to have a symposium where the attendance almost tripled in size from 2006 and provide much needed funds to young students conducting cutting-edge research on aging. Ultimately, this research benefits residents in North Carolina and throughout the United States.

FUTURE FUNDRAISING

30 for Our 30th Campaign

For 30 years, AFAR has provided scholarships and fellowships to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students conducting research on aging and age-related illnesses. Students from universities such as Yale, Duke, Brown, Rutgers, Stanford, Baylor, Harvard, NC State and UNC Chapel Hill, in BS, MS, Ph.D. and MD programs are studying relatively new facts, and understanding Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer and other age-related diseases as never before with the hope of eradicating these diseases and giving us the gift of longer more healthier lives. To celebrate AFAR's amazing 30 years of giving to students' research, we began our **30 for Our 30th campaign**. We are requesting our supporters and new donors to give \$30, \$300 or \$3,000 to help us reach our \$60,000 goal to fund at least 30 students in 2009. We announced the campaign in our November 2008 newsletter and on our website. To date, we have received \$10,000 from our first Gold Sponsor, the Ernest Scheller Foundation.

The Great Human Race

In December 2008, a former colleague, Jaime Vodvarka was killed in a car accident. Jaime worked for over 3 years at AFAR to enhance our mission of providing scholarships and fellowships to students conducting aging and age-related research and was instrumental in garnering new funding and finding innovative ways to enhance AFAR's mission. Her work was done part-time while she attended graduate school at NC State. Jaime was the first impression and connection anyone had with AFAR and she created an atmosphere of encouragement, assistance and support for those applying for an AFAR award or needing any information about AFAR.

To honor and celebrate her amazing life, AFAR staff and others will walk and run on March 21, 2009. We hope to raise \$3,000 to create an endowment in Jaime's name. The event, The Great Human Race is sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Durham. Information on the walk can be found online at <http://www.active.com/donate/ghr2009/AFARHonorsJaime>.

Whole Foods Market

AFAR is very fortunate in our collaboration with Whole Foods of Raleigh for in-kind donations of lunch at our 2006 and 2008 GSK Foundation – AFAR Symposiums. In 2009, Whole Foods Market in Raleigh, Durham and Cary are supporting us in another way. Through their "Community Spotlight" program AFAR has become the non-profit for the month of January in Durham, February/March in Cary and March in Raleigh. What that means is that for the entire month, each of these Whole Foods Markets advertises AFAR and all that we do. They also collect donations at the cash registers for us. We look forward to these collaborations and will report on their outcome in our 2009 Annual Report.

AFAR DONORS

AFAR has a base of individual donors that have generously given to our mission for many years. They are regularly listed in our quarterly newsletter.

This year, we were the recipient of a very generous donation from Mr. Ernest Scheller, Jr. of the Roberta and Ernest Scheller Jr. Family Foundation. This donation of \$10,000 made Mr. Scheller our first GOLD Sponsor in our enhancement of our Levels of Support funding. Mr. Scheller and Scheller Foundation were highlighted in our November 2008 News from AFAR Newsletter.

AFAR OUTREACH

Fellowships were announced in all 50 states through participation in national college guides such as the well-known and well-used *Peterson's Guide*, <http://www.petersons.com>, available in all 50 states in libraries and on many other Internet scholarship search engines including but not limited to:

- AAAS
- AHA Guide to the Health Care Field
- Broke Scholar <http://www.brokescholar.com/>
- Chronicle Financial Aid Guide: www.chronicleguidance.com
- Collegeboard.com <http://www.collegeboard.com>
- Community of Science <http://fundingopps.cos.com/>
- Duke Funding Opportunities
- Educational Assistance Council
- FastWeb www.fastweb.com
- Michigan State University: <http://www.libmsu.edu/harris23/grants/3med.htm>
- Peterson's Scholarships, Grants and Prizes
- SAGE Scholarship Listing: <http://sageke.sciencemag.org>
- Scholarship Research Network <http://www.srnexpress.com>
- The Foundation Directory Online <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/>
- The Grant Registry
- The Grapevine at NC State University Thomas Gale Research Centers Directory (RCD): www.gale.com
- Wintergreen Orchard House Scholarship and Financial Aid: www.wintergreenorchardhouse.com

AFAR NEWSLETTER

Volume 8 of our quarterly newsletter, *News from AFAR*, provides information about aging research, age-related diseases, nutrition, drugs and other information pertinent to the general public. AFAR is listed in many guidebooks for scholarships and aging information and receives phone calls requesting information from all over the United States. Our newsletter was sent to individuals, organizations and institutions in each of the following thirty-nine states and District of Columbia.

Alabama	<u>Louisiana</u>	New York
Arizona	Maine	North Carolina
California	Massachusetts	Ohio
Colorado	Maryland	Oklahoma
Connecticut	Minnesota	Pennsylvania
Delaware	Mississippi	South Carolina
Florida	Missouri	Tennessee
Georgia	Montana	Texas
Hawaii	Nebraska	Utah
Illinois	Nevada	Vermont
Indiana	New Hampshire	Virginia
Iowa	New Jersey	Washington D.C.
Kansas	New Mexico	Wisconsin

Some of the organizations and institutions that have received the AFAR newsletter include but are not limited to: Ethel Percy Andrus Gerontology Center in Los Angeles, Oshner Clinic in New Orleans, UCLA School of Public Health, The Salvation Army in Oklahoma City, Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and the Oakhurst Community Church in Oakhurst, CA.

AFAR 2008 Staff Members

Mary Beth Hollmann was the only salaried staff worker at AFAR from March 2007 to November 2007. In December 2007, she became a subcontractor of AFAR. She was salaried and is now subcontracted part-time only and her duties include managing applications, electronic and written communications, applying for grants, preparation of material for AFAR's accountant, website authoring and maintenance, banking deposits, creation of the newsletter and annual report, event planning, fundraising and networking duties and all other in house functions of AFAR.