

RE: Carolyn Gaughan Leadership Fund

We are writing to inform you of an opportunity to honor Carolyn Gaughan for her 30 years of leadership, dedication, and steadfast work to benefit the lives of all Kansans. Carolyn, who will retire from the KAFP this August, has been a champion of a healthier Kansas through successful adoption of the statewide clean indoor air act, increasing immunization rates, promoting rural health and, most recently, advocating for Medicaid expansion.

The Department of Family and Community Medicine at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita, in conjunction with an anonymous donor, is engaged in establishing the Carolyn Gaughan Leadership Fund. This endowed fund, managed by the KU Endowment, will support medical students and residents from the Wichita campus to participate in leadership development opportunities.

For many students and residents, attending family medicine leadership development conferences set them on a path to choose family medicine and ignited a passion to pursue leadership opportunities back home. As third year family medicine resident Cheryl Dobson, MD shared about her experiences at the 2016 Family Medicine Congressional Conference in Washington, D.C., *"It was energizing. The deeper understanding of healthcare policy that I gained pales only in comparison to the rewarding interactions we had with legislators and their staff members, and the camaraderie that I enjoyed with my future colleagues. Beyond learning about issues that are important for me professionally, I came away from the conference with a great affirmation of my decision to choose Family Medicine as my specialty."*

To endow the Carolyn Gaughan Leadership Fund we need to raise \$25,000. Here is the good news: our anonymous donor has agreed to match any donations made to the fund up to \$12,500. Simply put, if we raise half the money, the donor will match it and we'll have a fully endowed fund that will help send our best and brightest young leaders to life changing leadership development conferences, every year, forever. We can't think of a more fitting tribute to Carolyn.

We need your help today. We hope you will give consideration to a meaningful contribution and either mail a check made out to KU Endowment (memo: Gaughan Fund), 1010 N. Kansas St., Wichita, KS 67214 or make your gift online at [www.kuendowment.org/Gaughanfund](http://www.kuendowment.org/Gaughanfund). Your gift will make certain that our students and residents have the resources they need to be the future medical leaders of Kansas.

Best Regards,



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