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THE INSPIRATION BEHIND OUR NEWEST AWARDS

The Research and Education Foundation (REF) is proud to offer a wide range of awards, grants, and scholarships supporting and acknowledging family doctors at every stage of their career. This year, we had the pleasure of introducing the Daniel Glazier Award in Adolescent Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Bruce Halliday Award for Care of the Disabled, and the Health Disparities in Outer City Communities Resident Award (in collaboration with the Ontario College of Family Physicians [OCFP]). Each of these awards was established by a College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) member who was inspired by a life-changing situation, and we'd like to share their stories with you.

The Daniel Glazier Award in Adolescent Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Once a month, CFPC President, Dr Sandy Buchman gets together with a group of nearly a dozen male family doctor friends who lend support to one another. Almost two years ago, one of these friends, a long-time CFPC volunteer, committee member, and Chair, Dr Rick Glazier, lost a teenage son, Daniel, to an accidental overdose. Dr Buchman and his circle of friends struggled with how to help Dr Glazier and his family heal and with how to address insufficient research and a lack of physician resources and clinical tools to treat mental health and addiction problems in adolescents in Canada. As all are family doctors—and active members of the CFPC—the group came up with the idea of establishing an award to support their colleagues working to change this situation. Importantly, they added the name Daniel Glazier to the award to give it a face. Family and friends came together, generously contributing to establish this award for many years to come. The first award was presented at the 2011 Board Dinner in Montreal, Quebec.

The Bruce Halliday Award for Care of the Disabled

On January 1, 2011, family medicine lost a leader; Dr Bruce Halliday of Tavistock, Ontario, passed away at his home with his wife Elizabeth and his family at his side. To quote his hometown newspaper, *The Sentinel-Review*: "Whether it was his patients, his constituents or his community, Dr Bruce Halliday was known as a man who cared." He was an

outstanding parliamentarian, serving almost 20 years as the MP for the Oxford Riding. He was an exceptional family doctor and received the Family Physician of the Year Award in 1975. Most dear to his heart was the care of the disabled. His first wife, Janet McGhie, contracted polio early in their marriage and died in 1983. As a result, Dr Halliday became a lifelong champion of and advocate for the disabled, chairing the House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Status of Disabled Persons. It was not long after Dr Halliday's death that Dr Reg Perkin, past Executive Director of the CFPC, initiated a move to establish an award to advance the care of those living with disabilities that would perpetuate and honour the life and work of Dr Bruce Halliday. Dr Perkin recruited a cross-Canada group of Dr Halliday's friends and colleagues—made up of Dr Brian Hennen, Dr Don Butt, Dr Moira Stewart, Dr Ken Hook, and Ms Jan Kasperski, the Executive Director of the OCFP—to help raise awareness and funding. Bruce's wife, Elizabeth Halliday, made a significant initial contribution to start the fund. Dr Perkin and his group have been busy soliciting support from members of the CFPC to present and past members of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, and other contacts from Dr Halliday's community involvement. Some success has been achieved already and the work is ongoing. The motivation is strong to ensure a lasting legacy for the life work of this outstanding family physician and dedicated servant of the Canadian people.

Health Disparities in Outer City Communities Resident Award

The Jane-Finch neighbourhoods of Toronto, Ontario, have some of the worst health statistics across the country, including high infant mortality and chronic disease rates. In addition to being a low-income area, they have some of the lowest support services to meet their needs. When the community was about to lose their most significant health resource, the local community hospital, some faculty members from the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto took action. They created the Health Disparities in Outer City Communities Resident Award to support resident-led research that contributes to the reduction of health disparities in Toronto's outer city communities. The objective of this award is to bring two key elements to finding a solution: 1) the involvement and attention of health care providers and 2) a better understanding of the issues at hand.

RENEWED PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Scotiabank, the CFPC, and the REF have enjoyed a long and successful partnership. We are pleased to report that this relationship has been extended, with Scotiabank increasing their commitment under our newest agreement. Scotiabank, through the REF, will continue to support the Family Medicine Lectureship, Patient Education initiatives, FMIGs, Family Medicine Medical Student and Resident Leadership Awards, and Medical Student Scholarships. In addition, they have committed to the Reg L. Perkin Family Physician of the Year Awards. Scotiabank's contribution is \$360,000 per year—\$1.8 million over 5 years! Thank you, Scotiabank, for supporting family medicine for a healthy Canada!

RAFFLES AND AUCTIONS SPELL EXCITEMENT

In the days leading up to the Walk for the Docs at FMF, members and exhibitors alike enjoyed gathering at College Square and participating in the Silent Auction and raffles. This year, contributors went over-the-top in their gifts to the REF. For the first time ever, we needed to create an Auction Catalog, which at final count listed 111 items. More than \$20,000 was raised for the REF. We'd like to use this space to thank the following contributors for their generous donations:

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TWO FMIGs SHARE THE GLORY... AND OUR 2012 CALENDAR

The year 2011 was our most exciting and rewarding Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow! The walk, sponsored for a third consecutive year by General Mills Canada, raised nearly \$40,000. A record 16 family medicine interest group (FMIG) teams challenged one another. For two teams, the competition was too close to call; they came within \$20 of each other, each raising over \$4700. An executive decision by REF Chair Dr Jamie Boyd was made to share the \$1000 prize between the leading teams. Congratulations to the University of Manitoba, (Winnipeg), and Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN) (St John's). These FMIGs also share representation on our 2012 calendar. The photo on the left shows Manitoba Team Leader Helen Harmer and her young family, and featured on the right is the FMIG team from MUN, led by Nicole Stockley, on their first ever fundraising walk at Marble Mountain. A huge thank you is extended to the 238 walkers and runners who participated in Montreal! We hope to see you when the Walk for the Docs tackles Toronto in 2012!



Past CFPC President, Dr Robert Boulay, placing his silent auction bids

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