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### FAFM fundraising focus

Moving forward, the Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine (FAFM) will focus its fundraising efforts on assisting the Besrour Centre with advancing family medicine and primary care on a global level. The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is working with Canadian and global partners to establish and promote family medicine in low- and middle–income countries. Everyone involved in this collaboration will be given the opportunity to share their knowledge and help strengthen global health systems.

The Besrour Centre seeks a meaningful global impact through three spheres of activity:

- 1. Advocacy—engaging Canadian and international stakeholders to advocate for robust family medicine and primary care worldwide
- 2. Medical education and training—supporting educational innovation to train effective primary care providers and family physicians in low- and middle–income countries
- 3. Research and quality improvement—sharing knowledge to strengthen health systems globally and lead the development of a mutually relevant international family medicine and primary care research agenda

#### **Funding successes**

Last November, it was announced that TD Insurance would double its support of the Foundation! This increased funding will include continuing support for the Honours and Awards CFPC Early Career Awards, as well as new support for the CFPC Environmental Health Award and the FAFM–TD Insurance Spotlight on Achievement Award. The first recipient will be the incredible Julie Payette, a Canadian astronaut and Governor General Designate, who will be presenting at this year's Family Medicine Forum (FMF).

Ms. Payette will be presenting the Friday morning keynote address at FMF on November 10th.

#### Walk With the Docs

After 12 years of the Walk for the Docs, the FAFM decided it was time for a fundraising makeover! We are thrilled to announce that the walk will now be known as **Canada's Walk With the Docs – Advancing Family Medicine Globally**. The FAFM holds excellence in research, education, and service in family medicine through philanthropy at the core of its mission. The Besrour Centre, an international hub of collaboration, channels these efforts to improve the lives of people



From left: Dr. Alicia Pawluk, Dr. Jeanette Boyd (BCCFP Vice President), Dr. Jesse Thompson, Dr. Cassandra Felske-Durksen, and Dr. Dipinder Keer.

# **BCCFP** awards

We want to send out big congratulations to the 2017 British Columbia College of Family Physicians' family medicine resident award recipients, Dr. Jesse Thompson and Dr. Alicia Pawluk!

globally through better family medicine, while informing and improving the care of vulnerable populations within Canada. To this end, money raised from Walk With the Docs will contribute to strengthening global family medicine through the Besrour Centre.



## FMF awards lineup

We are getting excited about the terrific lineup of award ceremonies that will be taking place this year at FMF, which will be in Montreal, November 8th to 11th, at the Palais des congrès de Montréal.

On Wednesday, November 8th, the Section of Researchers Dinner will take place in the Sarah Bernhardt Ballroom of the InterContinental, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On Thursday, November 9th, the Section of Teachers Dinner will take place in the Montreal Ballroom of the Le Westin from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

On Friday, November 10th, the CFPC Awards Gala will take place in the Grand Salon Opera of the Hyatt Regency from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On Saturday, November 11th, the recipients of major awards such as the W. Victor Johnston Award, the Jean-Pierre Despins Award, and Honorary Membership will be recognized at Convocation.