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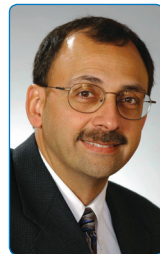
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The AFSH produced a short video that gives an overview of the Foundation's activities and highlights the impact of a few projects supported by funding from the AFSH. [Click here](#) to see the AFSH video, which premiered at the 65th Annual Meeting in Boston.



Since its inception in 1986, many pieces have come together to form the American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand. The Foundation supports a wide variety of projects in research, education, and outreach in our field of hand surgery.

+ In 2010, the AFSH provided approximately \$212,500 in funding for clinical and basic science research projects, an outstanding year. But even more exciting is to see the track record of recent projects that received initial support from the Foundation.

AFSH seed grants totaling approximately \$390,000 that were awarded in the years 2007-2009 have led to additional funding of nearly \$7.3 million from other sources, an incredible return. [Congratulations to these investigators!](#)

+ In the pages of this report you'll see that the AFSH supports several special awards that foster the continuing development of researchers such as the **Andrew J. Weiland Award**, the **J. Leonard Goldner Award**, the **Robert E. Carroll Founders Lecture** and the **Sterling Bunnell Traveling Fellowship**. Additional special awards include support to attend the **U.S. Bone and Joint Decade's Young Investigators Initiative and Workshop** and the **AAOS Clinician Scientist Development Program**. In addition, the first **Military Surgeon-Scientist Grant** was awarded in 2010 to recognize and support research by our colleagues serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. These awards can be career-changing to the recipients, game-changing to our field and life-changing to our patients.

+ The AFSH remains committed to supporting residents and fellows in their development as hand surgeons. Over fifty residents and fellows received scholarships that enabled them to attend the **ASSH Annual Meeting and the Adrian E. Flatt Residents and Fellows Conference**. The Foundation also offered the inaugural **Resident/Fellow Fast Track Seed Grants** to expedite funding for research projects during these training years.

+ The AFSH helps support education by providing funds for the **Public and Patients section of the ASSH website**. Furthermore, the **Lee Gordon Fund** enables grants for outreach through **Health Volunteers Overseas**, providing support to hand surgery programs in underserved parts of the world and patient care to those desperately in need of it.

+ The corner pieces of the puzzle – the ones that truly shape the final image – are the partnership the Foundation receives from ASSH members, non-member hand surgeons and the very generous support of our corporate partners. This generosity enables these pieces to come together, and it is with deep gratitude that I thank all our donors. Together, we all are able to further research, education, and outreach programs in hand surgery for the betterment of our patients around the world.

Frederick F. Fakharzadeh, MD
President, AFSH
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