



AFSH History

The American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand (AFSH) was founded in 1986 by the Council of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) to address the rising expense of providing continuing medical education, and allow the ASSH to remain committed to its mission of providing continuing education.

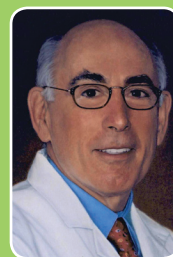
Since then, our mission has grown to include an expanded vision and mission of providing increased funding for high quality hand surgery research — research that will produce evidence-based information to benefit patients, drive innovation in the field, and enhance the leadership role of the ASSH in American medicine.

Our Vision

The American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand will be recognized as the world's premier source of financial support for upper extremity research and education. Hand care professionals, students, industry and the public will value and respect us for our unsurpassed support of education and scientific investigation, unquestionable integrity and fiscal responsibility.

Where do you fit?

Your donations to the AFSH enable upper extremity surgeon-scientists to conduct the types of research projects that have the ability to profoundly influence our patient care decisions. Donate today at www.afsh.org.



“The AFSH reached new heights in 2010 with 7 endowed funds, \$238,500 in support of research and over \$7 million in net assets. As we approach the 25th anniversary of the Foundation, the Trustees continue to nurture the culture of philanthropy among ASSH members, our corporate partners and hand surgeons around the world. Our goal is to increase the participation of our members and significantly increase our assets so we can continue to fund more basic and clinical research for the continued advancement of our specialty. The Foundation is now in the planning stages for a campaign to celebrate our 25th year.”

— Andrew J. Weiland, MD, AFSH Chair

