

CENTER *for* ETHICS *in* HEALTH CARE

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Dear Friends,

Profound levels of volunteer support, continued belt-tightening and remarkable community generosity continue to strengthen the Center. The Ethics Fellowship is more robust, the POLST initiative continues to grow in Oregon and nationally (e.g. recently adopted in Louisiana) and the impact of the Center is expanding thoughtfully yet remarkably.

Dr. Lynn Jansen, the new Madeline Brill Nelson Chair in Ethics Education, will be welcomed soon by remodeled additional office space, completed on-budget and on-time. Our goal is to be the very best possible investment of charitable dollars our donors can ever make, through good business planning and extensive use of professional and lay volunteers to maximally leverage the impact of each gift.

Our deep thanks to each of you who have invested your time, energy, and resources in the Center for Ethics in Health Care.

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Cornelia Hayes Stevens Chair
Director, Center for Ethics in Health Care



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Dr. Robert Hugo Richardson Wins President's Award

A well-deserved congratulations to Dr. Robert Hugo Richardson, the sole recipient of the 2010 OHSU President's Golden Rose Award for service excellence. See www.ohsu.edu/ethics for more on this remarkable physician and his goal to build the Miles J. Edwards Chair in Professionalism and Comfort Care.

Ethics Center Nears Completion on Three Endowed Chairs

The Center is aiming to complete three endowed clinical chairs, each requiring \$2.5M. First, the initial \$2M endowment of the Cornelia Hayes Stevens Chair needs \$104,000 to meet the OHSU Foundation's \$2.5M requirement. Second, Madeline Brill Nelson's generous gift will support the new Chair in Ethics Education for Lynn Jansen, RN, PhD. Finally, the Miles J. Edwards Chair in Professionalism and Comfort Care is expected to be completed this January following payment of two large pledges. Additional offices will soon be ready to welcome Dr. Jansen and the future Edwards Chair.

Statewide Palliative Care Conference Sets Attendance Record

While most of the 467 attendees at this year's Statewide Palliative Care Conference came from throughout Oregon and SW Washington, some came from as far away as New Zealand. This conference and additional regional statewide education are made possible through a generous grant from The Kinsman Foundation. Our next conferences will be in Redmond on October 8th and Medford on October 22nd.

Research Team Documents Impact of POLST

The findings of this multistate POLST study were published in the July issue of the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. Intense media interest, including a front page *Oregonian* story, highlighted the effectiveness of POLST and fueled interest in the Oregon POLST Registry, now with over 28,000 POLST forms submitted.

Ethics Fellowship Expands

The dedicated Ethics Fellows, our future Center leaders, have benefited enormously by the strong leadership of volunteer professionals, Barbara Glidewell, Dr. Robert Potter and the teaching of other Center faculty. The eight new first year fellows began in early August with an intensive course at the University of Washington, preparing them for ethical case analysis and other projects over the 2-year program.

Upcoming Events

October 13, 2010

Bioethics Study Group Seminar at OHSU

Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson and Robert Shook present:
"Oregon's Legislation, Funding & Public Policy: Competing Priorities"
12:00-1:00pm, Biomedical Research Building Rm. 381

October 18, 2010

42nd Daniel Labby Senior Clinicians' Seminar

"Withholding Information from Patients: Is Less More?"
10:00-11:30am, Casey Eye Institute, MacDonald Auditorium

November 8, 2010

MAC Luncheon with Speaker, Dr. Mark Siegler

Save the date for this *Friends of the Center Luncheon*
11:00-2:00pm, Multnomah Athletic Club