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A sincere thanks to each of you on the 2010 Donor Honor Roll. Your tremendous generosity helped us achieve major milestones, and laid the foundation for Center endeavors in 2011. The $2.5M endowment for the Cornelia Hayes Stevens Chair is now complete, thanks to over 300 contributors, and a special thanks to Carol Santesson for her generous gifts to the Stevens Chair. After five years, with hundreds of individual donations, and the final gift from the M. Lowell Edwards Foundation, the Miles J. Edwards Chair is now fully endowed. The Madeline Brill Nelson Chair in Ethics Education position was filled in September by Dr. Lynn A. Jansen. Additional new gifts will provide funding to enroll a new class of ethics fellows this fall.

The Center could not have weathered recent financial challenges, let alone grow, without your unwavering commitment. We are most grateful for your gifts and promise our thoughtful stewardship of the resources you have entrusted.

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With heartfelt thanks,

Susan W. Tolle, MD
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POLST Program Honored by AARP and Reported by the WSJ

On December 6, 2010, the AARP Policy Institute hosted a POLST Policy Round Table in their Washington, DC office to expand POLST Programs nationally. Thirty-three states have or are developing POLST Programs in the U.S. The December 22, 2010 Wall Street Journal described our first year experience with the Oregon POLST Registry as a national model. To date, over 45,000 POLST forms have been submitted and 400 emergency calls seeking a match have been received.

Great Strides for the Miles J. Edwards Chair in Professionalism and Comfort Care

The $2.5M endowment has been successfully raised, and a nine member search committee has been formed to conduct a national recruitment to fill the Miles J. Edwards Chair by July 2012. New office space for this endowed Chair has already been secured in the new Center for Ethics II area. A special thank you to each of those who have contributed to this critical academic position in the Center for Ethics in Health Care.

Daniel Labby Senior Clinicians’ Seminars: Testing Ground for New Curriculum

Dr. Vic Menashe is a master in moderating the Daniel Labby Senior Clinicians’ Seminars, facilitating intense discussions of complex ethical cases developed by Drs. Lynn Jansen and Elizabeth Steiner. Dr. Jansen and fellow faculty members of the TIE (Teaching Interprofessional Ethics) team use the seminars as a testing ground to learn how to integrate the topics into student teaching opportunities. March 28, 2011 marks the 43rd seminar and focuses on the use of hope, optimism and placebos in patient care.

Upcoming Events

March 28, 2011  43rd Daniel Labby Senior Clinicians’ Seminar
“Compassion, Hope, and Reality”
10:00 – 12:00pm, Casey Eye Institute, OHSU

April 14-15, 2011  The Kinsman Conference: 21st Annual Bioethics Conference
“Beyond the Ethics Committee: Creating an Ethics Program for the Future”
Co-hosted with PeaceHealth, Eugene, OR

May 12, 2010  Madeline Brill Nelson Ethics Education Speaker Series
“Overcoming Silos: Shifting Toward Interprofessional Education & Practice,” OHSU
Speaker: Charles M. Kilo, MD, PhD
Chief Medical Officer, OHSU

June 10, 2010  Annual Statewide Palliative Care Conference
“Hidden Wounds and the Art of the Possible”
Keynote Speaker: Deborah Grassman, PhD, RN
Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR
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