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Dear Friends,

Major events of the last few years have emphasized the vital roles that compassion, courage, and humility play in health care. Both the Ronald W. Naito MD Foundation and the Storms Family Foundation have been major supporters in our Program in Compassionate Communication, funding the Serious Illness Communication Education and the Resilience and Empowerment in Later Years (RELY) initiatives. For three decades, The Kinsman Foundation has fiercely advocated for statewide ethics education and we are grateful that statewide communication skills training is a focus in their new grant award.

The Center's programs are expanding both in reach and focus. Our next initiative, Educating Future Health Care Ethics Leaders, addresses the everchanging and complex challenges in today's health care system. As we develop this important new initiative, we remain deeply grateful for your enduring support. Together we can better serve every Oregonian with dignity and respect.

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Humanizing Health Care for All

On October 12th, the Center for Ethics debuted its **Humanizing Health Care for All** video, sharing the true breadth of impact that donor contributions and passions have when combined with our faculty's drive and dedication to bringing equity, justice, and compassion to our healthcare system. We are incredibly grateful for our guests in the video who bravely chose to tell their personal stories, helping to give voice to others with similar experiences and showcasing why the work we do matters so much. The outpouring of positive responses has been remarkable. To view the video and learn more about the impact of your gifts and our goals for the future, visit the Center's homepage at <https://www.ohsu.edu/center-for-ethics>.

Kinsman Statewide Bioethics Conference Returns to In Person

We are excited to announce that the Kinsman Statewide Bioethics Conference will be returning to an in-person event in 2023 after being held virtually for the past two years. Entitled **"The Time is Always Ripe to Do Right:" How Bioethics Can Serve the Common Good** will feature Patrick T. Smith, PhD, of Duke University as the keynote speaker. The conference will be held in Lebanon at the Boulder Falls Inn Event Center from April 20th to April 21st. Registration will open after the New Year and attendance will be limited to 150 people.

POLST Changes Make Strides in Protecting Vulnerable Populations

Oregon continues to be the nationwide POLST leader in innovations that bring greater equity and protections to vulnerable populations. The newest version of the POLST form will be available in January 2023 and will **require documentation of who participated in the POLST discussion** when filling out the form. This and other changes will help reinforce patients' rights to support person(s) during these critical conversations and ensure their values are driving care decisions. **All previously completed POLST forms will still be valid** and there will be no need to complete a new form unless patient wishes have changed.

The Kinsman Foundation Awards Grant Expanding Statewide Communication Skills Education

Katie Stowers', DO, Ronald W. Naito Director in Serious Illness Education, vision of bringing serious illness communication training to rural areas of Oregon is coming to fruition thanks to a new grant award from **The Kinsman Foundation**. Dr. Stowers has been awarded a three-year grant to help train and mentor regional communication leaders throughout the state. The **Empowering Oregon Communities to Excellence in Compassionate Communication** grant aims to improve the healthcare experience for seriously ill and aging Oregonians by empowering health care professionals with the skills needed to engage in more empowering and compassionate communication.

For help in making a gift to the Center for Ethics, please contact Liz Arrington at the OHSU Foundation at arringt@ohsu.edu or 503-552-0716.

