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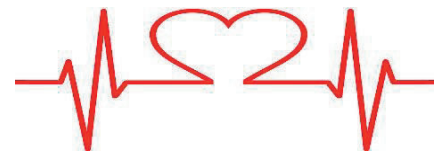
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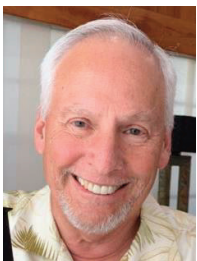
Matching Funds Available for Contributions made through June 30, 2024

It seems, at times, that the world and those around us are in constant disarray. It is reassuring to see our TBM family of scholarship recipients continue to work so hard every day to make our lives better.



Your generosity of giving has made our TBM Trust richer over the years.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." We have now raised almost \$200,000 (only \$2,500 short) in contributions from you, the direct recipients of scholarship dollars. Who would have thought that was possible when this reconnect project began? Your giving, both financially and in service to the community, validates Thomas Brown McClelland's initial intent in establishing the Trust upon his passing.



Former Rotary Club of Miami President and retired Director of the Miami Dade Corrections Department, Tim Ryan passed away in 2021. He was a dedicated public servant and Miami Rotarian. Tim and his wife, Sue, always looked forward to interviewing scholarship applicants and appreciated the impact of this program on its recipients. One of Tim's wishes upon his passing was to make a substantial commitment to TBM and increase the value of the Trust. Sue Ryan has confirmed that funds from Tim's estate will match 50% of every donation made to the Trust by June 30, 2024, up to \$50,000. Our sincere thanks go out to Sue for reaching out to the Club with this opportunity - Tim will always have a special place in our hearts! This contribution highlights how significant the Trust is to the Rotary Club of Miami members. So please take this opportunity to contribute back to the Trust that made such a difference in your life and in those of so many others, including our fellow Rotarian, Tim Ryan.

Awards for 2023 – a few interesting Stats

Here is a brief summary of the TBM awards for 2023. First, as always, every Rotarian commends all students that applied and interviewed last March. We realize the value of the time each student takes out of their busy work schedule to attend these in-person interviews. Rotarians are "blown away" by the amazing young people they speak to and we all look forward to following the recipients in their career.

The facts: Scholarships totaling of \$243,500 were awarded to 68 individuals; 50 of the recipients attend Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine; 19 of this year's recipients received support for the first time; and finally, over 60% of the recipients were women.

The facts speak for themselves...The Rotary Club of Miami and Thomas Brown McClelland Trust are truly making a difference. (**The 2024-25 application is already online, deadline for submission is December 29, 2023.**)

Pinning Ceremony for TBM Recipients from the University of Miami



A wonderful evening of fellowship and celebration occurred on Friday, October 27. Rotary Club of Miami members gathered to acknowledge University of Miami TBM Scholarship recipients as they received the TBM lapel pins and stethoscopes. Thanks go out to Northern Trust Bank for sponsoring the event in their lovely Coral Gables offices. Miami Rotarians from Northern Trust – Scott Richey, Amelia Bonilla and Angela Deggs – thank you!

Here is a photo of our TBM Rotarian and the University of Miami student recipients (from left right): Marcia Brod (TBM Alumni Coordinator/Newsletter Editor), Gabriela Lee, Lauren Toledo, Dimitri Godur, Adrian Parra, Phil Seipp and Diane Landsberg (TBM Co-Trustees) and Robin Shelley (Past President and Past Rotary District Governor).

Check Out Some of our TBM Alumni

Andrea Avondstondt ('11) is an urogynecologist at HCA Florida Minimally Invasive Urogynecology in Port St. Lucie, FL. She offers both conservative and surgical management, including minimally invasive treatments such as laparoscopy and robotic surgery. Her clinical interests include pelvic organ prolapse, urinary incontinence, overactive bladder, recurrent urinary tract infections, fecal incontinence, and vaginal fistula repair. →



← **Andrea Badillo ('98)** serves as the director of the Division of Colorectal & Pelvic Reconstruction at Children’s National Hospital and is an associate professor of surgery at the George Washington University School of Medicine. She is an expert in prenatal diagnosis, anorectal malformations, cloacal malformation, Hirschsprung disease, minimally invasive surgery and conditions leading to fecal incontinence.

David R. Campbell ('83) leads a talented team of surgeons and spine care professionals at David Campbell MDPA Spine Center in Jupiter, FL. He specializes in minimally invasive cervical, thoracic and lumbar decompression and fusion procedures. He lectures nationally and has authored numerous publications, articles and abstracts on spine surgery and spine surgery issues.

Christopher da Fonseca ('07) is a primary care physician with Baptist Health Primary Care and a member of Baptist Health Medical Group in Miami. He specializes in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of health issues. He is also an Assistant Professor at the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. →



Robert Kelly ('83) is an orthopaedic surgeon with Resurgeon Orthopaedics in Atlanta, GA. He specializes in sports medicine and joint restoration.

Wanda Pak ('93) is Board Certified in Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Surgery in Washington, D.C. Her private practice office opened in 2005, where Dr. Pak cares for both adult and children’s eye disorders and routine examinations. Her surgical specialties include cataract and ocular trauma surgery.



← **Thomas C. Rushton ('88)** is an Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine specialist. Having spent more than 25 years in the hills of West Virginia teaching medical students and residents, conducting research and providing clinical expertise in infectious diseases, he has now returned to Florida and is with Baptist Infectious Disease Consultants in Jacksonville.

Sarmela Sunder ('02) is a plastic surgeon at Sunder Plastic Surgery in Beverly Hills, CA. She specializes in advanced techniques for optimal results for mid-face lifts, facelifts, neck lifts, eyelid lifts and rhinoplasty. Dr. Sunder prides herself on providing patients with the most natural-looking surgical results possible. →



← **James Waler ('85)** is a pediatrician at Baptist Health Regency in Jacksonville, FL. Pediatrics provides Dr. Waler the opportunity to prevent diseases and help kids establish healthy habits early in life so they will last a lifetime. The basis of his practice is injury prevention, healthy diets, staying active, and early recognition and intervention of disease.



Best Wishes from the Rotary Club of Miami to All!

The Rotary Club of Miami is so appreciative of every one of you. It has been quite a year in so many ways. We wish you, along with your associates, patients, friends and family a joyous and peaceful conclusion to 2023! We look forward to facing all the new challenges 2024 might bring with the thoughtfulness, courage and enthusiasm you exhibit in your daily lives.



Please use the enclosed envelope and consider making a tax deductible contribution today:

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