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Daniel D. Federman, MD

## The Blackfan Lecture

It was an honor to have Daniel D. Federman, MD present "Small Street, Huge Impact" at the 54th Annual Blackfan Lecture on June 6, 2007. Dr. Federman's talk focused on medical education. Before delving into the topic, he explained how he'd decided upon the title.

"...Ten months in advance, the public relations office wants to know your title. Well, I hadn't a clue...So I said, 'Small Street, Big Impact.' And of course what I meant... was the spreading impact from this small street that you touch upon at the Children's Hospital, named for Blackfan, to the whole world of academic pediatrics."

Dr. Federman has spent much of his life in that world. He served on the faculty of the Harvard Medical School while on the staff at the Massachusetts General Hospital from 1962-1970, was chairman of the Department of Medicine at Stanford Medical School from 1972-1977, then returned to Harvard Medical School as dean for students and alumni and professor of medicine. He was appointed dean of Medical Education in 1989 and became senior dean for Alumni Relations and Clinical Teaching in 2000.

Dr. Federman encouraged education in the academic arena and in office-based practice. He discussed the vital role of the community physicians and stressed their part in the new frontier of ambulatory education.

We hope you will save the date for the 55th Annual Blackfan Lecture, June 4, 2008, where we will recognize Jeffrey Flier, MD. Dr. Flier is the Caroline Shields Walker Professor of Medicine and the newly appointed Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. We look forward to hearing his presentation.

## Pediatric Academic Society Update

The 2007 Alumni Reception at the PAS annual meeting was held in Toronto, Canada on May 6, 2007. We very much enjoyed hearing the highlights of Dr. Haggerty's and Dr. Lovejoy's new Charles A. Janeway book.

The 2008 Pediatric Academic Society's annual meeting will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, May 2nd-6th. This year's meeting will run jointly with the Asian Society for Pediatric Research. We are expecting another strong gathering at the Alumni Reception. At this year's reception, which will be held on Sunday, May 4th, there will be a focus on international pediatrics and recognition of new faces and new developments.

We look forward to seeing you in Honolulu. For further information regarding the PAS annual meeting, please visit [www.pas-meeting.org](http://www.pas-meeting.org).

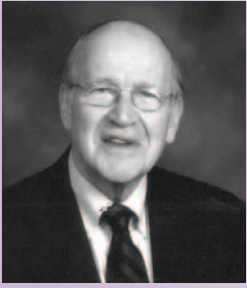
## A Note of Congratulations

*Greetings! I have many wonderful advancements and accolades from our family of friends to share with you.*

### Kevin Churchwell, MD

Dr. Churchwell has been appointed the chief executive officer of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. He served as interim CEO from January 2007 to July 2007. Dr. Churchwell has also served as chief of staff; medical director of Pediatric Critical Care Services; transport director for Children's Hospital; medical director of the Children's Health and Injury Prevention Program; and director of the Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship Program.

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## Prestigious Award Recognizes CHB Alumnus

Dr. Samuel Katz, M.D., a 1955-68 CHB alumnus, is the 2007 recipient of the Pollin Prize, a \$100,000 award given annually to a person whose contributions have advanced biomedical and health research and improved the well-being of children. Katz is

internationally recognized for his role in developing the measles vaccine more than 40 years ago, and combating the disease worldwide.

“Receiving this award is very thrilling and humbling,” said Katz, Wilburt Cornell Davison Professor and Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Pediatrics at Duke University Medical Center. “It’s an honor to be recognized as one of the team of three who developed the measles vaccine and to be able to use this award to further research in pediatric infectious disease.” Nobel laureate John F. Enders (Katz’s mentor) and Yugoslavian scientist Milan V. Milovanovic collaborated with Katz.

Most older Americans know measles as a highly contagious, childhood respiratory disease whose uncomfortable symptoms are not life-threatening. However, in developing countries, measles has been known to kill as many as one out of four people. Katz has spent many years trying to prevent these deaths. In Nigeria in 1962 and 1963, he proved the measles vaccine was effective. Even tiny infants had a greater chance of survival after receiving the vaccine. Encouraged by these results, Katz traveled to Central and South America, China, Japan, Southeast Asia and sub-Saharan nations, advocating the use of the measles vaccine to further protect children.

The vaccine has been credited with saving millions of lives. In the late 1970s, measles was responsible for the loss of eight million lives. In 2005, the number of deaths attributed to the virus dropped to less than 500,000. Today’s American kids have never heard of measles.

In addition to his work with pediatric infectious diseases, Katz chaired the Department of Pediatrics at Duke’s School of Medicine for more than 20 years and served as president of the American Pediatric Society. He was known for encouraging his peers to treat each child like a complex human being and not a miniature adult. Currently, he is active on many national and international scientific boards and committees, including the National Institutes of Health, the World Health Organization, the International Vaccine Institute, the National Network for Immunization Information and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

Katz used the Pollin Prize funds, and funds from a 2006 DuPont Award for Pediatric Research to establish the endowment of a Global Child Health Fellowship at Duke University in honor of his wife, Dr. Catherine Wilfert — an international leader in neonatal HIV/AIDS prevention.

“Children in the U.S. are fortunate in having ready access to vaccines,” said Katz, “but we must remember these diseases still exist and are just a plane ride away. Bringing life-saving vaccinations to children in less-developed countries is one of the most important things we can do.”

## The Time May Be Right

### Support Children’s Hospital Boston and Receive Income for Life

Life income gifts such as the charitable remainder trust and the charitable gift annuity are planning tools that permit a donor to make a significant gift to Children’s Hospital Boston and retain an income. Simply put, a donor (irrevocably) gives cash or appreciated property to a charity and receives both an income tax charitable deduction and an income stream for a set number of years or a lifetime.

**Example:** Dr. Roger Bailey (age 68) has invested in the stock market for decades. He is perfectly aware that the markets fluctuate, but that the commitment to invest in companies that are well researched and respected will pay off. Now comfortably retired, Dr. Bailey sees the charitable gift annuity as an attractive way to convert his smart stock picks into a meaningful gift to our organization and a good, reliable income stream for himself.

After reviewing his portfolio, Dr. Bailey decides to set up a gift annuity with 500 shares of Initech Corporation stock he bought in 1999 for \$5,000. Although the stock is now worth \$50,000, it provides virtually no income. Under the gift annuity, however, Dr. Bailey receives \$3,150 each year for the rest of his life, and part of the income is tax-free until he reaches age 86. Plus, Dr. Bailey takes a charitable deduction of \$21,031\* this year to help offset his income taxes.

The money is nice — Dr. Bailey can use the extra spending money for a vacation or to complete his patio renovation. But he also enjoys the satisfaction of turning a profit into a meaningful gift.

## Defer Income for Retirement

Payments from a gift annuity can also be deferred — a very attractive strategy for medical professionals who are not yet ready to retire. The primary difference between a deferred gift annuity and a regular charitable gift annuity is this: the date that payments begin is deferred at least one year into the future — and more likely until retirement when one wants to supplement his or her income to maintain an active lifestyle. The deferral has two effects: one, it increases the payout rate for the gift annuity; and two, it increases the charitable deduction — the longer the deferral period, the greater the charitable deduction (a welcome benefit for the donor who is enjoying a high income tax year).

As an alternative to supplementing your personal retirement income, you can also arrange the gift plan to assist someone else, such as tuition assistance for a child or grandchild, or to provide help for an adult relative. We are happy to provide more details about these arrangements.

**Example:** Dr. Karen Loy (age 55) has always looked for ways to make a difference in her community. One reason for her strong civic and charitable sense is the example of her older brother, George (age 60), who helped establish a thriving neighborhood after-school outreach program.

Dr. Loy would like to help George live a bit more comfortably in his retirement so he can afford to volunteer more time to the program. In the spirit of giving, Dr. Loy made a gift to Children's Hospital Boston in return for a charitable gift annuity with George as the annuitant (the person receiving the payments). By deferring the payment start date for four years, George will receive a payment of

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### **Holmes Morton, MD**

Dr. Morton received one of the coveted "genius" awards from the MacArthur Foundation in 2006. A graduate of the CHB residency program, Dr. Morton is also the co-founder and medical director of The Clinic for Special Children in Strasburg, Pennsylvania.

### **Nancy Andrews, MD, PhD**

Dr. Andrews, senior associate in Medicine and dean for Basic Sciences and Graduate Studies at Harvard Medical School, has been named dean of the Duke University School of Medicine. She is a graduate of Harvard Medical School, the Pediatric Residency and Hematology and Oncology fellowship programs at Children's Hospital Boston. Dr. Andrews is the first woman to be appointed to this position.

### **John Meara, MD, DMD, MBA, FACS, FRACS**

Dr. Meara has been named the new chief of Plastic Surgery at Children's Hospital Boston. Formerly surgeon-in-chief at Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, Australia, Dr. Meara completed his residency in Otolaryngology at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, his Plastic Surgery residency at Children's and Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and a fellowship in Cleft/ Craniofacial Surgery at Royal Children's.

### **Vincent Chiang, MD**

Dr. Chiang, chief of the Inpatient Service at Children's, and colleague Lisa Zaoutis, MD have published a book, *Comprehensive Pediatric Hospital Medicine*. The reference provides up-to-date, evidence-based approaches to hospital-based pediatric care and addresses issues related to staffing a unit, financial, legal and ethical topics and communicating with referring providers.

### **Michael Shannon, MD, MPH**

Dr. Shannon has published a book, *Clinical Management of Poisoning and Drug Overdose*, with Stephen Borron,

MD, MS, FACEP, FACMT, and Michael Burns, MD. Dr. Shannon is the director of the Center for Biopreparedness and co-director of the Pediatric Environmental Health Center at Children's. This reference guide offers information related to the clinical management of children and adults whose health has been affected or potentially affected by toxic agents, including drugs, environmental threats and natural toxins.

### **Estherann Grace, MD**

A clinician and teacher in the Adolescent/Young Adult Medicine Program for over 35 years, Dr. Grace will be retiring from her private practice on December 31, 2007. I'm pleased to announce, however, that Dr. Grace will continue to teach and precept 3 mornings a week.

*I am also pleased to announce the following three new Division Chiefs:*

**David Williams, MD** is the new Chief of Hematology and Oncology. Dr. Williams has also been named director of Clinical and Translational Research at Children's and is the Leland Fikes Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Williams replaces Dr. Sam Lux, who served as chief for 23 years.

**Mark Schuster, MD, PhD** is the new Division Chief of General Pediatrics and Vice Chair for Health Policy Research. He comes from UCLA and hopes to begin work at Children's in January 2008. Dr. Schuster replaces Dr. Judith Palfrey and also assumes the Brazelton Chair.

**Leonard Rappaport, MD, MS** is now the founding Chief of the new Division of Developmental Medicine. Dr. Rappaport is also the Mary Scott Associate Professor of Pediatrics and a long-time colleague to the Children's Hospital community.

*Congratulations to you all!*

*Robert Masland, MD*

*2006-2008 President,  
CHB Alumni Association*

## Membership Dues

We appreciate your Alumni Association membership. Please remember your 2007 membership dues are valid through March, 2008. Please complete the enclosed form, include a check payable to Children's Hospital Boston Alumni Association and return in the envelope provided. Thank you for your participation.

## Are You at Least Age 70½?

If so, recent legislation enables you to make charitable gifts up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA account income-tax free until December 31, 2007.

For more information, please contact Laureen Cahalane at 617-355-8062.

**It's a Match!** Children's Hospital Trust Board member Jonathan Lavine and his wife, Jeannie, have established the Lavine Challenge to encourage named endowed funds supporting hospital programs. Gifts of \$25,000 or more, payable over 2 years, receive an additional \$25,000 to make them eligible for a \$50,000 permanent named endowed fund. For more details, please contact Laureen Cahalane at 617.355.8062.

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\$3,650 a year with Dr. Loy's gift of stock worth \$50,000. Plus, this year Dr. Loy receives a charitable deduction of \$22,205\* that will help her offset her own income tax liability.

Choosing a deferred gift annuity is a sensible way for Dr. Loy to honor a shared commitment to giving back. She also could have used the deferred gift annuity to bolster her own retirement savings should this have been a higher priority.

## Year End Tax Matters to Keep in Mind

### *Important Changes for 2007*

Calculating income taxes can be complicated. Keeping track of deductions is especially important. For example, a recent change in federal tax law requires that a cash gift to charity in any amount must now be attributed to either a bank record or a written communication from the charity that

names the date and amount of the contribution.

Another recent change in the federal tax law extended to taxpayers the choice of deducting either state sales tax or state income tax on the 2007 federal tax return. While this deduction will mainly benefit taxpayers with a state or local sales tax but no income tax, it may give a larger deduction to any taxpayer who paid more in sales taxes than income taxes.

Keep in mind other expenses you may deduct during tax time come next year: business expenses, mortgage interest, losses and bad debts, medical expenses, alimony, etc. To find out more about these deductions and how recent tax changes can affect your planning, you will want to order our popular *Taxpayer's Home Companion 2007*. It's free and you can receive your copy by simply returning the enclosed reply card.

## New Book a Tribute to Dr. Charles Janeway

Dr. Charles Janeway, physician-in-chief of Children's Hospital Boston from 1946 to 1974, taught by example and inspired with wisdom.

Drs. Frederick H. Lovejoy, Jr. and Robert J. Haggerty, two of Dr. Janeway's trainees, have put pen to paper to further illuminate this great man's fascinating and exemplary life. Their book, *Charles A. Janeway: Pediatrician to the World's Children*, richly documents Janeway's family life and medical career.

Janeway's methods and style encouraged decades of physicians and scientists to strive for excellence and refuse to accept less. He fulfilled his own personal goal — contributing to world peace through pediatric medicine and improved countless children's lives across the globe.

*Charles A. Janeway: Pediatrician to the World's Children* is available through Harvard University Press at [www.hup.harvard.edu](http://www.hup.harvard.edu).

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