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30th ANNIVERSARY

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Dear Friends of Children,

Your generous annual contribution supports fellowships for doctors through our medical programs that improve the treatment of children with specialized diseases and illnesses in their native countries of Poland, Ukraine and other countries. We ask for your continued financial support. Dr. Stefan P. Wilk both a philanthropist and visionary, founded Children's Medical Care Foundation (CMCF) in 1981. Through his vision and direction we are now celebrating 30 years of successfully supporting the improvement of medical care to seriously ill children.

30th Year celebration Children's Medical Children Care Foundation

On April 12, 2012, at the International Center of Culture in Krakow, under the honorary patronage of Rector Marek Krawczyk from the Warsaw Medical University, the International CMCF Scientific Conference on Neonatology and Surgery was organized by Professor Maria Kornacka, President of the Polish Neonatal Society.

The Scientific Conference and celebration was attended by eight CMCF Board members who received a specially designed commemorative 30 year award for their volunteer services. It was also a unique opportunity for seven highly respected Professors from leading US medical university centers to present lectures in the latest developments in their respective fields. Two of our CMCF Board members, **Professor Michael P. Sherman**, Child Health Division of Neonatology, University of Missouri and **Dr. Smeeta Sardesai**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine University of California also lectured at the conference.

CMCF has funded new programs that focus on very specialized treatment for children with specific medical illnesses as follows:

- **CMCF supports** a fellowship for Dr. Aleksandra Maria Adameczak for a joint research collaboration "**When You Smoke Your Baby Smokes**" between Loma Linda University and University of Medical Sciences Program at Poznan. Dr. Adameczak received a fellowship position to research with Dr. T. Allen Merritt, Professor of Pediatric at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, on a collaborative project to

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reduce smoking among pregnant women and new mothers using the “**When You Smoke Your Baby Smokes**” Program designed by Dr. Merritt. The collaborative effort between the two institutions and CMCF financial support will advance public health and awareness of pregnant mothers throughout Poland.

- **CMCF supports** a collaborative effort between the **Rehabilitation and Treatment Center in Welichka, Poland** and the **Children’s Clinical Hospital in Lviv, Ukraine**. CMCF funded fellowships for 15 physicians and medical personnel for a ten day training in chronic diseases of respiratory tract conditions of subterraneotherapy in Welichka. The Children’s Clinical Hospital will be the only treatment center in Ukraine to treat children suffering from chronic lung diseases through this respiratory breathing method.
- **CMCF supports** the establishment of the **Dedicated Long Gap Esophageal Atresia Program in Gdansk, Poland** with a fellowship for Dr. Martin Losin. The collaborative Program, between Children’s Hospital in Boston, MA. and Medical University of Gdansk creates a unified approach that can be applied all over the world. Dr. Losin, received a CMCF fellowship to participate in the Esophageal Atresia Program at Boston Children’s Hospital.
- **CMCF supports** a fellowship for Dr. Anna Raciborska, from Klinika Chirurgii Onkologicznej Dzieci i Młodzieży, for a two year research in children’s bone cancer. Dr. Raciborska, was approved in 2011 to receive a \$12,000 grant over a two year period from the **Dr. Stefan P. Wilk Award** for doing scientific research at the Dana- Faber Children’s Cancer Institute, Boston MA. under the guidance of Director Carlos Rodriguez Galindo, M.D. with emphasis on Ewing Sarcoma and other solid malignancies.

Please send your **Gift of Life** to support the following:

- Contribution to any of the five Programs.
- Incorporating a Bequest in your will for CMCF.
- Establishing a Trust for a Specific Pediatric Research Program.

The children of Poland and Ukraine will benefit greatly by your gift. All of us on the Board are grateful to you for this support. I want to personally thank you for your generosity and may your Christmas Holiday Season be full of goodwill and happiness.

Sincerely,



Ejoern Martinoff, President
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