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Foundation expands GIVE program with new humanitarian group



From left, Joseph M. Arzadon, DDS, MD; Ronald D. Thoman, DDS; Talal B. Beidas, DDS

22 years. OMS volunteers perform procedures such as cleft lip and palate surgery; plastic, maxillofacial and reconstructive surgery; alveolar cleft repair; benign pathology treatment and dental extractions.

Joseph M. Arzadon, DDS, MD, an AAOMS fellow and OMS Foundation donor, has volunteered for medical missions since 1997, offering cleft lip and palate surgery and personally treating over 500 patients with these conditions.

Dr. Arzadon is President and Co-Founder of the Medical Mission



of Mercy USA and serves as the supervising oral and maxillofacial surgeon. He met his wife, Dr. Catherine Panlilio-Arzadon, the organization's Chief Medical Officer, during one of these medical missions.

The OMS Foundation supports the Global Initiative for Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) by reimbursing up to \$2,500 in travel expenses for residents working with experienced OMS teams to provide humanitarian healthcare worldwide. To expand opportunities for residents, the Medical Mission of Mercy USA program has been added to the Foundation's list of approved humanitarian groups.

Formerly known as Philippine-American Medical Mission of the Metro-Washington DC, Inc., the Medical Mission of Mercy USA offers surgical, dental, optometry and medical care to underserved populations. This volunteer-run organization delivers free services through annual mission trips to the Philippines in February and Guatemala in October, treating over 78,000 patients in the past

Dr. Arzadon moved from the Philippines to the United States in 1973 and grew up in Alexandria, Va. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and received his medical degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He completed his internship in general surgery and residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery through the University of Connecticut. Dr. Arzadon is the founder of Northern Virginia Surgical Arts and specializes in facial cosmetic, dental implant and reconstructive surgeries with five offices in the area.

For more information on the OMS Foundation GIVE program or to donate, visit OMSFoundation.org. ■

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A commitment to innovation and excellence



Brett Ferguson, DDS, FACS
OMS Foundation Chair

Since 1959, the OMS Foundation has been dedicated to advancing the oral and maxillofacial surgery specialty through cutting-edge research, advanced education and academic excellence. The treatment of pain, defects, disease and trauma is evolving in extraordinary ways, and the Foundation plays a critical role in driving that transformation by funding groundbreaking research and education.

At the heart of our mission is a continued commitment to improving patient safety and quality of care. To achieve this ambitious vision and make informed funding decisions, the Foundation relies significantly on the insights and expertise of leaders within our specialty. In partnership with AAOMS, the Foundation supports:

Innovative research

- Funding essential basic and clinical investigations that address high-priority challenges in the OMS specialty. For example, the Foundation offers Research Support Grants to further the development of OMS scientific investigators who are committed to solving problems related to oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Advanced education opportunities

- Providing financial support for AAOMS-hosted education programs and symposia as well as expense reimbursements for residents traveling to attend.
- Offering Global Initiative for Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) travel stipends, which enable residents to participate in international humanitarian healthcare missions with OMS teams.

Academic excellence

- Granting Student Research Training Awards to attract talented dental students to the OMS specialty and foster investigative research.
- Supporting Faculty Educator Development Awards (FEDAs) to encourage promising early-career faculty to remain in academia and train the next generation of OMS professionals.

A commitment to giving more

The OMS Foundation Board of Directors continuously evaluates opportunities to expand our impact. In 2025, recognizing the growing need for faculty development, the board approved an additional FEDA award of \$130,000. The board also authorized increased funding to support travel reimbursement for both the Resident Travel Scholarships and the GIVE humanitarian program, ensuring more residents have access to transformative educational experiences.

Serving as Chair of the Board of Directors for the past two years has been an honor. Our board is made up of dedicated individuals who believe deeply in our mission – giving their time, talent and financial support to secure the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery and enhance patient care.

Join us in this important work. Your support makes a difference. By making a donation today, you help ensure the OMS Foundation can continue to fund research, education and global initiatives that strengthen our specialty and improve lives.

Together, we can shape the OMS specialty for the patients we serve. Thank you for your commitment. ■



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'Bringing healthcare where it is desperately needed'

With travel once again routine, the OMS Foundation Board approved additional funding for the Global Initiative for Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) program to support continued learning and outreach. GIVE offers up to \$2,500 in travel expense reimbursement for residents who join experienced OMS teams in providing humanitarian healthcare to underserved communities globally.

In 2024, a record 13 GIVE recipients received travel awards – the highest number since the program began. This achievement reflects the Foundation's commitment to support future OMSs and positively impact communities around the world.

One notable example is Smile Bangladesh, an initiative backed by the OMS Foundation GIVE program that provides care for children and adults afflicted with facial cleft deformities. Sebastian Gutierrez de Pineres, DDS, MD, a 2024 GIVE recipient, shares a story about his life-changing work experience:



Dr. Sebastian Gutierrez de Pineres (right)

"I am humbled to have been part of this amazing group of talented and kind individuals bringing healthcare where it is desperately needed. The team performed close to 40 surgeries that will forever change lives. For some patients, it meant having a smile for the first time; for others, it was a step closer to eating and proper function. For me, it was a reminder that the world needs help – help to heal and change for the better. Consider donating to this organization

and advancing its goal to continue to bring smiles to Bangladesh and beyond. I am grateful to GIVE and the Foundation for sponsoring my participation in this incredible mission trip."

His volunteerism highlights the remarkable impact of the GIVE program, and the Foundation is honored to support such meaningful initiatives. ■



The 2024 Smiles Bangladesh group

Mark your calendar!

OMS Foundation activities at AAOMS Annual Meeting

The OMS Foundation will welcome AAOMS members, families, and friends to the AAOMS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Here's where to engage with the Foundation during the meeting:

OMS Foundation Booth

- Sept. 15 to 17 in the House of Delegates lobby
- Sept. 18 and 19 at Exhibit Hall Booth 540

Poster Session Wine and Cheese Reception

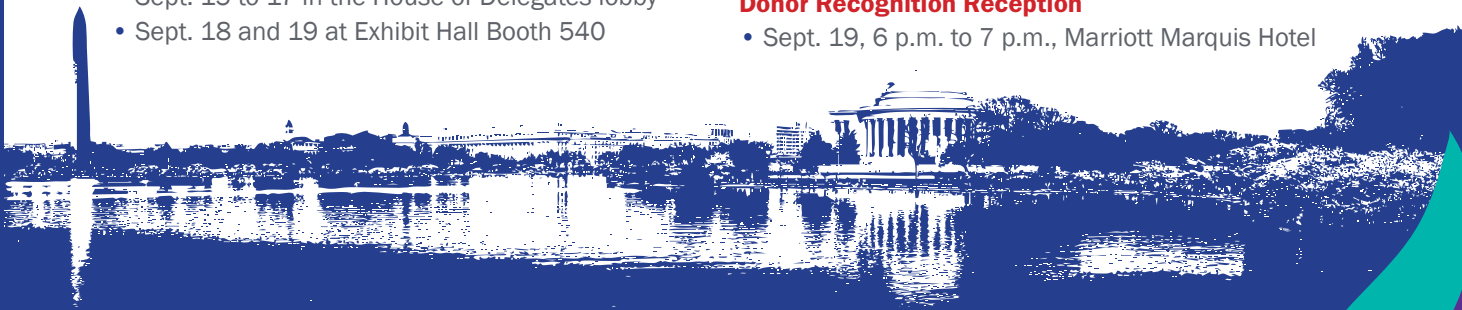
- Sept. 18, 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall

Faculty Lunch and Learn

- Sept. 18, noon to 1 p.m., Convention Center
Topic: To be determined

Donor Recognition Reception

- Sept. 19, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Marriott Marquis Hotel



Alliance Committee welcomes Jaclynn Dayse



Jaclynn Dayse

The OMS Foundation Alliance Committee welcomes Jaclynn Dayse as its newest member. Mrs. Dayse, an attorney, dedicates her time raising four boys and helping her husband, Robert S. Dayse, DDS, manage his three dental practices in Maryland.

Mrs. Dayse has a strong background in event planning, fundraising and financial management. Currently, she is the Gala/Auction Chair for Primary Day Elementary School, where she raised over \$150,000 last year. She also contributes to the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church Preschool Advisory Council, where she has served for over five years, including two years as Council Chair.

The Alliance Committee looks forward to the contributions she will bring with her experience and dedication.

Alliance events at the Annual Meeting

The Alliance Committee will host multiple activities during the 2025 AAOMS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., to raise funds for the Global Initiative for Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) program. All proceeds directly benefit this important cause.

Mark your calendar for the following events:

- **OMS Foundation Luncheon and FUNraiser for GIVE:** This Sept. 19 event welcomes new OMS families and reunites old friends in the AAOMS community with a combination of fellowship, food and fun. It's also an opportunity to hear captivating stories from past GIVE recipients.
- **OMS Foundation Health Walk:** Start your day on Sept. 17, 18 and 19 with a Health Walk and other fun activities. This popular event provides a scenic opportunity to explore Washington, D.C., and connect with fellow attendees.
- **OMS Foundation Post Health Walk Breakfast:** Health Walk participants are invited to enjoy a complimentary breakfast Sept. 17, 18 and 19 at a local restaurant.

For details on the times and locations, visit

OMSFoundation.org/OMS-Foundation-Alliance/Alliance-Events.

Travel scholarships open to residents' spouses

The OMS Foundation Alliance is accepting applications for the 2025 Norma L. Kelly Resident Spouse Scholarships. These scholarships offer up to \$1,000 to offset the travel expenses of spouses of OMS residents attending the 2025 AAOMS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Applications are open April 1 to July 31.

**Learn more and apply at OMSFoundation.org/Alliance/Scholarships.
Questions? Email info@omsfoundation.org.**



2022 Alliance Committee and two Norma L. Kelly Resident Spouse Scholars



Four 2023 Norma L. Kelly Resident Spouse Scholars



Nine 2024 Norma L. Kelly Resident Spouse Scholars

2025 awards for research and education announced

The OMS Foundation Board of Directors approved an array of programs for funding in 2025. These include:

- Research Support Grants (one-year duration, \$75,000 each)
 - Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry “Marijuana, Anesthetic Requirements and Vital Signs.” Principle investigator: Pooja Gangwani, DDS
- Faculty Education Development Award (FEDA) (five)

Additional disbursements will help to recruit and train OMS residents and strengthen the specialty’s academic sector:

- Global Initiative for Volunteers (GIVE) (\$2,500 each)
- Resident Travel Scholarships (\$1,000 each)
- Student Research Training Award (\$12,500 each)
 - Ashleigh Weyh, DMD, MD, MPH – University of Illinois Chicago
 - Alyssa Beckham – University of Louisville Research Foundation



Applications for 2026

Applications for 2026 funding awards are due Aug. 31 at [OMSFoundation.org](https://omsfoundation.org). Apply now for:

- Clinical Research Support Grants (two-year duration, \$150,000)
- Research Support Grants (one-year duration, \$75,000)
- Student Research Training Awards (two-year duration, \$12,500)

New Centurion Society honors top donors

The OMS Foundation Board of Directors last fall established the Centurion Society to recognize individual donors, state societies and associations that have contributed a cumulative total of \$100,000 or more in cash or cash equivalents. The OMS Foundation Board is grateful to these dedicated donors for their continued support of its mission:

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Featured Donor: Dr. Victor L. Nannini

Victor L. Nannini, DDS, FACS, former President of AAOMS, played a pivotal role in the Strategic Alliance Committee that established the current partnership between AAOMS and the OMS Foundation, fostering a strong and collaborative relationship between the two organizations.

From 2017 to 2019, Dr. Nannini served on the Foundation’s Board of Directors as the Chair of the Development Committee. During this time, the Foundation launched the Centennial Tree program, which helped raise over \$1.7 million in donations. The tree is prominently displayed at AAOMS headquarters in Rosemont, Ill., and is one of the Foundation’s most successful giving programs.

After more than 30 years in private practice, Dr. Nannini moved to full-time faculty and is Director of the Nassau University Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency program. In 2016, Dr. Nannini was a member of the first class of single-degree OMSs inducted as fellows in the American College of Surgeons, the world’s largest surgical organization.

Dr. Nannini is a valued member of the new Centurion Society, which honors donors who have contributed a cumulative total of \$100,000 or more in cash or cash equivalents to the continued support of the Foundation’s mission. ■

OMS Foundation celebrates generosity and leadership



In 2024, the OMS Foundation was enriched by contributions from its Corporate Partner and Gold OMSFIRE Donor, OMS National Insurance Company (OMSNIC). This support significantly helped to further the Foundation’s initiatives to foster innovative research, advanced education opportunities and academic excellence – thereby amplifying its impact on the oral and maxillofacial surgery community.

OMSNIC, the only medical malpractice company owned by oral and maxillofacial surgeons, is committed to championing the specialty and protecting OMS practices. The company focuses on increasing patient safety, reducing risk and providing robust defense for OMSs. Throughout its history, OMSNIC has given back to the oral and maxillofacial surgery specialty in many ways, including through its support of the OMS Foundation. In addition to being a Gold OMSFIRE Donor, OMSNIC offers consistent support to the Foundation Alliance committee for residents through an annual gift to the Norma L. Kelly Resident Spouse Scholarship Fund and the Global Initiative

for Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) program. In 2018 and 2023, OMSNIC also conducted a gift match challenge that exceeded goals by generating significant donations to the Foundation.

OMSNIC’s support for the OMS Foundation continues under the new leadership of Anthony M. Spina, DDS, MD. He became Chair of the OMSNIC Board of Directors in September, succeeding James Q. Swift, DDS, FACS, who served in the role for more than a decade.



OMSNIC Board of Directors

Dr. Spina’s dedication to the OMS Foundation extends beyond his role as Chair of the OMSNIC Board of Directors. He also is a member of the newly established OMS Foundation Centurion Society, a group of donors who have individually contributed

\$100,000 or more to the Foundation. His commitment and philanthropic leadership to the OMS specialty are highly valued.

His membership in the Centurion Society underscores Dr. Spina’s impact, inspiring others to contribute to the Foundation’s mission of improving the quality and safety of patient care through innovative OMS research and education. Under his leadership and OMSNIC’s partnership, the OMS Foundation continues to drive innovation and excellence in the specialty. The synergy between corporate support and individual philanthropy exemplifies the collective efforts that foster meaningful change and transformative advancements.

Looking ahead, the OMS Foundation remains committed to advancing OMS research, education and professional development. With visionary leadership, generous partnerships and a dedicated community of supporters, the Foundation is poised to lead the way in shaping the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery. ■



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