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Dear K. Edward Shanbacker,

We now announce our return for the 2nd annual Joseph H. Kanter Prize!

We were pleased to award the 2009 Kanter Prize went to Dr. James O'Connell nominated by the Massachusetts Medical Society. Dr. O'Connell developed amazing strategies that enhance healthcare delivery and diminished the cost of healthcare for the homeless, saving unnecessary hospital admissions and valued healthcare dollars. For this effort, Dr. O'Connell received \$100,000 and the Massachusetts Medical Society was given \$10,000 for their participation. Mr. Kanter gave four runners-ups \$25,000: Jeffrey Henderson, M.D. of South Dakota (South Dakota State Medical Society), Neil Calman, M.D. (Medical Society of the State of New York), Sister Anne Brooks, D.O. (Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association), Herbert Smitherman Jr., M.D. (Michigan State Medical Society & Wayne County Medical Society of Southeast Michigan).

The Kanter Prize was established by The Health Legacy Partnership, a public-private partnership between the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ) and the Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation. The Kanter Prize is awarded to a community physician practicing in the United States whose efforts best serve to 'minimize disparities' in health care delivery. Disparities include any inequality in health care delivery due to ethnicity, socioeconomic status, beliefs, language, bias, geographic constraints, etc. We understand certain differences will always exist, however when these differences result in health care disparities, remedies should be sought.

With this award, we hope to discover innovative ideas and promote their broad usage. The Kanter Prize establishes an overdue national platform to recognize innovative and dedicated physicians, and elevate them to the distinguished ranks of comparable professional prize winners. To accomplish this we are inviting each state medical association, DO and MD, to nominate one physician from its' state or territory who they believe has *developed a method* to enhance the delivery of health care by minimizing healthcare disparities. More comprehensive information on the nomination process and selection procedure and a nomination form are enclosed. You may also visit our website at www.healthlegacy.org.

Our goal is to equalize the delivery of quality health care and to improve health outcomes where there is scientific evidence of effectiveness and professional consensus. Translating our goals to real life will undoubtedly lead to a variety of interpretations, opening nominations to a diversity of innovations and providing a wider field from which to choose our winner. Nominee possibilities are unlimited and include licensed practicing physicians who have for example: introduced a successful method to enhance respect for patients' dignity and their healthcare choices or improved access and efficiency in healthcare delivery.

By awarding the Kanter Prize we will stimulate the creativity we know exists among the physicians of this nation to improve the delivery of quality health care. This concept is deserving of our best effort since the achievement of the Kanter Prize recipients will exemplify healthcare values and compassion and inspire the next generation of physicians. We look forward to receiving your nomination. Nominations are due by Friday, April 30th 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheldon Kottle".

Sheldon Kottle, MD, MPH, FACP
Chief Executive Officer

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NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

- The Kanter Prize committee encourages nominators to collaborate with their nominees to present a strong, well-informed nomination submission.

Nomination Package

Only complete nomination packets received by **April 30, 2010** will be considered. Packets must include:

- A signed nomination form including signatures from an authorized director or lay leader of the nominating society **AND** the nominee.
- A letter of nomination describing why the physician deserves consideration
Please note: The Kanter Prize is not solely awarded for humanitarian efforts. Nominees must have developed a method, plan or system to enhance the delivery of health care by diminishing disparities.
- A curriculum vitae of the nominee

Optional items include:

- A letter of reference – three (3) maximum
- Any supplemental information i.e. biographical information, news stories, brief writings, reports, etc.

Nomination materials should be sent certified mail to:

The Health Legacy Partnership
c/o Kanter Prize
P.O. Box 223220
Hollywood, FL 33022

All submitted materials become the property of the Health Legacy Partnership and the Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation and may be copied, reprinted or published as part of the award program or other public communication. Copies rather than originals should be provided. No materials will be returned.

Selection Procedure

Each complete nomination packet received by April 30, 2010 will be reviewed by the Kanter Prize Selection Committee - comprised of world-renowned medical professionals. Additional information may be requested including, but not limited to field research committee and support documents of all nominees. Finalists should be prepared to participate in a phone/video conference and/or in-person interviews.

One (1) physician will be named the Kanter Prize award winner for 2010. The decision of the selection committee is final. The disclosure of the nominees, finalists, and judges for the Kanter Prize is at the sole discretion of the Health Legacy Partnership and the Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation.

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About The Joseph H. Kanter Prize

The Joseph H. Kanter Prize includes a cash award of \$100,000 and is awarded annually by the Health Legacy Partnership to one physician who has developed a system or method that has resulted in remedies for existing disparities in health care delivery. Key consideration is given to innovative programs that can be broadly implemented in the United States.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the Kanter Prize, nominees must have put into effect or have developed an operational plan to significantly enhance the delivery of health care by minimizing disparities. Nomination possibilities are unlimited and we encourage submission of all notable achievements that address the general definitions of *enhancing health care delivery* and *disparity*. Disparities include any inequality in health care delivery due to ethnicity, socioeconomic status, beliefs, race, religion, language, prejudice, bias, geographic constraints, and other factors.

Additionally, all nominees must be:

- A licensed Doctor of Medicine – MD or DO
- A United States citizen
- Currently practicing in the United States
- In good standing with his/her state of licensure
- Nominated through a designated state, territory, District of Columbia, and military MD or DO medical society

Individuals with any current or past affiliation with the Health Legacy Partnership, The Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation, Agency for Health care Research and Quality and/or the Kanter Prize selection committee are not eligible.

Nomination Guidelines

- The nomination process proceeds through the auspices of state, territorial, military and District of Columbia medical association/societies only. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to recommend physicians to the medical associations/societies. However, the nomination is only valid if submitted through the aforementioned designated medical associations/societies.
- Each state/territory, military and District of Columbia medical association (MD/DO) may nominate only one (1) physician and they must have *developed a method or working plan* to minimize health care disparities in the delivery of health care.
- Joint nominations are welcome (i.e. a single physician nominated to represent two or more medical associations/societies).
- The nominee **is not** required to be a member of any MD/DO society.
- Nominator(s) must be well acquainted with the candidate and/or his professional work to be able to attest to his/her qualifications and achievements.
- Nominator(s) must be unrelated to the nominee by birth or marriage.

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Completed nomination packets must be postmarked no later than **Friday, April 30, 2010.**

Nominating Organization:

Medical Association/Society Name: _____
Contact Name: _____
Title: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____

By signing below I agree that I am authorized to submit the official nominee on behalf of my state/territory/military/DC medical society/association, and to the best of my knowledge, the information provided is accurate.

Nominator Signature _____
Date

Nominee: Each designated state/territory/military medical society may only nominate **ONE** physician.

Name: _____
Title: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____

By signing below I accept the nomination of my state/territory/district/military/DC medical society/association, attest that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and agree to the independent verification of my professional accomplishments.

Nominee Signature _____
Date

Physicians can do a great deal to eliminate disparities and help ensure that all patients have access to the best possible health care. Recognizing them with the Kanter Prize and other such efforts is a superb way to recognize outstanding leadership in the medical community

Carolyn Clancy, MD – Director, Agency for Health care Research and Quality