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Letter from the Chair

James Kirkpatrick, MD, FASE, 2022 – 2024 ASE Foundation Board Chair & Annual Appeal Committee Chair



Hello and Happy New Year! I hope your 2024 is off to a great start. This newsletter is bitter sweet for me because this is my final year as the ASE Foundation Board Chair. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the Foundation in this capacity since 2022. With this in mind, I reflected on what I envisioned for the Foundation when my term began. In my first newsletter, I expressed my hopes that the Foundation would expand its global outreach by encouraging international participation in education and research. I also wanted to attract participation in the Foundation's many activities from a broad section of ASE members. I think we have made strides towards achieving these goals, and I know we can do more. This year, I look forward to creating opportunities for greater participation from the ASE membership as a whole and, particularly, our international partners.

Before I share what we have in store this year, let's take a look at our accomplishments from 2023:

- Awarded 72 Travel Grants & Scholarships to students, sonographers, and fellows.
- Raised \$86,871 for research funding from the 14th Annual Research Awards Gala.
- Hosted an in-person global health outreach event in Vietnam, scanning 852 adult and pediatric patients and training over 150 clinicians. You can read more about this event in the [December 2023 issue of Echo Magazine](#).
- Awarded the inaugural Gregory Tatum Global Health Travel Grant.
- Awarded \$75,000 with the inaugural Early-Career Development Grants for Echo-Scientists (EDGES).
- Raised a record-breaking \$38,083 for GivingTuesday.
- Surpassed our \$200,000 Annual Appeal goal, raising nearly \$250,000.

Thank you to the more than 1,900 people who donated in 2023. Your support empowers the Foundation to continue this great work in 2024.

This year, we plan to bring back a spring fundraiser to kick-start our annual appeal. In June, we'll be in Portland, OR, for the ASE Scientific Sessions. Stop by our booth where you can log your steps for the Cardiovascular Challenge, look at the beautiful photo exhibit that will be on display, and make a donation, of course! While in Portland, we will be hosting our premiere fundraising event, the [15th Annual Research Awards Gala](#), on Saturday, June 15. The theme follows the traditional wedding anniversary gift for 15 years: crystal. When planning what to wear, think shimmery, glitzy, glam. We hope to see you there. Registration is open and more details about these activities can be found on page 8.

Donations made to the Foundation's 2023 Annual Appeal allow us to continue to support students, sonographers, and fellows through scholarships, travel grants, and research grants this year. Application for the [2024 Council Travel Grants](#) is now open. See page 6 for more details. In April, we will be accepting applications for the next round of Early-Career Development Grants for Echo-Scientists (EDGES). Additional information about EDGES can be found online at [ASEFoundation.org/Why-Donate/Research](#). As always, we will continue planning global outreach events (proposals are now being accepted for 2025 events) and working hard to disseminate ASE guidelines and promote patient understanding and appreciation of echocardiography.

To wrap up the year, we will hold our popular fundraisers, Coffee Day at the end of September and GivingTuesday in early December. We hope you will join us for both, and better yet, tell your family, friends, and colleagues to support these fundraisers. As you know, it is you, our donors, that make us successful and we cannot do any of this without your support.

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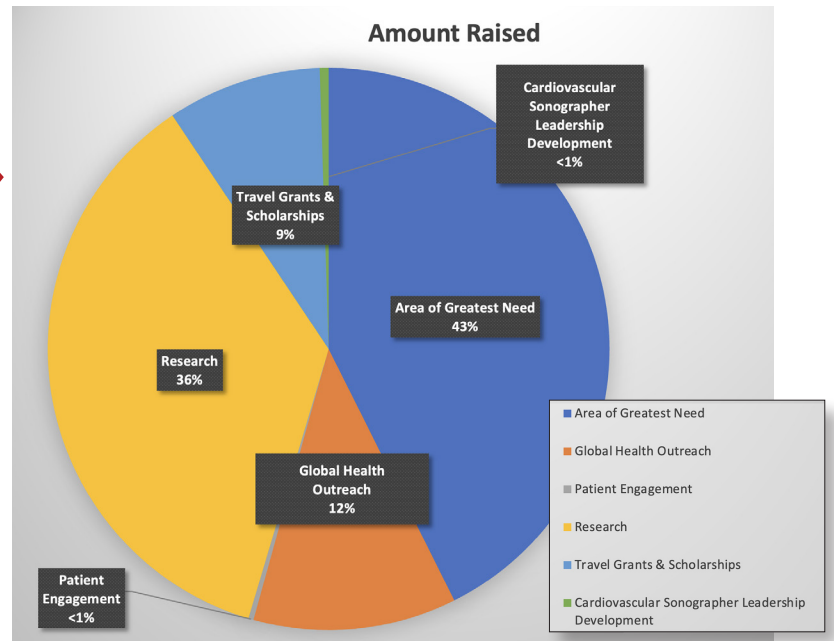
2023 Giving Report

The ASE Foundation reached 125% of its \$200,000 fundraising goal for the 2023 Annual Appeal, raising **\$249,996!** Donors allocated their gifts as follows:

In addition to the 1,925 individual donors who contributed to the Annual Appeal (see pages 9-11) we are honored to thank the following partner organizations:

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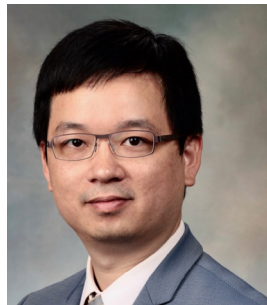
Every gift is meaningful. Every contribution makes a difference. It's not too early to start thinking about your 2024 charitable contributions. Learn about the different ways you can give to the ASE Foundation [here](#). Together, we can make a world of difference!

Looking for your 2023 donation receipt? All donation receipts are available online in the [ASE member portal](#).

Your Donations In Action

2023 EDGES Research Grants

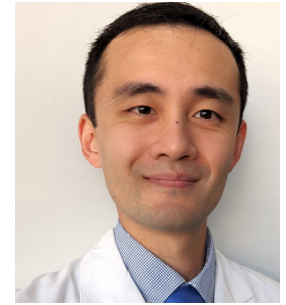
Last year, ASE and the Foundation were thrilled to announce a new funding opportunity available to early career scientists in cardiovascular imaging. The Early-Career Development Grant for Echo Scientists (EDGES) provides support and professional development opportunities for early career members in the Society and creates an avenue for the continued evolution of echocardiography through technical advancement and new applications. The inaugural recipients of the Early-career Development Grants for Echo Scientists were **Chieh-Ju Chao, MD**; **Son Duong, MD, PhD**; and **Xuan Ding, MD**. Each was granted \$25,000 to fund their research addressing a clinical gap in



Chieh-Ju Chao, MD



Son Duong, MD, PhD



Xuan Ding, MD

cardiovascular ultrasound imaging. You can read more about each recipient and their respective projects online at ASE-Foundation.org/Why-Donate/Research.

Donations to the Foundation's Research initiative support the discovery process of cardiovascular ultrasound investigators. Funding in this area preserves dedicated time for investigators through research grants, like EDGES, and

creates opportunities for researchers to interact with global experts in cardiovascular ultrasound, building relationships that lead to future research and professional collaborations. Thank you for enabling the Foundation to support the future of echo.

The Foundation will be awarding the EDGES again this year! Application will open April 2.

2023 Travel Grants & Scholarships

When you allocate a donation to the Foundation's travel grants and scholarships initiative, you empower us to support the next generation of cardiovascular ultrasound professionals, the future of echocardiography! Thanks to your support, the Foundation was able to award 72 student sonographer and fellow travel grants and scholarships in 2023. This endeavor is very important, not only to us, but to the individuals who receive this support. This is evident when you hear what recipients have to say.



"I had an extremely educational and delightful experience during my first ASE conference... I believe getting involved in the critical care ultrasound committee will prove invaluable for my career growth. Will highly recommend participation to the prospective trainees in the field."

— **Anchit Bharat, MD**, 2023 Critical Care Echocardiography Council Travel Grant Recipient



"This 2023 ASE Scientific Session was my first experience in attending an international congress. I loved the experience

of participating in the meeting because I was able to hear and learn new concepts and actualizations in echocardiography from the most experienced and important professors throughout the world... I really thank the ASE Foundation because with the award I received, I was able to attend the meeting and enjoy the amazing sessions. I will always remember this first, and not last experience."

— **Alejandra Iturralde, MD**, 2023 Top Investigator

"I am so grateful and honored for the opportunity to receive a Top Investigator Award for the 2023 Scientific Sessions and for the opportunity

to present our research. It is truly wonderful how the ASE Foundation supports and elevates early career physicians like myself.

I had a wonderful time at the 2023 Annual Scientific Sessions, which was full of highly informative, cutting-edge content, especially in the burgeoning fields of interventional echocardiography and artificial intelligence.

This is truly an exciting time to be an echocardiographer! Thank you again to the ASE Foundation for this great honor."

— **Linda Lee, MD**, 2023 Top Investigator



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Your Donations In Action

Return of In-Person Global Health Outreach Events

In September 2023, a team of Foundation volunteers traveled to Vietnam to collaborate with the **Vietnam National Heart Institute at Bach Mai Hospital**. They hosted a medical aid camp for over 850 adult and pediatric patients at **Sa Pa General Hospital**; conducted a research project to enhance early identification of patients at high-risk of disease in remote communities; and hosted the Vietnam-America Echocardiography Symposium for over 150 clinicians from across Northern and Central Vietnam. Thank you to our Partners in Care for this event: **Philips Vietnam, Hamedco Medical Devices, Medivest, and Dr. Lab**. Learn more about the team's work at ASEFoundation.org/Vietnam-2023 and in the December 2023 issue of Echo magazine at ASEcho.org/Echo-Vol-12-Issue-12.



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MARCH 17 - 23 – Spring Giving Fundraiser

APRIL 2 – EDGES Application Opens

APRIL 15 – Deadline for Council Travel Grant Applications

APRIL 19 – Deadline for Images From The Heart Submissions

JUNE 15 – 15th Annual Research Awards Crystal Gala

SEPTEMBER 29 – Coffee Day Fundraiser

DECEMBER 3 – GivingTuesday

DECEMBER 31 – Last Day to Donate to the 2024 Annual Appeal

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the ASE Foundation Board of Directors!



Keith Collins, MS, RDCS, FASE
Global Representative



Joan Zhao, MD, PhD, FASE
Member at Large

2024 COUNCIL TRAVEL GRANTS AVAILABLE: APPLICATIONS CLOSE APRIL 15

The ASE Foundation funds Council Travel Grants for trainees to support their attendance at the ASE Annual Scientific Sessions, which this year will be held in Portland, OR, June 14 - 16. These grants are part of an ongoing effort by the Foundation and the Council Steering Committees to encourage trainees in cardiovascular specialties to focus on the respective echocardiography subspecialties, provide echo-specific educational opportunities, and to encourage participation of these enthusiastic new members in the Councils. Recipients will receive a \$1,000 travel stipend to support their attendance at the [ASE 2024 Scientific Sessions](#). Don't miss your opportunity to apply for a [2024 ASE Foundation Council Travel Grant](#). Application instructions are online at ASEFoundation.org/Council-Travel-Grants/. Contact Awards@ASEcho.org with any questions.



ASEF at ASE 2024

Cardiovascular Challenge



Get ready to track your steps for this year's CV Challenge! Whether you plan to attend ASE 2024 live or virtually, you are welcome to participate. Use your own device, phone, pedometer, smartwatch, etc., to track your progress and share your daily totals with ASEF Staff at the ASE Foundation booth or by email at Foundation@ASEcho.org. The leader board will be updated throughout the weekend so if you're attending in person, be sure to stop by and check on your competition. While you're there, consider donating towards our Global Health Outreach initiative. We also plan to share updates online for any virtual participants. The winners will be announced Sunday, June 16, during the meeting and online. Sign-up information is available at ASEFoundation.org/ASEF-Cardiovascular-Challenge/.

Interested in sponsoring the Cardiovascular Challenge? Contact Foundation@ASEcho.org.

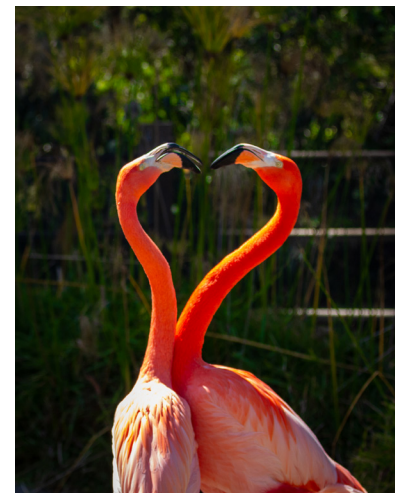
Images From The Heart Photo Exhibit - Now Accepting Submissions

The Foundation's *Images from the Heart* photo exhibit will be on display at the ASEF booth during the 35th Annual ASE Scientific Sessions. We invite you to share your heartfelt memories (and tell us what they mean to you) for this special exhibit. Photo submissions will be accepted until April 19.

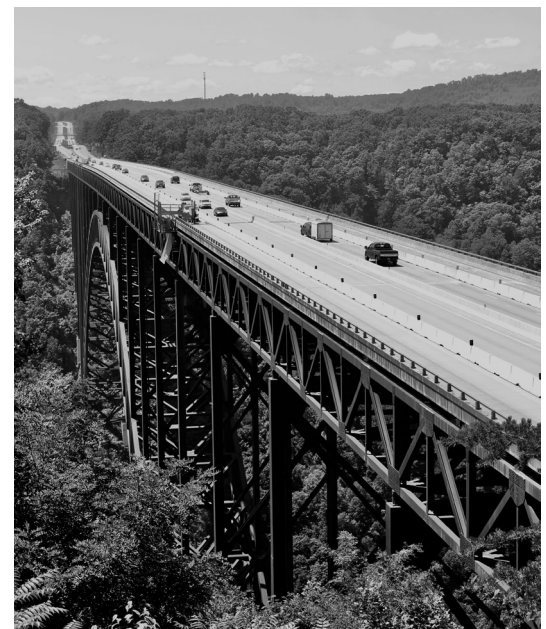
THEME: Photographs that hold a special place in your heart. The image does not need to be medical in nature and does not need to have been taken while participating in a medical event. Photos may be of people, landscapes, cultural observations, architectural structures, etc. Think of the phrases, "I left my heart in..." or "This has my heart" when considering what photo(s) to submit. If you submit a photograph of a patient examination, we ask that you be respectful in protecting the privacy and dignity of the patient.

ENTRY RULES: Visit ASEFoundation.org/Call-for-Photos for full submission information. The ASEF photo exhibit is open to entries by all ASE members. Nonmembers who participated in an ASEF-sponsored health outreach event may also submit entries.

The photo entries will be accepted electronically through April 19, 2024. The photos selected will be matted and displayed in a photo exhibit during ASE 2024 in Portland, OR. All other qualifying entries will be displayed electronically during the conference. You do not need to be present at the ASE 2024 to participate. There is no entry fee, but for the selected photos, photographers are encouraged (optional) to make the selected photos available for purchase, as a donation to ASEF.



Pink Flamingo Love by Rajesh Janardhanan, MD, MRCP, FASE



Treetops by Vincent Sorrell, MD, FASE

ASEF at ASE 2024



The ASE Foundation invites you to our 15th Annual Research Awards Crystal Gala, where we will be honoring ASE's 2024 Award Recipients and celebrating 15 years of cardiovascular ultrasound research. The gala will begin at 6:30 PM with a welcome reception at the Hyatt Regency Portland at the Oregon Convention Center. Dinner, award recognitions, after-event dancing and nightcap will follow. Registration for tables and individual ticket sales are now open. A portion of each table or ticket sale is considered a charitable donation to the ASE Foundation's 2024 Annual Appeal. If you have questions, please contact Gala@ASEcho.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

6:30 - 11:00 PM

**Hyatt Regency Portland
at the Oregon Convention Center**

We hope to see you there!

Join us in congratulating ASE's **2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Physician Lifetime Achievement Award

Nancy Ayres, MD, FASE

Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital
Houston, TX

Sonographer Lifetime Achievement Award

**Bonita Anderson, M.APPL.SC (Med Ultrasound),
DMU(Cardiac), AMS, ACS, FASE**

The Prince Charles Hospital
Brisbane, QLD, Australia

Meritorious Service Award

Leo Lopez, MD, FASE

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Outstanding Achievement in Perioperative Echocardiography Award

Feroze Mahmood, MD, FASE

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CAVUS Luminary Award

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