

Denim and Diamonds Raises \$54,000

The Breast Center at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine hosted the fourth annual “Denim and Diamonds” fund-raiser in October, raising more than \$54,000 for breast cancer research, once again beating last year’s total.

Approximately 300 guests dressed in either casual or formal attire attended the event, held this year at the Sangamo Club in Springfield.

Major sponsors were Aventis, Bank of Springfield, Brandt Consolidated, Inc., Curtis Tillett & Rita Victor, Isringhausen Imports, National City Bank, Stout & Lauer Jewelers, SIU Foundation and the SIU Cancer Institute.

The funds from this year’s event will support an innovative program for assessing women who are at high risk for developing breast cancer.



The complete risk assessment will go beyond obtaining a simple history by adding the technique of mammary duct lavage, a non-invasive fluid wash of the ductal system of the breast. Atypical cells found through this technique could be a precursor to the in-situ cancer, which, in turn, can be a precursor to an invasive cancer. Early detection can allow early intervention through preventive measures, including diet and exer-

cise, hormone therapies or even surgical intervention.

At the fund-raiser, professional mentalist Ross Johnson of Chicago entertained the guests; a dinner buffet was served; and both a live and silent auction encouraged guests to bid on elegant dinners, a vacation cabin in California, original art pieces (sculptures, pottery, watercolor paintings, commissioned portrait) cooking classes, jewelry, parties and gifts for children — all to benefit Breast Center programs.

The Breast Center at SIU is an interdisciplinary clinic for women with breast disease. The Center provides women with a timely, accurate diagnosis and treatment plan — often all in one visit. The Breast Center has treated nearly 300 women for breast cancer since its opening four years ago. ■

In Memory of Dr. Eli Borkon

Eli Borkon, M.D., Ph.D., professor emeritus, died Oct. 26, 2002, at his home in Carbondale. Dr. Borkon was instrumental in the formation of the medical school and served as assistant dean

until 1976. Memorial donations may be made to the Dr. Eli and Claire Borkon Scholarship Fund and mailed to the SIU Foundation, P.O. Box 19666, Springfield, IL 62794-9666. ■

Dial-a-Gift

For any Foundation question, credit card gifts, or comments about the School of Medicine, call our toll-free number: 1-877-HELPSOM (Help School of Medicine) / 1-877-435-7766.

\$23,000 Donated to Dr. Stauffer Endowment

E. Shannon Stauffer, M.D. died May 16, 2002. Memorials were requested for the E. Shannon Stauffer, M.D. Orthopedic Alumni Endowment Fund.

As of November 2002, a total of \$23,177 was given in his memory to this endowment.

Dr. Stauffer was professor and chairman of the orthopedic residency

program and spine fellowship, and program director of orthopedics and rehabilitation division in the Department of Surgery at the School of Medicine. ■

P.L.A.N. Your Gift

It's probably one of the most important decisions you'll make in your lifetime. It's challenging, it's time consuming, it requires thoughtful consideration. But the result is a way to help SIU School of Medicine advance its mission and help you reach your philanthropic goals. It's called "planned giving."

If you're considering a planned gift, here are four steps to help you as you consider the possibilities.

1. Ponder

Consider what you would like to accomplish with your gift. Good planning begins with unhurried reflection, creative thinking and goal setting. What is your purpose? Why do you want to make the gift? Explore your motivations and expectations.

Review your assets, especially those that have appreciated in value. What can you afford to give without jeopardizing retirement and emergency needs? Consider your family and other obligations.

Do you need lifetime income from

your gift? Do you need tax relief? Do you want to create a legacy through an endowment fund?

2. Learn

The second step is to gather information and advice. Contact the planned giving office at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and request literature. Better yet, invite a planned giving officer to come and visit you. Share your ponderings and let the representative outline a gift arrangement that helps you meet your objectives.

Once you have acquired an understanding of the gift vehicle and have satisfied yourself that it fits your plans, seek the counsel of a trusted advisor. This is especially important with sizable gifts and complicated arrangements.

When you have obtained the information you need and feel comfortable with a decision to proceed, move to the next step and . . .

3. Act

Following through to actually make a planned gift can be the hardest part of the process. The thought of giving up a cherished asset can be tough, so it's essential to ponder carefully your objectives and have acquired sufficient knowledge so that you can be confident in your gift.

4. Notify

The planned giving process can be complex. We at the development office are here to help, so be sure to keep us informed. Not only can we help you find the best financial advantages for your gift, but we want to honor your generosity with appropriate recognition. Additionally, your good will can help others considering a planned gift.

Learn all you can from a planned giving specialist and your trusted advisors. Armed with sufficient information and a sense of rightness, make your gift confidently and joyfully.

To receive our free brochure on gift and estate planning, call us at 217-545-2955 or toll free (877) 435-7766. ■

Alumni Scholarship Fund Gives and Gets

The Alumni Scholarship Fund has awarded scholarships to 13 junior and senior students. The scholarships are awarded based on need for the 2002-2003 school year. Funds are raised through the annual Alumni Gift Campaign, held each fall and spring.

Seniors

Sarah Bridwell
Natalie Choi
Lucinda Hany
Haneme Idrizi
Amanda Mulch
Erin Stone
Chris Whelan
Karen Whitehorn

Juniors

Mary Campagna
Jane Kim
Brent Marsden
Sacharitha Mandulapudi
Alyssa Raines

Fall Alumni Campaign

The SIU Foundation's fall alumni campaign was a great success this year. Thanks to SIU School of Medicine alumni for their ongoing and generous support. Since November, \$34,000 has been given and gifts are still being received. The average gift was \$150.

The money raised during the annual alumni campaign is targeted for student scholarships and the Student Resource Fund, which supports projects that enhance the academic and personal sides of student life.

With a continued strong effort such as this, \$40,000 should be achievable in 2003 with an average gift of \$200. For more information call the Foundation at (217) 545-2955. ■