



Deborah Case joined SIU School of Medicine in July as director of the SIU School of Medicine Foundation. Deborah has many years of experience in fundraising, with past positions including serving as senior associate director of major gifts at Northwestern University-Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, director of planned giving at Parkland College Foundation in Champaign, director of development for the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Engineering at Tulane University in New Orleans. A native of Joliet, Ill., Deborah earned her master's and bachelor's degrees at Ohio State University. She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

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FROM THE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

Greetings from the SIU Foundation office in Springfield, and thank you for being part of SIU School of Medicine.

I have enjoyed meeting many new people and hearing their stories since beginning work here in July. I've also had the opportunity to talk to various civic organizations. I love having the opportunity to share the good news of how important the School is to central and southern Illinois and explaining how the School continues to grow and flourish.

As our friends know, Camp COCO has made a difference for hundreds of children with cancer and other blood disorders. The special care campers receive from the pediatric staff at SIU School of Medicine and other area health professionals, as well as the efforts of the many volunteers, come together to create a memorable week for the campers. The 2007 Camp COCO Golf Charity Golf Outing held each June benefits Camp COCO.

The 2007 Denim and Diamonds Benefit Gala, held in September, was also a great success. The funds raised provide support for the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU School of Medicine. Your partnership with the Institute will help accelerate the growth that is critical for its success.

These events would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and volunteers, and we are deeply grateful for these partnerships.

Individual giving is playing an even greater role in helping the School of Medicine continue to meet its mission of assisting the citizens of central and southern Illinois. Each of us defines who we are, in part, by what is important to us. Through our personal philanthropy, we create our personal legacy.

I look forward to meeting all our friends of SIU School of Medicine. Please feel free to call me at 217-545-6447 or e-mail dcase@siumed.edu if you are interested in meeting or if you have any questions about the School and our programs. I hope that you will join me in support of the SIU School of Medicine.

Sincerely,

Deborah Case
Director, SIU Foundation

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Endowment honors physiology professor



The SIU Department of Physiology received a gift of \$100,000 to establish the **Dr. Varadaraj Chandrashekar** Memorial Assistantship Supplement Endowment. Dr. Chandrashekar, who died in 2006, was a professor in the department for 24 years and was a dedicated researcher in the field of reproductive endocrinology.

His wife, Dr. Padma Chandrashekar, presented the endowment gift in memory of her husband. Alumni, faculty and friends remember Varadaraj well as a dedicated researcher, a strong colleague, mentor and good friend.

Dr. Chandrashekar encouraged students in their medical research, and the endowment will carry on his work and vision. Earnings from the fund will be used for awarding supplemental funds for assistantships for students.

By providing funds in perpetuity, the endowment will serve as a continuing reminder of Dr. Chandrashekar's life's work and commitment.

COCO golf outing raises \$37,500

This year's Camp COCO golf outing got a little wet, but the rain at the event, held June 22 at the Piper Glen Golf Club in Springfield, did not dampen spirits of the sponsors and golfers, who raised approximately \$37,500 for Camp COCO.

Although the weather forced a cancellation of the morning flight, 167 participants golfed in the afternoon or received a voucher for future play. A cookout lunch, on-course games, door prizes, a silent auction and golf awards made the afternoon even more fun for the participants. Campers Meghan Heisler and Dalton Trader told the golfers about their fun times at Camp COCO. Catering was provided by Bentoh's and Robert's Seafood.

The "Cooler Guess Raffle" was back again this year. Players paid to guess the number of golf balls in a cooler. Golfer Bob Albracht was the winner and took home the



Karen Reynolds putts while Val Roberts and Mary Aiello look on.

Mike Palmer

cooler, golf balls and other prize items in the cooler.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's golf outing. Plans are already under way for the 2008 golf outing scheduled for Friday, June 27 at Piper Glen Golf Club. To be a sponsor or volunteer, call the SIU Foundation office at 217-545-2955 weekdays.



School of Medicine exceeds campaign goal

SIU School of Medicine has surpassed the goal set by The Southern @ 150 campaign.

In 2002, the School of Medicine was given a goal to raise \$13 million for the campaign. As of August, gifts and pledges total more than \$13 million.

"Thank you for your gifts," says Deborah Case, director of the Foundation at the School of Medicine. "I hope that you will join me in continued giving to the School of Medicine. Our gifts not only help support research and education but celebrate our partnership with the SIU School of Medicine. Together with faculty, staff and students, we are helping build a world-class institution in central-southern Illinois."

The Opportunity Through Excellence Campaign for Southern seeks to raise \$100 million to support people, programs, and places of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. "Southern @ 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment" — known as the "blueprint" for the university — inspired the campaign.