

DR. ROBERT AND HELEN MURNANE HAVE CREATED THE HELEN R. AND ROBERT T. MURNANE, MD, FUND FOR POST-GRADUATE AWARDS IN GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE. THE FUND OF MORE THAN \$100,000 WILL SUPPORT ONGOING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENTS.

Murnane Gift to Support Internal Medicine Residents

A 1947 graduate of the OSU College of Medicine and Public Health and the father of a cardiologist, Murnane knows the hard work and dedication required of young physicians.

"I watched my son, Michael, go through medical school and residency and saw the level of education and skills required. I thought there should be a reward for such dedication," says Murnane.

Nathan O'Dorisio, MD, and Leroy Essig, MD, recipients of the 2002 Post-Graduate Awards in General Internal Medicine, used their grants to attend the American College of Physicians' annual conference in Philadelphia.

"It was a great experience to be with thousands of other physicians who are interested in furthering their knowledge and skills," says Essig. "These are people who are really interested in teaching students and new physicians."

O'Dorisio agrees. "Being with physicians who are nationally and internationally known, in a side-

by-side learning experience, leaves you with a sense of enthusiasm about this profession," he says. "In the end, you bring back what you've learned and translate that knowledge into better patient care and a better academic environment for other residents."

Murnane recalls returning home from past medical conferences filled with new ideas and a renewed sense of excitement about the advancements in medicine. "This is what I hoped to give to today's young physicians in establishing this fund," he adds.

Murnane, who "officially" retired in 1991, continues to make it to weekly grand rounds. While much has changed since his days as a resident, today's residents still find his observations and comments invaluable. "Dr. Murnane is the epitome of lifelong learning," says Essig. "He's the embodiment of why you're always learning as a physician."

There is a great sense of gratitude among the 2002 recipients for the opportunity



Robert Murnane, MD, and Helen Murnane (seated) with recipients of the 2002 Post-Graduate Awards in General Internal Medicine, which they created. Standing are (left) Nathan O'Dorisio, MD, and (right) Leroy Essig, MD.

afforded them by the Murnanes' gift. There is also a realization of the long-term benefits. "Through this fund, the Murnanes have provided an opportunity for the department to further their mission in education, patient care and research," adds O'Dorisio.

The Murnanes are no strangers when it comes to sharing their good fortune with others. Their daughter Cathleen was tragically

killed in an automobile accident in 1978 while a graduate student in art history in the OSU College of the Arts. The Murnanes turned their grief to the establishment of the Cathleen M. Murnane Travel Scholarship Fund for graduate students in art history at Ohio State. This annual award enables graduate students to further their education through travel within the United States and throughout the world. ■