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Osteopathic Heritage Foundations Commemorate 10 Years of Direct Grantmaking

Columbus, OH—The Osteopathic Heritage Foundations, the nation’s largest foundations committed to community health and quality of life in the osteopathic tradition of caring, commemorated 10 years of grantmaking at an October 16 event in Columbus, Ohio. Since 1999, the Foundations have approved \$110 million in grantmaking investments designed to improve the health and quality of life for families and communities in central and southeastern Ohio and to advance osteopathic medical care, medical education and biomedical research, nationally.

While serving statewide and national interests, the Foundations’ health and quality of life philanthropic activities are concentrated primarily in the following eighteen Ohio counties: Athens, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Licking, Madison, Meigs, Morgan, Perry, Pickaway, Ross, Union, Vinton and Washington.

“Since 1999, the Foundations have committed \$110 million to over 250 organizations and 600 programs, measurably improving the health and systems of our communities and positively impacting the lives of tens of thousands of individuals and families,” said Richard Vincent, president and CEO of the Foundations. “As the Foundations observe this 10 year milestone, we remain committed to perpetuating our osteopathic heritage, looking to and planning for the future of strategic stewardship, grantmaking and collaborations with those who share a common vision to improve health and quality of life.”

Working cooperatively with other agencies and organizations, the Foundations serve as catalyst, collaborator and funder, identifying community health needs that can be positively impacted by investing financial and other resources. The grantmaking practices align with the tenets of osteopathic medicine, including the comprehensive approach to diagnosis and treatment, while focusing on wellness and disease prevention.

“Over the past ten years, the Foundations’ grantmaking has indirectly benefited vulnerable populations in central and southeastern Ohio through homeless prevention, obesity prevention, access to dental care services, targeted community health needs, osteopathic medical education and bio-medical research,” Vincent continued. Direct grantmaking approvals, since 1999, are as follows: \$52 million to support clinics and train osteopathic physicians to serve the community-at-large, \$31 million for Biomedical Research to advance medical care and \$27 million to agencies to improve community health and quality of life.

About The Osteopathic Heritage Foundations

The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville (the Foundations) are pre-eminent in supporting community health and quality of life programs in central and southeastern Ohio as well as advancing, on a national scope, osteopathic medical care, biomedical research and osteopathic medical education. The mission of the Foundations is to improve the health and quality of life in the community through education, research and service consistent with the principles of its osteopathic heritage and the philosophy of osteopathic medical care. The Foundations advance this mission through a broad spectrum of funding awards, initiatives and funding methods.

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