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A gift to the UT Foundation doesn't impact only the campus program, purpose, or students directly benefitting from it. Donors such as Hussein El-Khatib, founder and owner of Toledo Family Pharmacy, realize their contributions have an everlasting ripple effect.

Dr. El-Khatib (PharmD '09) founded Toledo Family Pharmacy in 2012, and he said TFP's relationship with The University of Toledo "started from day one."

The company worked with UT and the College of Pharmacy to provide a venue for pharmacy students to intern and complete professional hours for both their introductory and advanced pharmacy practice experiences (IPPE and APPE). In

addition, TFP also hosted two students from India through an exchange program.

"In 2015, with the change in the pharmacy industry and pharmacy benefits managers paying fewer and fewer reimbursements every day, we decided to adapt to the new era of pharmacy in providing value-added services," he said. "We began with medication therapy management and comprehensive medication reviews with patients, and I soon realized the need for my pharmacy to expand its clinical services."

TFP worked closely with UT students from the Student National Pharmaceutical Association and the American Pharmacists Association. Students who participated in

TFP clinics and health fairs gained practical experience and also received credit for these community hours.

While offering pharmacy students real-world experience was beneficial, Dr. El-Khatib decided he also wanted to provide deserving students with financial assistance. This led to the first TFP scholarship, awarded to four UT pharmacy students each year. Seven students have already benefited from the scholarship.

As TFP and its clinical drive grew, he had conversations with UT about other partnering



Hussein El-Khatib and Toledo Family Pharmacy support scholarships and fellowships for UT pharmacy students.

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opportunities. Together, they identified a need for future pharmacists to build and implement disease state management programs and value-added services incorporated with the newest technology that supports adherence and compliance.

The result was the Toledo Family Pharmacy Fellowship. TFP pledged over \$1 million, which will simultaneously support two fellows and provide a stipend of \$45,000.

“Our goal is to recruit the best possible fellows who will make both TFP and UT proud with their accomplishments through community work, program development, and their work with patients benefiting from these services,” he said.

It’s that ripple effect of his company’s contributions that ultimately matter most, said Dr. El-Khatib. “After all, that’s what we all signed up for: to help as many people as possible by sharing our knowledge with individuals who can go out and impact thousands of other lives.”

Additional grants for the program are also being sought, he noted. “We serve a lot of underserved patients,” he said, “particularly since we locate our pharmacies in areas where we know patients need not just care and attention but often may need help in being compliant in leading a healthy life.”

Giving to UT and the College of Pharmacy was an easy decision for Dr. El-Khatib. “I am a proud Rocket! UT prepares students to be well-rounded and successful pharmacists. I attribute my success to The University of Toledo,” he said. “If it wasn’t for Toledo and UT, there would be no Toledo Family Pharmacy.”

“We are proud to have such mutually beneficial relationships with alumni and business partners,” said Dr. Johnnie Early, dean of UT’s College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. “Partnerships like the one we have with Toledo Family Pharmacy improve education and transform the practice of pharmacy in our region.”

SWARTZBERGS HONOR THEIR FATHERS AND SUPPORT BOY SCOUTS AT UT

The Boy Scout Law notes, among other things, that Scouts are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, and kind. For Barry and Mary Jo Bellner Swartzberg, those characteristics indicate an individual especially deserving of a college scholarship.

With this in mind, the Swartzberg family established The Ted Swartzberg and Paul Bellner Scholarship Fund, to benefit needy and deserving Boy Scouts attending The University of Toledo.

The endowed scholarship, supported by current gifts as well as the couple’s estate plan, honors each of their fathers. Ted Swartzberg was an Eagle Scout and troop leader in the 1930s for Boy Scout Troop 37. Although Mrs. Swartzberg’s father, Paul Bellner, was not a Boy Scout, he involved his sons in scouting.

“Both our fathers recognized how the scouting experience results in young men developing lifelong friendships, helps to build character, and encourages the scouts to become involved in their community,” said Mr. Swartzberg.

The Swartzbergs’ choice for the scholarship to benefit students at The University of Toledo was an easy one, since they are both UT alumni. Additionally, Mrs. Swartzberg worked almost her entire career—more than 40 years—at the former Medical College of Ohio (MCO), now the UT Medical Center. Mr. Swartzberg also worked at MCO for a portion of his career, and it was where the couple first met.

Discovering there was no current scholarship program set up for Boy Scouts in the Toledo area, the Swartzbergs talked about opportunities with UT and the Erie Shores Council of the Boy Scouts of America. “We determined a real need existed in the city in which we were both born, raised,

and spent most of our adult lives,” Mr. Swartzberg said.

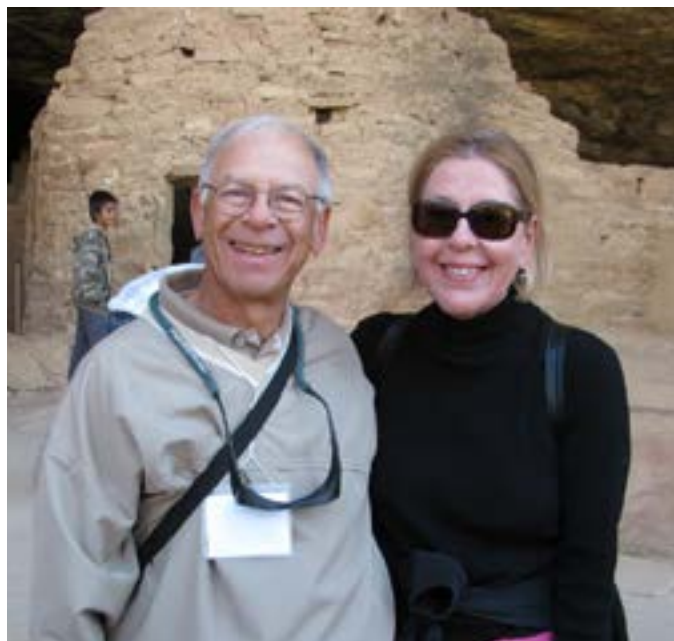
The new fund will provide scholarships for Boy Scouts, particularly Eagle Scouts, in need of financial assistance to attend UT.

“Scouting builds character,” said Mr. Swartzberg. “A nationwide survey in 2012 demonstrated the significant, positive impact Eagle Scouts have on society, from holding leadership positions in their workplace and neighborhood to volunteering to protect the environment and being prepared for emergencies,” said Mr. Swartzberg. “It is a proven fact that Scouting produces better citizens and builds character in young men.”

He noted that Eagle Scouts have gone on to become Olympians, surgeons, Pulitzer Prize winners, and successful business people.

To enhance the scholarship opportunities for Scouts attending UT, the Swartzberg family has offered to match up to \$25,000 in total gifts made to the fund in the 2018 calendar year.

For information about making a contribution, contact Brett Loney, associate vice president for development, at brett.loney@utoledo.edu or 419-530-2408.



Barry and Mary Jo Bellner Swartzberg and their family will match all gifts in 2018, up to \$25,000, made to their new scholarship for Boy Scouts at UT.

REDESIGNED WEBSITES CATER TO UT ALUMNI, DONORS AND FRIENDS

The University of Toledo Foundation and the UT Alumni Association are kicking off 2018 with redesigned websites providing user-friendly navigation, more photography and videos, and ways to stay informed and connected to UT.

Both sites have been recreated to address the wishes of users and visitors who weighed in with their opinions in a survey this past summer.

“The new UT Foundation site offers our donors and friends a better web experience,” said Brenda Lee, Foundation president. “We’ve provided a streamlined donation process and easily accessible and well-organized financial information,” she added. “We’re also adding more stories about our donors and the programs and students who benefit from their gifts.”

The UT Foundation site continues to provide annual reports, quarterly financial

statements, and investment performance reviews.

Dan Saevig, associate vice president for Alumni and Annual Engagement, said the new site serves the entire alumni community. “We’ve created a site that welcomes all graduates to join and get involved,” he said. “We have made it easier for alumni to sign up for events, which offer opportunities to network, socialize and rekindle that Rocket spirit.”

A new “Visit Campus” section provides information about parking and hotel options, newly renovated buildings, dining options in the Thompson Student Union, and rental information about the William and Carol Koester Alumni Pavilion.

Visit the UT Foundation site at: utfoundation.org and the Alumni Association site at: utalumni.org.

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Profession: Attorney

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UT Degree: Bachelor’s degree in Arts and Sciences in 1979 and Juris Doctorate in 1992

Best UT Memory: College of Law Homecoming Weekend Picnics with my parents (now deceased) and their granddaughter on hayrides around campus; serving on the College of Law Alumni Affiliate Board; representing the College of Law in The University of Toledo’s homecoming parade; and celebrating my 25th graduation anniversary by participating in the

May 2017 commencement ceremony welcoming new graduates to the College of Law Alumni Affiliate.

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