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Society of Interventional Radiology Foundation Receives \$1 Million Legacy Gift

Planned-gift Donation To Fund Future Scholarship for Interventional Radiology Fellows; New Donor Web Site Launches

FAIRFAX, Va.—The [Society of Interventional Radiology Foundation](http://www.SIRFoundation.org) recently received a \$1 million planned-gift donation to create a future scholarship fund for interventional radiology fellows to pursue this medical profession. SIR Foundation is dedicated to advancing the clinical needs of interventional radiology by specializing in developing investigators trained in conducting pivotal basic and clinical trials research.

“This enormously generous gift supports the future training of interventional radiology fellows, helping to bring new talented clinicians to the field. In this way, interventional radiology will continue to improve patient care and to change the face of modern medicine,” said Michael D. Darcy, M.D., FSIR, SIR Foundation chair. “This type of focused support is critical to the future of interventional radiology,” added the interventional radiologist who is the chief of interventional radiology at Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, St. Louis, Mo.

“We want to make certain that SIR Foundation, an organization we’ve believed in and supported, will still be doing its job long after we’re gone. So, we decided it was time to start making definite plans to help ensure interventional radiology’s future as well as that of our family,” said Michael E. Edwards, M.D., FSIR, an interventional radiologist with Imaging Associates of North Mississippi in Corinth. He contributed the planned-gift donation with spouse Sherri Edwards.

SIR Foundation has launched a new [Web site](#) that makes contributing focused and general planned-gift donations easy. With the [SIR Foundation Plan-a-Gift](#) interactive gift-planning service, individuals can find information on popular giving arrangements through will planning, retirement plans, appreciated securities, life insurance or personal property donations.

“SIR Foundation has created this incredible Web site as a resource for SIR members who are considering making a contribution. We talked to our financial advisers and decided to include SIR Foundation in our will,” said Edwards. “Whether you make a donation for generalized support of the Foundation’s efforts or make a more focused gift such as ours, your support is critical to the future of interventional radiology,” he added.

For more information on the SIR Foundation and to learn more about how to contribute to interventional radiology’s future, visit online at www.SIRFoundation.org (click on Donate).

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About the Society of Interventional Radiology Foundation

SIR Foundation is a scientific foundation dedicated to fostering research and education in interventional radiology for the purposes of advancing scientific knowledge, increasing the number of skilled investigators in interventional radiology and developing innovative therapies that lead to improved patient care and quality of life.

Interventional radiologists are vascular experts who invented angioplasty and the catheter-delivered stent, which were first used in the legs to treat peripheral arterial disease. They provide vascular disease management and specialize in minimally invasive treatments. Visit www.SIRFoundation.org.