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HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

2025 IMPACT REPORT: STRONGER TOGETHER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

As we reflect on the year behind us, the AAHPM Development Committee is filled with pride and gratitude for what we have accomplished together. The 2025 Impact Report represents more than milestones: it reflects a generous, dedicated community advancing hospice and palliative medicine and improving quality of life for patients and families facing serious illness.

Because of your generosity, AAHPM has continued to expand access for international and underrepresented clinical team members at a time when diversity remains one of our greatest strengths. Member donations catalyze the growth of innovative educational models, strengthen interdisciplinary resources, and invest in the future leaders our field urgently needs. Your support has translated into meaningful progress, empowering clinicians, advancing the field, and extending high-quality care to those who need it most.

While we celebrate this progress, we remain keenly aware of the growing needs ahead. With your continued partnership, we are inspired and confident that we can shape a stronger, more compassionate future for hospice and palliative care.



With gratitude,

Jacob Strand, MD FACP FAAHPM
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OUR MISSION

AAHPM advances high-quality, equitable, interprofessional hospice and palliative care across all settings. To achieve this, we enhance learning, cultivate knowledge and innovation, strengthen evidence-based practice and research, build a strong and diverse workforce, and advocate for public policy to achieve our vision.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

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\$162,192.18
from individuals/organizations

Stewarding
418 donations from
154 donors

Serving
5,110 members

PROGRAM INCOME

Greatest Need Fund
\$104,969.22

Leadership Fund
\$6,895.00

Next Gen Scholars Fund
\$28,913.96

HAPC Voices Fund
\$2,500.00

Alyssa L. Bogetz
Educational Fund
\$9,700.00

HPM Access Fund
\$760.00

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\$8,454.00

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TOTAL PLEDGED
\$257,750

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State of the Science Symposium

\$100,000

Fellowship Program

Adtalem Global
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\$20,000

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2025 OUTCOMES

ADVANCE THE FIELD

- The annual Bogetz Lecture examined ethical complexities in caring for patients with severe anorexia nervosa; addressed autonomy, informed consent, and balancing beneficence with patient wishes; and highlighted the importance of interprofessional collaboration in complex care.
- The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Children's Hospital Foundation was awarded the 2024-2025 Ho/Chiang Scholarship to support pediatric palliative care education and advance innovation and best practices in pediatric palliative care delivery.
- AAHPM advocated for extended telehealth flexibilities; supported NIH and palliative care research funding and Medicaid policies; and provided federal feedback on hospice integrity, Medicare payment, and controlled substance prescribing.

ENSURE A STRONG ORGANIZATION

- The Academy revisited and reinforced its 2024-2027 Strategic Plan, aligning activities with long-term organizational goals.
- AAHPM focused on financial sustainability by diversifying revenue streams and strengthening a culture of giving to support long-term resilience.

SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

- The Next Gen Scholars for Equity program strengthened diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workforce by supporting 10 residents and fellows (up from 8 in 2024) from underrepresented communities.
- AAHPM reinforced its role as a home for hospice and palliative care researchers by pairing 29 interprofessional investigators with experienced research consultants as part of its Serious Illness Research Consultant Center.
- The Academy fostered global knowledge exchange and collaboration by hosting five international scholars at the 2025 Annual Assembly.
- AAHPM strengthened leadership capacity within the field by providing financial support for five Leadership Scholars.

BUILD A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

- AAHPM integrated justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging across Academy activities, expanded participation in the Next Gen Scholars for Equity program, and hosted the third annual Pride Webinar focused on LGBTQIA+ leadership.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Sonia Malhotra MD FAAP FACP FAAHPM

HAPC Voices is a powerful storytelling and reflection-based educational session designed to uplift the lived experiences of patients, families, and interprofessional care teams. The goal is to change what participants know and feel by immersing them in authentic narratives that reflect the diverse realities within hospice and palliative care. Through shared stories, participants will develop a deeper understanding of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion within our field; reflect on their own values and practices; and be inspired to integrate more compassionate, culturally responsive, and collaborative approaches in their professional roles.

As an advocate for justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, I proposed, outlined, and funded this session because I knew our stories needed to be told and heard. Our field is one of authenticity and reflection; these stories are the tip of the iceberg of the education we need from the lived experiences of others, especially those within our field.



SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

Gina Piscitello MD FAAHPM

AAHPM has been essential to my career as a physician-scientist. After difficulty finding an R01-funded mentor for a career development award, I connected with Bob Arnold, MD FAAHPM, and Yael Schenker, MD FAAHPM, through AAHPM's 2022 State of the Science research symposium, and they gave me the opportunity to pursue this path in Pittsburgh. In 2023 I received the AAHPM Research Scholars Award, through which I attended the Kathleen M. Foley Palliative Care Retreat and Research Symposium. Both experiences had an outstanding impact on my career, providing opportunities to present my research and receive feedback from leaders in palliative care research. Without the connections and mentorship I received through AAHPM, I do not believe I would have been able to pursue a career as a physician investigator. I am grateful to AAHPM, my mentors, and the AAHPM research community for their support.



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