

MESSAGE FROM A LONG-TIME VAN SLYKE FOUNDATION DONOR
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I first started giving to the Van Slyke Foundation (in those days it was the Van Slyke Society) almost 20 years ago—quite a long time ago. I was early in my career then, and couldn't afford to donate much, but I truly believed in the importance of what Van Slyke was all about – giving back to the profession and helping deserving clinical lab scientists and students throughout the world. I have been a steady contributor ever since, and I can tell you it has been very rewarding to be able to increase my support as my career advanced.

Many years ago I first had the opportunity to meet some of the international scientists who had received Foundation travel grants to the AACC Annual Meeting. I was so impressed by how eager they were to attend the scientific sessions, and very moved by their desire to go home and share what they had learned at the meeting with their colleagues. Every year since I have greatly looked forward to meeting at some of the Foundation's travel grantees, and I am always struck by how important and valuable this program is to them – it truly is an opportunity to make a difference!

What really makes me sad, though, is to know how many more deserving scientists really want and need our help whom the Foundation simply can't afford to support, no matter how qualified.

That why I wanted to make this message and urge you to give to the Van Slyke Foundation today. If you are already a Van Slyke Foundation contributor, thank you and please continue to support this important work.

If you haven't donated YET, please consider making a gift today. You'll get a tax deduction but even more important, I promise that you will feel great about your philanthropy and about helping a colleague. Just go to aacc.org and click on the Van Slyke Foundation logo. Thanks for your support.