



## American College of Medical Genetics Foundation

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### **American College of Medical Genetics Foundation Unveils New Website: ACMG Foundation Supports Medical Genetics Research, Education and Practice**

BETHESDA, MD – JANUARY 27, 2009 | The American College of Medical Genetics Foundation (ACMGF) has unveiled a new website at [www.acmgfoundation.org](http://www.acmgfoundation.org). “The new ACMG Foundation website is not only a great way to learn about what the Foundation is but also to see first-hand how the initiatives of the ACMG and the Foundation save lives and improve human health through the translation of genetic discoveries into better patient care,” says R. Rodney Howell, MD, FACMG, President of the ACMGF.

The ACMG Foundation site includes:

- Feature stories about how the Foundation is transforming lives through its support of genetics research, education and practice
- Tributes and endorsements from people who have benefited from the work of ACMG and the ACMG Foundation
- News about ACMGF awards and grants and how to apply for them
- An online donation section
- Calendar of special events
- Opportunities for corporate sponsorships and partnerships
- The ability to honor or memorialize a loved one through a “tribute” gift
- Honor role of annual and major gift contributors

“There is much to celebrate at both the College and the ACMG Foundation,” concluded Dr. Howell. “ACMG and the Foundation have grown from a small specialty to one that is an important force for change in how patients can be helped and lives drastically improved or even lives saved using the ever-expanding knowledge of the human genome.

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ACMG President Joe Leigh Simpson, MD, FACMG added, “Without the ACMG Foundation’s timely support, the application of medical genetics advances would not be so advanced in the U.S. There is, however, still much work to be done in translating the enormous body of scientific information concerning the human genome into safe and effective medical practices. I encourage everyone to visit the ACMGF site to learn how they can help further advances and save lives through a donation.”

Note to editors: To arrange interviews with experts in medical genetics, contact Kathy Beal, MBA, ACMG Director of Public Relations at [kbeal@acmg.net](mailto:kbeal@acmg.net) or 301-238-4582.

#### **About The American College of Medical Genetics**

Founded in 1991, the American College of Medical Genetics ([www.acmg.net](http://www.acmg.net)) advances the practice of medical genetics by providing education, resources and a voice for more than 1400 biochemical, clinical, cytogenetic, medical and molecular geneticists, genetic counselors and other health care professionals committed to the practice of medical genetics. ACMG’s activities include the development of laboratory and practice standards and guidelines, advocating for quality genetic services in health care and in public health, and promoting the development of methods to diagnose, treat and prevent genetic disease. *Genetics in Medicine*, published monthly, is the official ACMG peer-reviewed journal. ACMG’s website ([www.acmg.net](http://www.acmg.net)) offers a variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Tools, and a Medical Geneticist Locator. The educational and public health programs of the American College of Medical Genetics are dependent upon charitable gifts from corporations, foundations, and individuals. **The American College of Medical Genetics Foundation ([www.acmgfoundation.org](http://www.acmgfoundation.org))** is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to funding the College’s diverse efforts to translate genes into health.

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