The Colby Foundation
Colby Cassani Endowed Lectureship Series
Facts and Information

The Colby Foundation offers an Endowed Lectureship Series to fund Organ and Tissue Donation Curricula for qualifying schools of medicine. We invite you to inquire about this perpetual endowment.

~ Requirements for participating schools of medicine ~

- Participating schools commit to a minimum of a half day seminar or event that provides organ and tissue donation information to medical students. We prefer these events occur at least once in the medical student's academic years and once in their clinical years.
- Using endowment funds, schools commit to providing speakers within the following areas:
  - A) Scientific, medical or research professional specializing in organ and tissue donation or transplantation.
  - B) An Organ Procurement Organization Professional to speak about the state requirements regarding organ and tissue donation.
  - C) A donor family speaker or recipient speaker that can tell their personal journey about organ and tissue donation.

~ About The Colby Foundation ~

At the age of 14 months, Colby Cassani died on June 8, 1993. Though Colby's time was brief, his legacy is far-reaching in the gift of life he brought to others through the donation of his organs.
John Cassani, Colby's father, is a practicing family physician and graduate of Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The first Endowed Lectureship Series was introduced at OSU in 1997 and provided the spring board for future Colby Foundation activities. The Colby Cassani Endowed Lectureship Series strives to educate future physicians about this important topic. We place emphasis on the facts about organ and tissue donation and the role that physicians and future physicians have in educating the public.

~ What we offer ~

- A perpetual endowment to schools of medicine that meet The Colby Foundation curriculum criteria.
- A model program which meets curriculum criteria. The program addresses scientific, personal, logistical, ethical, moral and legal considerations.
- A base of speakers that can provide personal and professional information regarding organ and tissue donation.
- Written and web-based educational materials.
- Ongoing support and technical assistance to ensure program quality.

For more information about the Colby Cassani Endowed Lectureship Series or for an application, please contact Katie Parker.

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