

Volunteer Allison Jones Stocker, MD, Says: “DF Keeps Us Relevant and Cutting Edge”



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A busy clinical dermatologist in San Antonio, TX, Dr. Stocker still makes sure to put time aside to invite her colleagues to join the DF Leaders Society. She asks them to join her in helping keep the future of the specialty strong.

“Dermatology has so many creative, innovative people,” Stocker says, “and the Foundation does a wonderful job of identifying

them and then helping them get started.”

The DF addresses that critical gap between the desire to remain in academic dermatology—to conduct research and teach—and the need to develop the credentials to win independent research funding to make this goal a reality. With early career research support, outstanding new dermatologist-scientists are able to develop the data and credibility to obtain federal grants through the NIH. Before long, their eventual progress will enable dermatologists everywhere to take increasingly better care of their patients.

Stocker first joined the Leaders Society in 2001, not long after she had moved to San Antonio. She was only four years post-residency and started her practice that combines general and cosmetic dermatol-

ogy. In 2007, Stocker accepted a colleague’s invitation to become a vice-chair in the LS volunteer network and help expand support in the San Antonio dermatology community for much-needed funding for research.

Dr. Stocker remains an especially ardent supporter of the DF mission. She continues to encourage others to invest in the future of dermatology by supporting the development of the most promising people entering the field today. She frequently points out that the \$1,500 LS membership is a contribution that every dermatologist can make now for the long-term benefit of the entire specialty.

Stocker succinctly notes, “donations to the DF ultimately keep us relevant and cutting edge—and our patients see the results.”

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Charitable giving to organizations that work to benefit the human condition is an important way to make a meaningful impact beyond the sphere of our daily lives. Because skin concerns have such a substantial influence on people’s lives, dermatologists who support the advancement of patient care are doubly blessed. They help their own patients now, while simultaneously ensuring that today’s emerging leaders have the opportunity to pursue more effective care for the future.

You can make your contribution to the future of dermatology more impactful by including a bequest for the Dermatology Foundation in

your will. Ensuring continued growth of the specialty to which you have given so much during your professional lifetime is a fitting legacy.

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