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SECOND ANNUAL

Leadership Gala

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009
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at the

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raising \$400,000 tonight to purchase
the equipment for the
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Second Annual Leadership Gala

To Benefit

The FOCOS Orthopedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Institute
Monday, October 5, 2009

6:30PM

Cocktail Reception

Entertainment by Djoniba Dance and Drum Center

7:00PM

Dinner and Presentations

—Welcome and FOCOS Update—

Oheneba Boachie-Adjei, M.D.
Founder and Chairman, FOCOS

—Video Presentation on FOCOS—

—Patient Story—

Stella Iwuagu

—Honoree Awards—

Andreas Dracopoulos

on behalf of Stavros Niarchos Foundation

Presented by Joanne Ronson
Gala Chair and FOCOS Board Member

John Kostuik, M.D.

Chairman of the Board and Chief Medical Officer, K2M, Inc.

Marc Asher, M.D.

Professor Emeritus, Orthopedic Surgery,
The University of Kansas Hospital

Presented by Michael Mendelow, M.D.
FOCOS Board Member

Michele Cohen

Patient and Humanitarian

—Andrew Swanson Tribute—

—Patient Story—

Azmera Nagash

—LIVE AUCTION—

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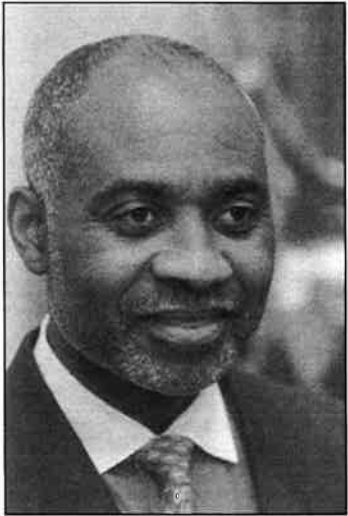
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Dr. Oheneba Boachie-Adjei is Chief of the Scoliosis Service at the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan as well as a Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University. He received his Medical Degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in 1980 and completed his residency in Orthopaedic Pathology at the Hospital for Special Surgery in 1983. He then headed to Minneapolis in 1986 for the John H. Moe Spine Fellowship at the Twin Cities Scoliosis Center & Minnesota Spine Center. Dr. Boachie practiced in Minnesota and California before returning to the Hospital for Special Surgery in 1994. The Russell Hibbs Award for Best Clinical Research Paper was awarded to him in 1989 and 2002 by the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS), which also awarded the Louis Goldstein Award for Best Clinical Poster to him in 1999 and 2002. Dr. Boachie was presented with the Philip D. Wilson Award For Outstanding Teacher in 1998 by Hospital for Special Surgery, the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2003 by Brooklyn College, the Humanitarian Award in 2004 by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), the Albert Schweitzer Science & Peace Gold Medal in 2005 and the Walter P. Blount Service Award in 2006 by the SRS. He has published articles in numerous professional journals and lectured extensively to professional and community groups. He is an active member of the Scoliosis Research Society, North American Spine Society, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Orthopaedic Association and the Orthopaedic Research Society. He served on the Board of the AAOS from 2003-2005, has been a member of the SRS Board since 2003 and was most recently elected to the Board of the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation in 2008. Dr. Boachie is the President of the Scoliosis Research Society and started his one-year term in September 2008. Notably, he is the Founder and President of the Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine (F.O.C.O.S.), a non-profit, international charitable organization that provides affordable or free orthopedic care to patients in underserved countries.

HONOREE



The Stavros Niarchos Foundation, an international philanthropic organization, supports charitable activities in four primary areas: arts and culture, education, health and medicine, and social welfare. The Foundation makes grants to not-for-profit organizations throughout the world. In addition, the Foundation maintains a major commitment to supporting programs in Greece through the guidance of a locally based advisory committee.

The Foundation seeks to provide contributions that have the potential to add value in a significant way. Within each program category, the Foundation supports initiatives that feature strong leadership and sound management and that can demonstrate a tangible impact over time. The Foundation hopes to foster exchange and collaboration among recipient institutions by supporting a broad range of organizations across its target program areas in locations around the world.

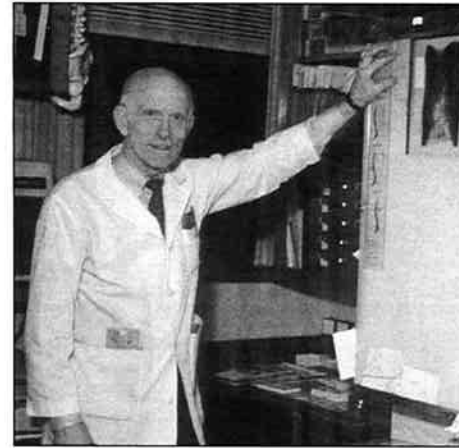
Since its inception in 1996, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation has provided total grant commitments of US\$360,400,000 with more than 1,650 grants in 87 nations around the world to various not-for-profit organizations.

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation supports the work FOCOS carries out in Ghana. The Foundation's support has provided essential equipment for the FOCOS surgeons and their patients, and the opportunity for several clinicians from Greece to join the surgical team.



HONOREE

John Kostuik, M.D., serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Medical Officer of K2M, Inc. He also heads the Company's Scientific Advisory Board. Prior to serving as the Chief of Spine Surgery at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Dr. Kostuik was a member of the faculty at the University of Toronto. Dr. Kostuik is recognized as one of the world's leading teachers and authorities on spine surgery. He has been welcomed as a visiting professor in over 35 countries and 80 universities. In addition to his extensive clinical practice and teaching experience, Dr. Kostuik has been involved in basic research involving stem cells, viral enhanced disc repair, implant development, and various anatomical studies. Dr. Kostuik served as President of the Scoliosis Research Society and the North American Spine Society, of which he was an original member/organizer. Dr. Kostuik has authored numerous papers ranging from the basic sciences of spinal pathologies to analysis and comparison of advanced spinal technologies and patient treatments. His works include over 150 peer reviewed publications. He has been the keynote speaker at almost every major spine society in the world and has trained over 150 international spine fellows of which an estimated 145 are in active practice.



HONOREE

Marc Addason Asher, M.D. is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Kansas University Medical Center.

Born in 1936, the only child of a south central Kansas farmer and high school mathematics teacher. In his youth he was interested in animal husbandry and soil conservation. He attended Kansas State College (University), BS 1958 and Kansas University, MD 1962. After post graduate training (University of Oregon, Baltimore City Hospital and the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Program), service in the United States Public Health Service and at the University of Texas, San Antonio he returned (1972) to his alma mater, where he attained the rank of University Distinguished Professor.

Dr. Asher progressively sub-specialized in pediatric orthopedics and spinal deformities, soon working with the Kansas Crippled Children's Commission (now Special Health Services) field clinics. He also participated in the circuit courses conducted by the Postgraduate Medical Education Department at KUMC. As a result of these experiences and his knowledge of Kansas life, Dr. Asher helped develop a series of clinics based on the principle that it was easier for one person to travel to patients than for a full clinic of patients to travel to one person.

Dr. Asher has received several honors including five awards from the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS): community service, 1987; basic research, 1991; clinical research, 1999; and clinical posters, 1996 and 2002. He was chair of the Orthopaedic Knowledge Update 1: Home Study Syllabus editorial board, helped establish the Paul R. Harrington Archives, and participated in the development of the Isola Spine Implant system. From 1986 to 1989 he was treasurer of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA) and in 1997 president of the SRS. In 2004 he received the Distinguished Achievement Award from POSNA. In 2007 he was named Distinguished Kansan of the Year and in 2009 received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Scoliosis Research Society.

Dr. Asher is married to Elinor (Ellie) Asher. His daughter, Janet Lynn Asher lives in Phoenix.



HONOREE

Michele Cohen has had a long history with Hospital for Special Surgery. She was originally treated as a young teen for scoliosis by Dr. John Cobb and later as an adult by Dr. David Levine. In 1994, as one of Dr. Oheneba Boachie's first New York patients, she underwent extensive spinal surgery to correct her scoliosis. This surgery enabled her to live pain free while continuing to raise her four children in NYC. This past March she had a second surgery to correct another area of her spine.

Michele, trained as a Nursery School teacher has been active in both her children's schools, community activities and has served on various educational and non-profit boards. These include Riverdale Country School, Alfred University, Museum of Arts and Design along with Project Keshet a women's grassroots organization in the FSU and UJA-Federation.

Michele has been married to her husband Martin for 36 years. They live in New York City.



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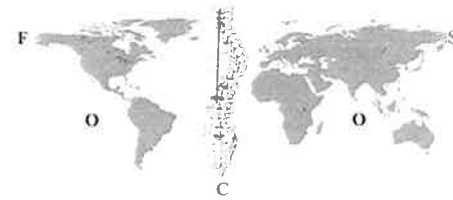
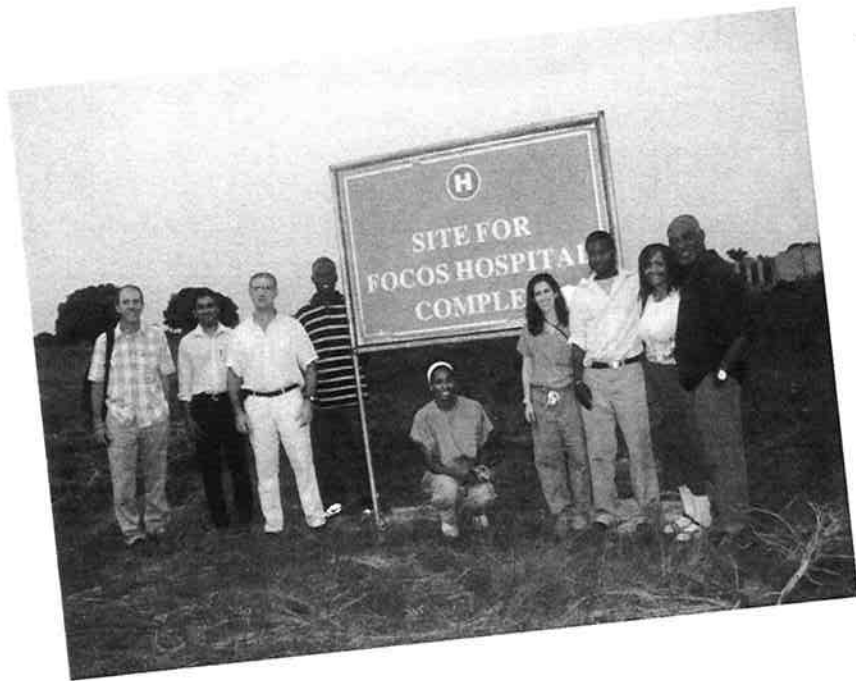
Andrew Nicholas Swanson, M.D. (1972-2009)

Andrew Nicholas Swanson M.D., 36 of Minneapolis and North Mankato died Thursday, June 11, 2009 in a mountain climbing accident on Mt. McKinley, Alaska.

Andrew was born in Rochester, MN to Dr. Gene and Edythe McDougall Swanson on November 9, 1972. Andrew graduated from Mankato West High School in 1991. He received his B.S. with honors from Dartmouth University in 1995 where he was president of the Dartmouth Mountaineering Club. He received his medical degree from the University of Chicago in 2000. In 2005, he completed his orthopedic residency at the Hospital for Special Surgery, in New York, NY and in 2006 he completed his fellowship in spine surgery at the Twin Cities Spine Center in Minneapolis. In 2007 he completed a traveling fellowship in Europe with the Cervical Spine Research Society. He practiced with his father and brother at the Orthopedic and Fracture Clinic in Mankato.

Andrew's honors were many and included research grants and awards. His passion for others was best illustrated by his eight trips with FOCOS to Ghana, Africa, where he performed surgery on children with severe spinal deformities. He reveled in the difficulty of climbing peaks in Peru, Bolivia, and Alaska. Andrew was a pilot, an avid cyclist, an explorer, a brilliant surgeon and a blessing to all who knew him. In the words of his mother, "He had the most wonderful face in the world. He was so handsome, so kind, so irresistible. If you knew him, you loved him."

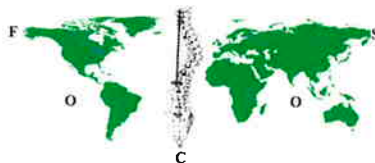
Andrew is survived by his parents, Dr. Gene and Eydie Swanson of North Mankato; siblings, Molly (Tim) Britt of Newport Beach, CA, Dr. Kyle Swanson and partner, Ashley Marks of Mankato, Heidi (Vann) Avedisian of Winnetka, IL; seven adoring nieces and nephews, Eliza, Nick, Carter, and Lily Britt, Brooke, Luke and Avery Avedisian; many aunts, uncles, and cousins.



FOCOS (The Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine) is a non-profit organization established in 1998 by Dr. Oheneba Boachie-Adjei. The mission of FOCOS is to provide comprehensive, affordable orthopedic and spine care to underserved communities in Ghana and throughout West Africa. Through its international network of world-class volunteer surgeons and other medical providers, the FOCOS vision is to create a sustainable infrastructure that encourages local capacity building and professional development in these areas.

With the indispensable assistance of over 1,200 donors who have contributed in excess of \$5 million to date, FOCOS has evaluated thousands of patients from different parts of Africa and performed hundreds of corrective orthopedic procedures in Ghana for adult and pediatric populations. In 2004, FOCOS successfully opened the outpatient clinic (Watson House) in Accra, where presently diagnostics, pre-operative, and post-operative patient care are provided.

In order to take the next critical step to serve even more patients, FOCOS must expand its facilities and is seeking to build a 30 bed dedicated orthopedic hospital in Ghana. FOCOS needs \$10 million for the construction, equipment, and short term operations of the hospital. The FOCOS Orthopedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Institute's mission will be to provide comprehensive orthopedic services including diagnostics, outpatient consultation and surgical care to adult and pediatric populations both in Ghana and throughout West Africa; FOCOS aspires to become the premier orthopedic teaching hospital in the region.



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