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Substantial Boop Family Endowment to Support Neurosurgical Residents

Funds will support the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences through the Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. (March 3, 2015) — Current secretary of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), Frederick A. Boop, MD, FAANS, has joined with his father, Warren C. Boop Jr., MD, FAANS(L), to donate \$50,000 to create the Warren C. Boop Jr. Family Endowment at the Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF). Warren's daughter Lynda, a PhD of geochemistry at the University of Arizona, has donated an additional \$5,000 to the fund.

Investment income from the permanent fund is designated to support neurosurgical resident education at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). The Boop Fund is the first of its kind at the charitable arm of the AANS earmarked to benefit a particular institution. A highly respected neurosurgeon, researcher and educator, Dr. Warren C. Boop was a former UAMS neurosurgical faculty member who helped start the neurosurgery training program at the University of Arkansas. During his tenure, he trained most of the neurosurgeons currently practicing in Arkansas. He also served as chief of neurosurgery at Little Rock Veterans Hospital and is a past president of the Southern Neurosurgical Society.

Invited to speak at an endowed lectureship on the UAMS campus, Warren Boop's son, Dr. Frederick Boop, concluded his presentation by asking those in the audience to consider contributing to the fund, commenting that, "if we can build it, we can use it for exciting things like visiting professorships, laboratory research and sending residents to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting each year."

UAMS has already made a matching gift to the fund and plans on supporting efforts to solicit further donations to grow the fund.

Frederick Boop, a UAMS alumnus, is currently the professor and chairman of the department of neurosurgery at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. Additionally, he works as the chief of pediatric neurosurgery at St Jude Children's Research Hospital.

About NREF

The Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF) is a not-for-profit 501 (C)(3) organization created in 1980 by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) to support research and education efforts that enhance and confirm the critical role neurosurgeons play in improving lives.

The NREF is dedicated to providing education to neurosurgeons at all stages of their careers, as well as funding research into new and existing neurosurgical treatments, in order to identify links between best practices and improved outcomes in patient care. Through voluntary public donations, corporate support and donations from allied groups, the NREF supports endeavors that impact the lives of those suffering from epilepsy, stroke, brain tumors, spinal disorders, sports-related head injuries, lower back pain and Parkinson's disease.

To learn more, visit www.nref.org

About AANS

Founded in 1931 as the Harvey Cushing Society, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) is a

scientific and educational association with more than 9,000 members worldwide. The AANS is dedicated to advancing the specialty of neurological surgery in order to provide the highest quality of neurosurgical care to the public. Fellows of the AANS are board-certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or the Mexican Council of Neurological Surgery, A.C. Neurosurgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the spinal column, spinal cord, brain, nervous system and peripheral nerves.

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