

Announcement

Gabriella E. Molnar-Swofford, MD Pediatric PM&R Research Fund

The Foundation for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) – with support from Mr. Jack Swafford and pediatric physiatrists – has created a named fund to recognize and honor the worldwide contributions of Dr. Gabriella E. Molnar-Swofford as one of the founders of the field of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine, and to continue her work through an annual pediatric PM&R research grant.

The purpose of the fund is to:

- Encourage young investigators in the field of pediatric PM&R research;
- Promote the value of pediatric PM&R research;
- Provide research support in a grossly underfunded area;
- Encourage development of PM&R treatments to improve the lives of children with disability.
- Recognize Dr. Molnar-Swofford's leadership and innovation in the field of pediatric PM&R.

Since starting the fund in November 2011, we have raised over \$110,000. A total of at least \$750,000 is needed to fund a \$30,000 annual grant in perpetuity.

The Gabriella E. Molnar-Swofford Pediatric PM&R Research Grant Award has been added to the broad research support program of the Foundation for PM&R. The first Award will be presented in November at the AAPM&R Annual Assembly; applications for the 2013 grant cycle will be available in December.

We hope you will join in supporting this initiative to fund pediatric PM&R research and honor Dr. Molnar-Swofford's contributions in helping children with disabilities. For more information, visit the Foundation's website at www.foundationforpmr.org or contact Phyllis J. Anderson, M.A., Executive Director at panderson@foundationforpmr.org or 847-737-6062.