

Alum's Scholarships to Open Doors of Opportunities

WHEN CHRISTOPHER BARLEY, MD '93, started medical school at GW, he hadn't given much thought to international medicine. But, that dramatically changed when, during the summer between his first and second years, he made a spur-of-the-moment decision to join a few classmates who were studying abroad in India.

"I fell in love with India and with the idea of providing medicine in a third-world country," says Dr. Barley. Today, Dr. Barley is president of Citta, a



not-for-profit organization with hospitals in India, Nepal and Mexico, dedicated to providing medical care to underserved populations.

Recognizing the positive impact on medical students of experiences like his own, Dr. Barley established the Christopher L. Barley Scholarship in the Medical School's Office of Student Opportunities. This scholarship provides support each year to four students with an interest in international medicine and global health, or in health policy to participate in summer internships.

"My experience at GW opened my eyes to how valuable study abroad is to medical students. It is important to me to 'give back,' and, in giving, I decided to go back to my roots and support the institution where my interest in international medicine started."

Dr. Barley appreciates the value that GW places on a highly diverse student

body and believes that this emphasis has attracted a "different crowd," one that is more dedicated to humanitarian efforts. And, he's pleased to be able to assist in the furthering of these efforts. Dr. Barley completed his residency training at the New York Presbyterian Hospital, Memorial Sloane-Kettering and the Hospital for

Special Surgery. He has been in the private practice of General Medicine in New York City since 1996. Dr. Barley is active in national health care policy. He retains his ties with GW as well; he was recently appointed to the school of Medicine's Dean's Council.

Medical Center Loses Alumnus and Friend

When Samuel Lipsett, BA '31, MD '34, of Palm Beach, Florida, died on March 7, 2006, the Medical Center lost a distinguished alumnus and friend. Dr. Lipsett and his wife Natalie Kahn Lipsett were active in philanthropic efforts and the arts, and both taught adult enrichment courses at a Palm Beach education center for seniors. Dr. Lipsett said he found his niche while in medical school at GW.

He served as a major in the U.S. Army in World War II. After the war, Dr. Lipsett and his late wife, Anita, settled in Paramus, New Jersey where he practiced Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology for 41 years.

In 1998, Dr. Lipsett made a substantial gift to the GW Medical Center to establish the Samuel and Anita Lipsett Laboratory. Dr. Lipsett was forward thinking and wrote a bequest provision that gives future support to the Lipsett Lab through his will. Today, the lab, run by Linda Werling, PhD, professor of Pharmacology and Physiology and director, GW Institute for Biomedical Science, is undertaking extremely important work, much of which would not be possible without the generosity of the Lipsetts. Researchers are currently addressing two main themes: the role of nicotine in health and disease, and how cocaine and related drugs cause permanent changes in brain function.

Dr. Lipsett is survived by his wife Natalie, his daughter Dr. Helen Boehm, and his son Nathan W. Lipsett, MD '73.

In Memoriam to Long-time Friend and Benefactor

Alumnus and long-time GWUMC benefactor Carl E. Solomonson, MD '53, of Mason City, Illinois, died on March 4, 2006 at his home. He was born May 27, 1928, in Warren, Ohio and pursued his undergraduate degree at Case Western Reserve College in Cleveland. Dr. Solomonson served in the U.S. Air Force from 1953-56 as a medical officer. His private practice operated from 1961-88 in Eureka, California. He is survived by his wife, Grace; two daughters, Marta Tetzeli and Sonja Solomonson; and two grand-daughters. The Solomonsons set up a charitable remainder trust with the GW Medical School as one of the recipients. Their trust goes to support student financial aid.

Carl E. Solomonson, MD '53, and his wife Grace.

