

Stethoscopes for Students

Alumni Listen and Provide the Rx

When the members of the Class of 2011 were welcomed to the BUSM community this fall, they each received a white coat that symbolizes their acceptance to the profession. They also received a stethoscope. This basic and required tool of the profession was provided to the new students *gratis* through the generosity of BUSM alumni who donated the cost of the instruments.

“Alumni who gave to this program made an important contribution to easing the burden on our medical students,” says Barry Manuel, MD ’58, BUSM Alumni Association Executive Director. “Providing these stethoscopes is another example of the outstanding generosity of our graduates.”

For a gift of \$150, donors “sponsored” a stethoscope, and at the White Coat Ceremony a card with the donor’s name, class year, and specialty was inserted in the pocket of the coat. **Leslie Serchuck, MD ’90**, who sponsored five stethoscopes, says, “I still have my first stethoscope and my first pair of scrubs. They are the tangible proof of an important rite of passage, and I hope the recipients never put a stethoscope to a patient without maintaining a sense of awe.”

If you would like to join your fellow graduates in this new alumni tradition and help a medical student or students, you may send your \$150 contribution for each instrument you wish to donate to the BUSM Alumni Association, 715 Albany Street, L-120, Boston, MA 02118, or you may also make your contribution online at www.bumc.bu.edu/medalumni and click on Make an Online Contribution. Please note that it is for the Stethoscope Program.

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