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## **The Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy Grows Endowment Fund with \$50,000 Gift**

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ALEXANDRIA, VA (April 10, 2017) – The Foundation for Physical Therapy is pleased to announce that the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy of the American Physical Therapy Association has donated \$50,000 to the Foundation.

"We are grateful to the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy and all its members for their continued commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of older individuals," said Foundation Board of Trustees President Edelle Field-Fote, PT, PhD, FAPTA. "Thanks to their unwavering dedication, we can continue to support research that will optimize movement and a healthier lifestyle for the aging population."

The Academy has directed their contribution to the Geriatric Research Fund which was established in 1995. As steadfast partner of the Foundation, the Academy has donated over \$460,000 in support of geriatric physical therapy research, for which it has been awarded the 2017 Premier Partner in Research Award. Most recently, the Foundation awarded the 2016 Geriatrics Research Grant to Margaret Danilovich, PT, DPT, PhD of the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern, to "implement successful aging intervention to reduce frailty." The Foundation anticipates offering a \$40,000 research grant made possible by the Academy in 2018.

"The Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy strongly supports research funded by the Foundation in order to provide best possible care to the older adults that we serve," said the Academy President, William Staples, PT, DHSc, DPT, GCS.

Established in 1978, the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy has more than 6,000 members and works to address the critical needs of physical therapy practitioners working with older adults in a range of practice settings and advocate for optimal aging. The Academy supports the physical therapists, physical therapist

assistants, and students who work with an aging population in roles of advocacy, direct patient care, consultation, supervision, and education.

[Learn more](#) about the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy.

### **About the Foundation for Physical Therapy**

The Foundation for Physical Therapy was established in 1979 as a national, independent nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality and delivery of physical therapy care by providing support for scientifically based and clinically relevant physical therapy research and doctoral scholarships and fellowships.

Over the last 38 years, the Foundation has awarded more than \$17 million in research grants, fellowships, and postprofessional doctoral scholarships to more than 583 emerging scientists. Foundation-funded researchers have gone on to receive an estimated \$753 million in external funding from the National Institutes of Health and other sources. Many of today's leading and emerging physical therapy researchers, clinicians, and academicians began their careers with a grant or scholarship from the Foundation.

Contributions to the Foundation for Physical Therapy are tax-deductible and can be made online at [Foundation4PT.org](https://Foundation4PT.org) or sent to its headquarters at 1111 N Fairfax St, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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