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Groups of PAA members who together donate at least \$5,000 can designate a mentor or colleague whom they wish to honor through their collective contribution. Each honoree will have a page on the Association's website with a picture, a brief essay on their accomplishments, and the list of contributors.

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## The New PAA Fund: Advancing PAA's Mission



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## THE PAA FUND

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The newly-launched PAA Fund, created by PAA's Board of Directors, will support activities aimed at enhancing population research and data and communicating demographic information to policymakers and the public. Suggestions by PAA's membership will govern the choice of activities supported. To assist with fund raising, the Board has formed a 25-member Development Committee. Thus far, the Association has raised \$1 million in challenge grants from the Gates, Hewlett, MacArthur, Packard and Rockefeller Foundations. The Development Committee's goal is to raise \$1 million in dollar for dollar matching funds from individual member contributions over the next three years.

## THE FUND'S PURPOSE

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The PAA has long acted to advance the field of population science by strengthening research networks, protecting the integrity of demographic data, and educating policymakers about the importance of population research. This has been accomplished through its journal and annual meetings; its committees on population statistics, international outreach, government and public affairs, and applied demography; and its membership in such organizations as the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics. Scarce funds for such activities have limited PAA's capacity to build research networks and disseminate scientific findings.

The PAA Fund will expand our capacity to:

- ❖ Brief Congress and the Administration on the importance of demographic knowledge in formulating public policy
- ❖ Broaden ties to developing country population scientists and organizations
- ❖ Strengthen PAA's connection to regional, state, and local demographers engaged in basic and applied research
- ❖ Create interdisciplinary initiatives with researchers from allied social, health, biomedical, and policy sciences

The Board will be responsible for decisions about specific Fund-supported activities that PAA members propose.

## HOW TO GIVE

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We have just three years to match the Foundations' challenge grants with individual contributions. Accordingly, we ask all PAA members to contribute what they can. If every PAA member contributed just \$350, we would fully match the challenge grants. Many PAA members will be unable to contribute that much, so we urge you to donate more if you can afford to. Almost all 25 members of the Development Committee have contributed \$1,000 or more each, as have other PAA members.

