



Our philanthropic support allows the AAD to go beyond what dues alone can accomplish. From camp for kids, to helping residents attend our meetings, our donations benefit both our specialty and the recipients.

— **STEPHEN P. STONE, MD, FAAD**



Life is all about gratitude. I am so honored to be able to support the AAD and its amazing programs. By helping others, we help ourselves in the process. I am blessed everyday living the life of a dermatologist, and I am lucky to be able to give back!

— GLYNIS R. ABLON, MD, FAAD



The AAD Annual Meeting is a 'must-attend' for dermatology residents. There is so much learning that takes place at the Annual Meeting, and it's not all in the educational sessions. There is much personal and professional growth taking place outside those sessions, by meeting others, hearing their stories and gaining knowledge and insights you never would have been exposed to otherwise.

— **MURAD ALAM, MD, FAAD**

AAD Fellow since 2003



My experience participating in the AAD Diversity Mentorship Program was incredible. The one-on-one mentorship helped strengthen my clinic abilities and allowed me to work with underserved populations in Chicago. This opportunity further solidified my choice to pursue dermatology as a career. I highly recommend the AAD Diversity Mentorship Program to every URM student seeking exposure to the field of dermatology. This experience is truly one of a kind and is immensely rewarding.

— **VIRGINIA JONES, MD, MS**

Diversity Mentorship Program participant and future dermatologist, class of 2025



If you are considering doing the Leadership Forum, you will find it incredibly valuable. The self-awareness alone is very important. And the networking that it allows you to develop in the Academy is truly a value that you cannot retain in any other way....I really believe that a lot of the things that I've accomplished over the last 10 years are due to my Leadership Forum experience.

— **TAMMIE C. FERRINGER, MD, FAAD**

Past chair of the Leadership  
Development Steering Committee



When I began to approach retirement, I knew volunteering would be important to me, and the AAD has provided so many fulfilling opportunities. My first AAD skin cancer screening led to a passion for performing them not only in San Diego, but as far afield as Anaheim, at Disneyland. Thanks to generous AAD support with informational and procedural materials, I have had the pleasure of screening hundreds of individuals who might not have otherwise seen a dermatologist.

— **SUSAN BOIKO, MD, FAAD**

Skin cancer screener



When I went to camp right after I was diagnosed, I met a few kids with alopecia who had no hair. Without them even knowing it, seeing other kids with alopecia who were confident and happy showed me that I could be confident and happy with alopecia, too. They showed me that I didn't have to be nervous or shy about it. I guess what I really mean to say is that it's so comforting to see other kids like you when you're at Camp Discovery.

— **SILAS DEHAVEN**

Twelve-year-old Camp Discovery camper



The month I spent in Botswana was absolutely incredible! Participating in the Resident International Grant Program to care for and learn from the patients with a new perspective as a resident was so special. When I am there, I genuinely love practicing dermatology. The focus is on caring for patients who really need the help and there is nothing more fulfilling than that.

— **CHRISTA SLAUGHT, MD**

Past participant in the Resident  
International Grant Program





I loved having a Skin Cancer, Take a Hike! event in my hometown. It was so heartwarming to get the dermatologic community and young students in the community together for this inspiring cause. Having everyone come together and promote sun safety was such an incredible experience.

— **SARAH JACKSON, MD, FAAD**

Skin Cancer, Take a Hike!™ participant



With the support of the AAD, I and other UMass Medical School students were able to teach over 50 elementary and middle school girls about skin health through our collaboration with the Girl Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts. Based on the feedback from the Girl Scouts and their parents, Good Skin Knowledge (GSK) truly makes a difference. We hope that as the GSK program grows, we will continue to be able to make a lasting impact on young children by teaching them about their skin and getting them interested in a career in STEM.

— **CHRISTINE LI**

Medical student at UMass Medical School and  
Good Skin Knowledge volunteer



The AAD Teledermatology Program lets me give back to my community, expand access to our specialty, and help disadvantaged patients with a few simple swipes on my smartphone.

— **CORY SIMPSON, MD, PHD, FAAD**

AAD Teledermatology Program volunteer



We were so happy to be able to build a wonderful shade structure thanks to the AAD's Shade Structure Grant Program. I've already noticed students taking a couple of minutes to come in the shade and cool themselves down and then go back out and play with their friends. Now our students, both this year and in the future, will have the benefit of this wonderful structure.

— **BARBARA JO SMITH**

Skin cancer survivor and principal of Juniata Elementary School in DuBois, Pennsylvania