



# Impact Report

2025



# ABOUT THE ABEM FOUNDATION

## Current Programs We Support

### **Dr. Leon L. Haley, Jr., MD, Bridge to the Future of Emergency Medicine Academy**

A two-week, all-expense-paid mentorship program for second-year medical students. Students gain hands-on experience and training in critical areas such as health disparities, public health, physician wellness, leadership, and residency preparation.

### **J. David Barry, MD, ABMS Visiting Scholars**

A leadership development initiative for early-career physicians and researchers that promotes meaningful engagement with ABMS and the broader medical community.

### **Col. (Dr.) Dave Barry Fellowship in Leadership Development**

In partnership with the ACEP Government Services Chapter, this fellowship prepares future military and federal Emergency Medicine leaders.

### **Education**

Support educational programs that aim to ensure the highest standards in Emergency Medicine to all and to develop tomorrow's leaders in health care.

### **Research**

Aims to strengthen the value of certification and delivery of emergency care with research performed by ABEM and external researchers.

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## MISSION

To advance excellence in patient care, leadership, and professionalism in Emergency Medicine by fostering research, scholarships, education, and collaboration.

## VISION

We envision a future where highly skilled and compassionate emergency physicians enhance patient care through the initiatives of our Foundation.



## A Message From the Director of Foundation Affairs

*Terry Kowalenko, MD*

Happy New Year to you and your families. I am Terry Kowalenko, MD, the inaugural American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) Director of Foundation Affairs. I am excited to help build the ABEM Foundation (ABEMF) under the direction of the ABEMF Board of Directors (BOD), the ABEM BOD, and our Executive Directors. I am truly grateful to each of you who have contributed to the ABEMF.

Since starting in mid-April, and with the help of our team and all of you, we have accomplished a great deal. We now have a mission and vision statement as well as a new logo. We have updated our website page and significantly expanded the ways to give, including personal checks, credit cards, donor-advised funds, bequests, life insurance beneficiary designations, and honoraria donations.

The Foundation, together with ABEM, supports several important programs and initiatives, including the Dr. Leon L. Haley, Jr., Bridge to the Future of Emergency Medicine Academy; the J. David Barry, MD, ABMS Visiting Scholar Program; research; education; and the Henry Ford Health RYSE MED Program. We are also developing several new programs, including an early-career leadership initiative, and supporting an annual summit.

We continue to pursue grant and endowment opportunities, and we are working to broaden the ways you can contribute to advancing the specialty of Emergency Medicine.

This past year, ABEM hosted the fourth Haley Academy. Twelve students attended an all-expenses-paid, two-week educational experience in East Lansing at the ABEM offices. As part of the program, students visited the Central Michigan University and Henry Ford Health System Emergency Medicine residency programs. Both students and instructors found the experience meaningful and enjoyable.

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We would greatly appreciate your input on future programs we should consider developing and supporting. Please visit the [ABEMF webpage](#) to complete the short survey, or feel free to reach out to me directly at [tkowalenko@abem.org](mailto:tkowalenko@abem.org).

Thank you again for your past and future support.



# MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Hosted the Fourth Annual Dr. Leon L. Haley, Jr., Bridge to the Future of Emergency Medicine Academy

Aspiring physicians had the opportunity to be immersed in educational and hands-on experiences in critical topics. [Learn more](#)

## Defined ABEMF's Mission, Vision, and Brand Identity

ABEMF's mission and vision statements were developed and finalized. A new logo and updated webpage were also established. [View the webpage](#)

## Awarded an ABEMF Scholarship

Adrian Haimovich, MD, PhD, was awarded a scholarship for the J. David Barry, MD, ABMS Visiting Scholar Program. This program supports the research and leadership development of early-career physicians. [Learn more](#)

## Promoted the ABEMF

The ABEMF had a presence at multiple professional venues, including the ACEP Annual Scientific Assembly. A promotional campaign for "Giving Tuesday" was a successful outreach effort.

## Supported the Henry Ford Health RYSE MED Program

The ABEMF proudly helped fund the Henry Ford Health RYSE MED Program, which is an immersive experience for Detroit area high school students to explore health care clinical and research careers. [Learn more](#)

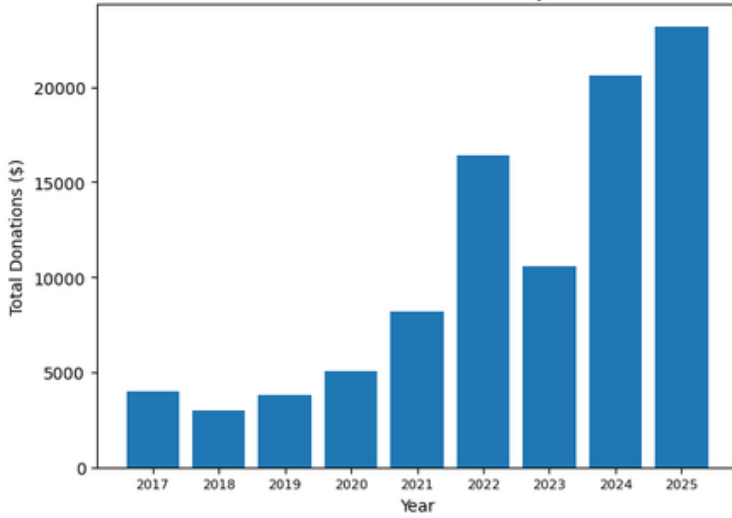
## Supporting Donor Engagement

The ABEMF webpage was updated and the available methods of donating were expanded to better support donor engagement.

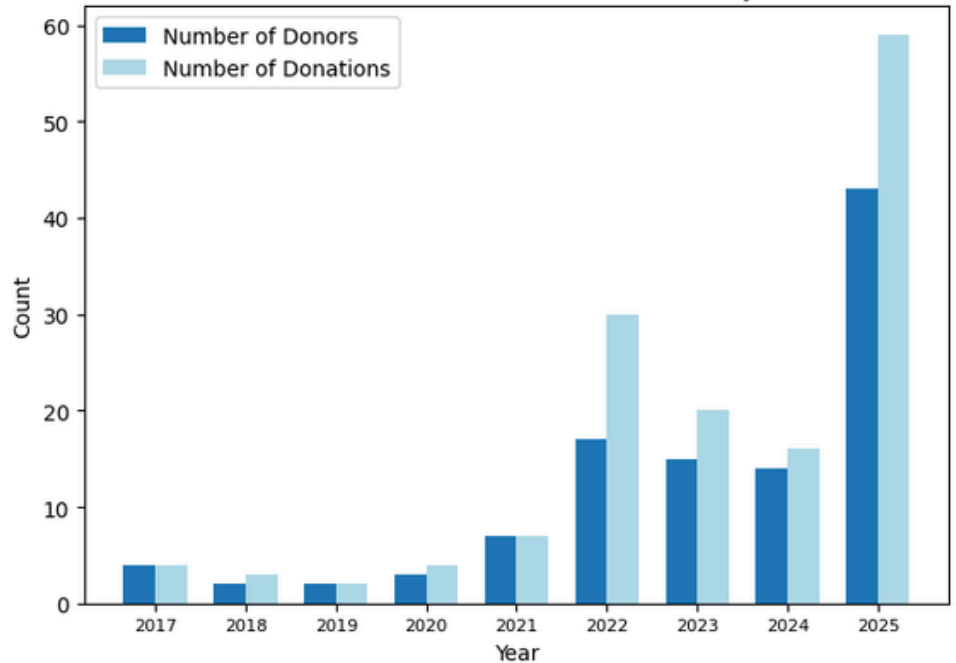


# IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

ABEM Foundation Donations by Year



ABEM Foundation: Donors vs Donations by Year



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**\$23,175**



Rising second-year medical students were selected for this two-week opportunity offered by ABEM. During the Haley Academy, the aspiring physicians had the opportunity to be immersed in educational and hands-on experiences in critical topics related to inequities in health care, leadership, physician wellness, public health issues, residency application, and more.

ABEM wishes to thank the many thought leaders for their inspiring and relevant presentations and recognize Henry Ford Health and Central Michigan University-Saginaw Emergency Medicine residency programs for their knowledge, insights, and hospitality!

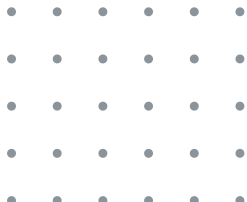
ABEM is dedicated to hosting the annual Haley Academy and continuing to support alumni through mentorship and professional development. We look forward to watching the students grow in their careers and become leaders in the community!

**Applications Are Open!**

Do you know students who would benefit from the Haley Academy? The next academy takes place June 1-12, 2026. Applications are open now until March 13, 2026.

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# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



## J. David Barry, MD, ABMS Visiting Scholar



### Adrian Haimovich, MD, PhD

Dr. Haimovich is an attending physician in Emergency Medicine and Director of Geriatric Emergency Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. His current research is at the intersection of artificial intelligence, electronic health record interventions, and geriatric emergency care.

His project for the ABMS Scholar Program is titled: Assessing Emergency Physician Decision-Making Under Uncertainty: A Vignette-Based Approach to Admission/Discharge Tendencies.

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East Lansing, Michigan 48823

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## Partner With Us

In addition to financial support, I invite your ideas on new initiatives the Foundation should consider. Please feel free to contact me directly at [tkowalenko@abem.org](mailto:tkowalenko@abem.org).

Thank you for your commitment to Emergency Medicine and for considering a gift to the ABEM Foundation. Together, we can advance the future of our specialty and the patients we serve.

Sincerely,  
Terry Kowalenko, MD



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