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Training the Next Generation of Doctors

(Phoenix, Arizona) September 17, 2018 The Mutual Insurance Company of Arizona (MICA) as a physician founded, physician directed and physician managed company has throughout its over 40 year history made conscious, deliberate and explicit decisions to comport itself according to the idealized values that characterize its physician-members. Through that same set of values, and as a natural extension of its mission, in 2014 MICA created a 501(c)3 charitable organization, MICA Medical Foundation.

MICA Medical Foundation surpassed the \$800,000 mark of cumulative pledges and giving to St. Joseph's Foundation with a recent pledge of \$284,000 to support ongoing residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix. The grant is designed to create a pipeline of highly qualified OB/GYN physicians to our community, thereby addressing an anticipated future shortage of physicians in the Phoenix area and beyond.

The MICA Medical Foundation Obstetrical/Gynecologic Residency Grant was established in 2016 to support four years of post-graduate training through the Phoenix Integrated Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, a program fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. St. Joseph's Hospital delivers 5,000 babies a year.

The first awardee, Meisje Burton, M.D., MBA, entered the program in 2016, followed by the 2017 grant recipient, Taylor Jenkins, M.D. Both young doctors earned their medical degrees from the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix. The third grant recipient, Chloe Anne Wood, M.D., was awarded her medical degree from Creighton University School of Medicine in May, and begins her residency training this summer. Upon completion of the program, each resident will have completed rounds in surgical intensive care, gynecologic oncology, ambulatory care, high-risk obstetrics, family planning and more, acquiring valuable clinical experience within all areas of obstetrics and gynecology care.

About The MICA Medical Foundation

The MICA Medical Foundation (MMF) is a non-profit grant-making organization whose goal is to improve patient outcomes. The MMF pursues its goal principally through financial support of (a) the training and education of physicians and health care professionals, and (b) research to improve the safe, effective and compassionate delivery of medical care for the benefit of the community as a whole.

About Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

Located in the heart of Phoenix, Arizona, Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is a 607 bed, not for profit hospital that provides a wide range of health, social and support services with special advocacy for the poor and underserved. St. Joseph's is a nationally recognized center for quality tertiary care, medical education and research. Founded in 1895 by the Sisters of Mercy, St. Joseph's was the first hospital in the Phoenix area.