

# APF thanks its generous supporters

During APA's 2010 Annual Convention, the American Psychological Foundation lauded the generosity of its donors and showcased the ways that support is changing lives.

**C**olin King's grant from the American Psychological Foundation helped him pursue his studies in clinical child psychology. But more important, he says, it has provided an opportunity to disseminate his research findings — work that has the potential to protect children from caregiver abuse and neglect worldwide.

Research suggests that each year in the United States alone, 2.8 million children are endangered by their caregivers. Teachers play a vital role identifying and reporting abuse of children to child protective services, but too often, the educational and welfare systems often do not work well together and abuse goes on.

To address this issue, King, a doctoral student in the school and clinical child psychology program at the University of Toronto, is exploring the factors that support or inhibit teachers' reports of suspected abuse and examining the dynamics between the education and welfare systems. Last year, APF awarded King with its Annette U. Rickel Dissertation Award for Public Policy, a \$1,000 grant for students whose research improves services for children and their families who face psychosocial challenges.

"Receiving the award recognized that my research topic was significant and was an area for meaningful applied research," said King. "Personally, it reinforced my desire to continue to



Dorothy and Dr. Nick Cummings with Dr. Barbara A. Cubic (left), who won the \$50,000 APF-Cummings PSYCHE Prize. Cubic is honored for her work to expand psychology's role in primary health care.

work on applied research projects in the future and to become involved with the school system ... as a way to continue to support children and families in my clinical work."

King was one of the grantees who spoke at the Friends of the Foundation reception, held during APA's 2010 Annual Convention. The event, co-sponsored by the APA Insurance Trust

and Pearson, also celebrated APF's many donors for their support. "You have allowed APF to make scholarships and grants that build the knowledge base of psychology and improve lives across the globe," said APF President Dorothy W. Cantor, PsyD.

The donors attending the reception were:

- Dorothy and Dr. Nick Cummings, who have given more than \$250,000 to fund the Cummings PSYCHE Prize over the past five years.
- Lee Gurel, PhD, who earlier this year donated \$170,000 to APF for pre-college psychology.
- Ford Kuramoto, who on behalf of The Okura Foundation has given a \$75,000 gift for grants that benefit the Asian-American community through research, training and practice.
- Beth Rom-Rymer, PhD, whose \$25,000 gift supports work on violence prevention.
- Dolores Morris, who attended on behalf of The Turrell Fund, has given \$220,000 to support of a fund in honor of Mamie and Kenneth Clark.
- Pearson, which made a \$45,000 gift for grants over the next three years to address a critical need in psychology.
- Steven Ungerleider, PhD, whose 2008 gift enabled seven recipients of the Ungerleider/Zimbardo Scholarships to travel to APA's 2010 Annual Convention.
- Bruce Walsh, PhD, whose total contributions to the APF Div. 17 (Counseling) Fund now total \$91,000.

Other donors attending the reception included Norman Anderson, PhD; Martha Banks on behalf of APA Div. 35 (Society for the Psychology of Women); Helen Coons, PhD; Alexander and June

Gantz Gralnick; Doug Haldeman, PhD; Shari Miles-Cohen, PhD; and Randy E. Phelps, PhD.

Cantor thanked the generosity of all of APF's supporters. "If you gave

time on a committee or a gift in any amount, we thank you," she said. "APF, through you, is working to change the world through psychology one grant at a time." ■