



2023 Annual Report

*Supporting Clinical Education
and Health-System Research*





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Letter From the GMR Foundation President

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your continued support of the GMR Foundation for Research and Education. Since we first began the Foundation in 2012, our mission remains unwavering in:



- Advancing the standards of EMS education and training.
- Leading initiatives to improve patient care.
- Contributing positively to the health and wellness of our communities.

2023 Key Initiatives

- Hosted our annual golf tournament, which raised **\$400,000**.
- Distributed **\$57,000** in institutional scholarship grants to 5 EMT and Paramedic training institutions; funds were distributed to financially struggling students.
- Provided **\$58,000** in research funding for continuing education and professional development opportunities for physicians and front-line EMS providers at the UCLA Prehospital Care Research Forum (PCRF) and ESO® Research Summit.
- Provided **\$20,000** for Equipment Donations for CPR Education for the College of Emergency Medicine.
- Provided **\$35,000** in EMS professional development scholarships where 75 recipients received funding to attend the National Association of EMS Physicians® (NAEMSP) Annual Meeting.
- Provided **\$20,000** for NAEMSP EMS Fellow Research projects.
- Additionally, the Foundation has set up a separate fund for the NAEMSP E. Brooke Lerner Fund, which will start a new research grant in 2025.

Please join us for our October 9, 2024, GMR Foundation for Research and Education Golf Tournament at the Cowboys Golf Club in Grapevine, Texas. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/4ddAf85>. Your support enables us to educate future EMS leaders and advance the emergency medical services profession.

All the best,

Randy Stroyk, President

GMR Foundation for Research and Education

About the GMR Foundation

Our Mission

The GMR Foundation's mission is to support clinical, education and health systems research designed to improve patient care and safety in the out-of-hospital setting.

The Foundation supports research and educational activities focused on improving patient care and projects that contribute directly or indirectly to the health and well-being of communities.

Our History

In 2018, the AMR Foundation for Research and Education became a DBA of the GMR Foundation for Research and Education.

In 2012, AMR was selected as one of nine partners in the HeartRescue Project, a multi-year initiative designed to increase the survival rate for victims of sudden cardiac arrest by 50 percent. The Foundation for Research and Education's first action was to provide a platform for the HeartRescue Project.

In 2013, the Foundation adopted the annual golf tournament as its second "project," the GMR Foundation for Research and Education Golf Tournament. Together, these two initiatives provide the underpinnings for the GMR Foundation for Research and Education.



Nick Loporcaro
GMR President and CEO

"The work done by the GMR Foundation for Research and Education demonstrates its commitment to driving positive change and innovation in healthcare. The Foundation provides grants and funding for cutting-edge research that is changing how pre-hospital acute care is provided. Its scholarship programs help find and train the next generation of EMS professionals. And its community-education programs are saving lives every day, like the HeartRescue Project, which has significantly impacted sudden cardiac arrest survival rates."

Supporting research and educational activities focused on improving patient care and projects that contribute directly or indirectly to the health and well-being of communities.

29th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser



The GMR Foundation Annual Golf Tournament was started in 1993 by Mark Bruning (founding president of the GMR Foundation) to generate funds and in-kind donations to support clinical, education and health systems research. Today, the annual tournament is integral to our fundraising and involves nearly 40 volunteers.

On June 13, 2023, the 29th Annual Golf Tournament was held at The Inverness Golf Club in Englewood, Colorado. Thanks to the organizations and individuals who generously donated, volunteered, and supported this remarkable event and silent auction, the Foundation raised **\$400,000**.

The funds raised allow EMT and Paramedic training programs to acquire expensive, state-of-the-art medical technology so graduates are prepared to use these devices in their clinical practice after graduation.

Your contributions assist with educating the next generation of EMS providers by sponsoring research and educational activities, promoting initiatives focused on improving patient care and supporting projects that contribute directly or indirectly to the health and well-being of communities.



2023 Key Initiatives



\$400,000
Annual Golf Tournament



\$57,000
Institutional Grants



\$58,000
PCR/ESO Research Forums



\$35,000
NAEMSP Scholarships



\$20,000
NAEMSP EMS Fellow Research



\$20,000
Equipment Donations

Golf Tournament Volunteer Insights

"I have volunteered at the GMR Foundation's Golf Tournament for the past five years. The experience has always been terrific. This event is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new friends. There is always an air of excitement, friendly competition and collegiality. Volunteering is an enriching experience, and I plan to continue volunteering for years. And the best part is that we are working together to support a noble cause."

***—Thomas Maxian, GMR National President
of Ground and Support Operations***

"I enjoy both playing and volunteering at the golf tournament. Not only does this event support research and education, but the quality time we spend with those in EMS and the many companies that make what we do possible is invaluable. We get the opportunity to connect and more deeply understand the goals and objectives of each team to foster a more collaborative partnership."

***—Steven Dralle, LP, MBA
GMR Regional President, South Region***

"Laerdal Medical has proudly supported the GMR Foundation for the past 12 years. Our organization's goals are well-aligned, improving patient care and strengthening the chain of survival, beginning with out-of-hospital emergencies. The annual tournament is a fantastic event, enabling everyone to come together to understand how their contributions and shared passions are making a difference in helping save more lives."

***—Bill Welch, North America Sales Manager
Laerdal Medical***




"The GMR Foundation Golf Tournament is professionally orchestrated each year. It is invaluable to hear from the GMR senior executives about the success, growth, and impact GMR and the Foundation have on U.S. communities. The Hastings Group is proud of our long-term relationship supporting GMR and its predecessor companies since 2012. It is motivating to meet and hear directly from First Responders on how our contributions and the Foundation research positively affect their everyday lives and improve their ability to provide exceptional patient care."

***—Michael Gang, Principal
The Hastings Group, LLC***

2023 Annual Golf Tournament Photo Gallery



 View more photos from the 2023 GMR Golf Tournament: <https://bit.ly/4esvYyp>



Institutional Scholarship Grants

The GMR Foundation awarded **\$57,000** in tuition scholarships to five EMT and Paramedic training institutions that applied for funding. Following the Foundation's guidelines, the institutions developed a selection process to identify students who demonstrated financial need.

Upstate Medical University–EMS Programs (NY)

- Three EMT Scholarships: \$3,000 (\$1,000 each) and three Paramedic Scholarships: \$15,000 (\$5,000 each)

Oregon Tech Foundation (OR)

- Three EMT Scholarships: \$3,000 (\$1,000 each) and three Paramedic Scholarships: \$15,000 (\$5,000 each)

Ventura College (CA)

- Three Paramedic Scholarships: \$15,000 (\$5,000 each)

Glendale Community College (AZ)

- Three EMT Scholarships: \$3,000 (\$1,000 each)

GateWay Community College (AZ)

- Three EMT Scholarships: \$3,000 (\$1,000 each)



Institutional Scholarship Grant Spotlight

Rainer Perez, EMS Program Director, Glendale Community College, Glendale, Arizona



“The Glendale Community College EMS programs are honored to be a partner and supporter of the GMR Foundation for Education and Research. Since 2019, we have been awarded and distributed over \$80,000 in scholarships to our EMT and Paramedic students. Their overwhelming relief of financial stress has allowed the recipients to focus on their educational and career goals, and has been a significant determinant for student retention and success.”

NAEMSP Annual Meeting Scholarships

The GMR Foundation for Research and Education provided **\$35,000** in scholarship funding to recipients to attend the National Association of EMS Physicians® (NAEMSP) Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, January 8-13, 2024.

Scholarships resulted in **75 awardees** receiving conference attendance and accommodation funding.

NAEMSP conference attendees were asked to use their experience to help guide community outreach and improvement efforts.

Since 1984, the NAEMSP Annual Meeting has provided the latest in EMS research, training, and opportunities for learning and networking for EMS physicians and EMS professionals.

NAEMSP Annual Meeting Scholarship Recipient Spotlight

Ben Weitzel, EMT and Physician Associate Student, Yale University, School of Medicine

“I have worked as an EMT since 2019, starting with interfacility transports and most recently handling 911 calls in a community on the west side of Cleveland, Ohio. I currently attend Yale University as a part of the Physician Associate (PA) program, and I aspire to work as a PA in trauma or critical care. This interest has largely developed during my time in EMS.

I am incredibly grateful for the scholarship from the GMR Foundation, which allowed me to attend the January 2024 NAEMSP conference in Austin, Texas. I participated in research with a physician from the University of New Mexico, which was being presented at the conference.

The scholarship allowed me to travel to Texas to present this research and engage with the EMS profession at a deeper level. Being at the conference also allowed me to network, which has already proven valuable and will continue to benefit me in the future. I am very grateful to GMR and the opportunity they gave me with this scholarship.”



NAEMSP EMS Fellowship Research Grant

The GMR Foundation awarded a **\$20,000** grant to an NAEMSP member to conduct prehospital care research for a NAEMSP® EMS Fellowship Research project. EMS Fellow applicants are enrolled in an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

Research plans focus on significance, innovation, approach and ethics/human subjects. Applications are evaluated by a subcommittee of the NAEMSP Research Committee. This grant supported David Yang, MD, for his *“Identifying Medical Causes of Agitated Patients within the Prehospital Setting”* research project.

EMS Fellowship Research Grant Spotlight


David Yang, MD, Clinical Faculty, Yale University, Department of Emergency Medicine

“In 2023, I was fortunate to receive an EMS Fellowship Research Grant from the GMR Foundation to investigate disparities related to the use of restraints and sedation when patients are experiencing behavioral emergencies.


Reducing disparities in prehospital restraint use is essential to improving patient and workplace safety. I used these funds to hire two research assistants to investigate these disparities and examine variations

in EMS protocols that might contribute to these disparities.

This funding allowed me to develop as an EMS physician and work towards becoming an independently funded researcher focused on improving patient care in the prehospital setting. I look forward to presenting this research at NAEMSP and effecting change at the national level.”



Identifying Medical Causes of Agitated Patients within the Prehospital Setting



NAEMSP and GMR E. Brooke Lerner Research Fund

Our relationship and support of the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP®) has given the Foundation many opportunities to find worthwhile benefactors in the EMS community.

Through our connection with NAEMSP, the Foundation became the fiduciary for the E. Brooke Lerner Research Fund. When Brooke Lerner, PhD, FAEMS, was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer, she expressed the desire to promote the growth of EMS by establishing a research fund for early career researchers.

NAEMSP, in partnership with the GMR Foundation for Research and Education, created the E. Brooke Lerner Research Fund to realize Dr. Lerner's vision and honor her commitment to EMS research and researchers.

In October 2023, Dr. Lerner passed away after a courageous battle against the disease. She dedicated herself to conducting research in a subspecialty with a limited literature base. She authored more than 135 peer-reviewed publications and successfully secured numerous federally funded grants to advance her work in EMS research. Her focus was primarily on acute injury care and field/disaster triage, and she played a pivotal role in shaping the current national guideline for mass casualty triage.

With our whole heart and strength, we remain committed to furthering Dr. Lerner's vision and look



Watch Video featuring E. Brooke Lerner, PhD
<https://bit.ly/4euFf9d>

Video courtesy of University of Buffalo

forward to sharing future stories of E. Brooke Lerner Research Fund recipients.

The E. Brooke Lerner Research Fund is available to any member of NAEMSP in good standing. This fund supports new ideas and out-of-the-box thinking to improve prehospital care. The fund will support one pilot research study starting in January 2025. NAEMSP expects to continue to develop the program so that at least one project can be funded consistently each year or every other year if two years of funding are requested and justified. Your contribution to the E. Brooke Lerner Research Fund is a meaningful way to honor Brooke's legacy and support our collective mission of advancing the field of prehospital care. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/4ewy8gu>.

“I’ve spent my career on improving prehospital care, and I wanted to leave something behind to keep that legacy moving forward,” Brooke said of the fund shortly after its creation.

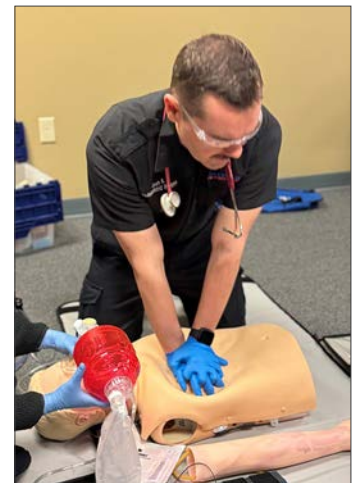
Equipment Donations for CPR Education

Donations of manikins help improve community CPR training, allow for hands-on paramedic education, and create better patient outcomes. Manikins and other equipment are important tools for increasing community awareness of sudden cardiac arrest and the potential for layperson involvement.

The College of Emergency Services (CES) in Clackamas, Oregon, received a donation of **\$20,000** to purchase Quality CPR (QCPR) manikins.

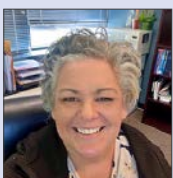
- Three Resusci Baby QCPR airway heads, wireless.
- Three Resusci Anne QCPR AW torsos in a carry bag.
- Two Little Baby QCPR 4-pack.
- Two Little Junior QCPR 4-pack.
- Eight SkillGuide with extension cable; includes a Laerdal QCPR app to provide instruction feedback without using SkillGuides.
- One Little Anne Combo 6-pack (stackable manikins, light and dark mix).

CES prepares entry-level paramedics in cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced EMT and/or EMS levels. Upon completing the Paramedic course, graduates are eligible to take the National Registry of EMT exam, the final step towards certification as a Paramedic.



EMS Equipment Donation Spotlight

Lauren Enright, Program Manager, College of Emergency Services, Clackamas, Oregon



“The new QCPR manikins provide real-time feedback for instructors and trainees so they can see the effects of their resuscitation efforts. QCPR feedback manikins are now required to teach American Heart Association advanced life support courses. This donation will make a difference by teaching more students with top-notch equipment.”

PCRF/ESO Research Forum Sponsorships

The UCLA Prehospital Care Research Forum (PCRF), in partnership with ESO (also known as the Research Summit), matches participants with clinical mentors, methodologists, and statisticians to accelerate EMS research to improve community health and safety through the power of data.

PCRF's mission is to "promote, educate, and disseminate prehospital research conducted at all provider levels to advance and challenge the future of EMS".

The GMR Foundation provided **\$58,000** in research funding for continuing education and professional development opportunities for paramedics, research training with PCRF, and research grants for EMS Medical Directors.

Each group works on a single research project. PCRF faculty partners with ESO to help participants receive institutional review board (IRB) approval for de-identified retrospective database review projects.

Statisticians, programmers and editors are available on-site to provide immediate and step-by-step support, helping participants access data, conduct statistical analysis, and prepare an abstract for submission or presentation.



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PCRF/ESO Sponsorship Spotlight

Brent Myers, MD, MPH, FACEP, FAEMS, ESO Chief Medical Officer, and NAEMSP President

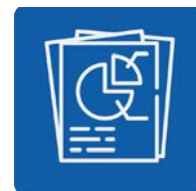
"The Foundation's support has allowed us to expand the faculty in two important ways:

- We can now cover travel from all over the US, giving us access to more experts with diverse backgrounds.
- We can have more faculty at each forum, allowing us to invite more participants. In short, we can offer the forum experience to more individuals and ensure we have experts on hand to provide a world-class offering."



2023 GMR Foundation Financial Summary

The financial summary includes revenue from the golf tournament. Losses include grant awards, CARES database maintenance and education, including equipment donations and conferences. These activities support the GMR Foundation’s vision and mission.



Statement of Activity for 2023	
Revenue	
Unrestricted Donations (Golf Tournament)	\$360,188.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$360,188.00
Expenditures	
Payroll	\$58,374.00
Travel and Entertainment	\$13,195.00
Legal and Professional Services	\$6,575.00
General and Administrative	\$5,166.00
Grants Awarded	\$159,153.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$242,463.00



Leadership Team

The Foundation's mission, policy and direction are guided by a 12-member Board of Directors and an Executive Director who are responsible for supporting the Foundation's vision, offering leadership, guidance and feedback to individuals and communities involved in Foundation-sponsored projects, examining financial reports and establishing policy and direction for the foundation, and contributing to fundraising efforts.

Randy Strozyk, President

Randy Strozyk joined the Board in October 2018 and brings more than 45 years of experience in EMS operations and management. He has been on the GMR leadership team for more than 24 years and is GMR's Senior Vice President of Executive Operations.

Strozyk earned his EMT/Paramedic certification and worked on an ambulance while studying microbiology at Washington State University. He later earned an MBA from California State University. He has been heavily involved in the American Ambulance Association for nearly two decades and is the AAA's current president. Strozyk holds a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and an MBA in Business.



Edward Van Horne, Past President

Edward Van Horne has served on the Foundation Board since 2015. He is known throughout the industry for his innovative approach to EMS system design and his focus on clinical excellence. Van Horne is the Chief Operating Officer for GMR.

Van Horne previously served as AMR's South Region's CEO, directing operations from Florida to Arizona. He also served as AMR Vice President of Business Development for the West Region, and from 2002 to 2005, he served as the Director of Operations for AMR in San Bernardino County, CA. Van Horne's leadership earned wide respect during the California wildfires for his division's handling of emergency medical communications and operational components during the largest evacuation in the state's history. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Systems Administration and a Master's in Business Administration.



Mark Bruning, President Emeritus

Mark Bruning is an accomplished healthcare CEO, now partnering with the founders of a Colorado-based development-stage medical device company where he is President & CEO.

Bruning has held numerous healthcare leadership roles, most recently successfully leading a private equity-owned pediatric healthcare company to significant growth in 26 months, resulting in a successful exit at an attractive industry multiple. Previously, Bruning led AMR as President/Executive Vice President from 2008 to 2013.

Bruning holds a Master's in Business Administration. He also sits on several boards and community organizations, both non-profit and entrepreneurial business ventures in telemedicine, software and medical devices.



Jenny Biera, Treasurer

Jenny Biera assumed her role as Treasurer on the Board in January 2024, leveraging her extensive experience as the Vice President of Finance at Global Medical Response. With a career of more than 25 years, she has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in finance, specializing in budgeting, forecasting and reporting.

Her academic foundation is built upon a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting from Fort Hays State University. Furthermore, her dedication to community and philanthropy is evident through her six-year tenure as the Treasurer of a non-profit organization, Family Crisis Services.



Scott Bourn, PhD, RN, FACHE, Secretary

Scott Bourn has a diverse background in EMS, emergency and critical care nursing, and education. His career roles include field paramedic, emergency department and critical care nurse, EMS system coordinator, director of a university EMS degree program, and senior clinical executive for two large national health delivery organizations. Dr. Bourn is VP of Clinical Quality & Impact at Securisyn Medical and Senior Quality Consultant at ESO Solutions.

Dr. Bourn has held numerous regional and national leadership positions, including Colorado State EMS and Trauma Advisory Council for nine years (five as Chair); National Association of EMS Educators Board 2007-2015 (President 2013-2015); Liaison to the National Association of EMS Physicians Board 2013-2015; and Advocates for EMS Board 2010-2013 (President 2012-2013).



Brian Clemency, DO, MBA, FACEP, FAEMS, Board Member

Brian Clemency has been involved in prehospital care for more than 25 years. He began his career as a firefighter and emergency medical technician.

He is double-boarded in Emergency Medicine and Emergency Medical Services.

Dr. Clemency is the Associate Medical Director for AMR of Western NY, a Professor and Vice Chair of Emergency Medicine at the University at Buffalo, and a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP). He has authored more than 65 peer-reviewed publications on various topics.



Jon Krohmer, MD, FACEP, FAEMS, Board Member

Jon R. Krohmer is a volunteer with the National EMS Museum, a member of the Panel of Commissioners for CAAS, and a non-executive member of the Board of Directors for Velico Medical. He is an EMS Subject Matter Expert for Cambridge Consulting Group and Associate Medical Editor for the National Association of EMTs AMLS textbook. He is a member of the Advisory Council for Kent County EMS and the Michigan Region 6 Trauma Advisory Committee. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Michigan State University.

Dr. Krohmer is board-certified in emergency medicine and emergency medical services. He was an attending physician and Director of EMS at the Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was also an associate professor of emergency medicine at the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University. He was the EMS medical director of Kent County EMS and medical director for the West Michigan Metropolitan Medical Response System and the Region 6 Consortium.



Brian Webster, Board Member

Brian Webster is a Seattle area resident. After six years working for Boeing's Military Airplane Division, Webster moved to Physio-Control, where he joined their mission of providing critical tools to lifesaving teams.

During a 24-year period, Webster worked in various roles at Physio-Control, including Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Commercial Sales, Vice President of Global Marketing, and President and CEO. After leading the company through an acquisition by Stryker, he now serves as Chief Executive Officer at start-up med-tech company Kestra Medical Technologies. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Business Administration.

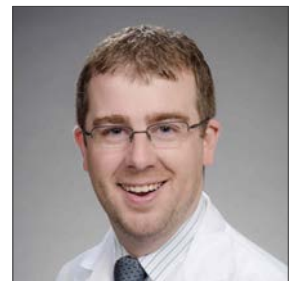


Andrew Michael McCoy, MD, Board Member

Andrew Michael McCoy, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine and Program Director for the EMS Fellowship at the University of Washington. He completed medical school at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University and holds a Master's in Clinical Trials at Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. McCoy completed a residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Buffalo in Buffalo, New York, serving as Chief Resident during his final year before serving as the inaugural EMS fellow at the University of Washington. He worked closely with Seattle Fire, King County Medic One, King County EMS, and Airlift Northwest.

After his fellowship, Dr. McCoy worked clinically in the Emergency Department at Harborview Medical Center and served as the Program Director for the EMS Fellowship. Dr. McCoy has served as Medical Director for AMR Puget Sound Operations since 2016 and as the Medical Director for Shoreline Medic One since 2018. Dr. McCoy is also a faculty member of the Resuscitation Academy.



Lynn White, Board Member

Lynne White is the Director of the Workplace Programs for the American Red Cross Training Services Division. As part of the Office of Science and Education, she also provides staff support to committees, subcommittees, task forces and working groups for the Red Cross Scientific Advisory Council.

White's work includes national director positions at GMR, AMR, and the Heart Rescue Project. She has also served as a research consultant for The Center for Medical Transport Research with MedFlight and the clinical research manager (resuscitation research) and grants administrator (clinical trials manager) for the Department of Emergency Medicine, Center for EMS at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

White currently volunteers with multiple national organizations and national committees which includes our GMR Foundation for Research and Education. She also has been the recipient of several national awards and recognitions. White has a Master of Science in Nutritional Biochemistry.



Joe Pahlow, Board Member

Joe Pahlow has more than 25 years of experience at Laerdal Medical Corporation, where he has held high-level roles, including VP of Business Development, VP of Sales, Business Unit leader for Resuscitation, EMS & Distribution and Laerdal's Therapeutic products. He also served as Laerdal's Regional Director. Pahlow's expertise includes sales management, distribution, strategic relations, and partnerships with well-known organizations, such as Philips, AHA, AAP, Wolters Kluwer, SonoSim, Ingmar Medical and NLN.

Pahlow has served on the Corporate Council for the National Patient Safety Foundation (now Institute for Healthcare Improvement) and the Society for Simulation in Healthcare Industry Group. He is actively involved with the Resuscitation Academy in Seattle while managing strategic partner relationships with the American Heart Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Pahlow holds a Bachelor of Arts in Health Administration.



Jaime Pozo, Board Member

Jaime Pozo, a native of South Florida, joined the GMR Foundation in March 2020. In 2010, Pozo joined the law firm of Martha Pozo-Diaz, which was established by his sister in 1991 and was later reorganized as Pozo-Diaz & Pozo, P.A.

Pozo defends the interest of insurance companies, their insureds and various clients with high self-insured retention in the areas of premises liability, products liability, automobile/fleet/trucking liability, personal injury (defense), construction defects, and construction-related claims, pre-suit accident investigation, professional liability, ADA and accessibility claims, emergency medicine and workers compensation. Pozo lectures nationally on fraud, accident investigation, employer liability, catastrophic work site accidents, litigation practice and bad faith in Florida. Pozo holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate.



Amy McKenney, PHR, PMP, Executive Director

Amy McKenney is the GMR Foundation for Research and Education Executive Director. Before taking on this role, she spent three years as the volunteer and event coordinator for the GMR Foundation's annual golf tournament.

With an extensive program and event management background, McKenney has spent more than 25 years working with non-profit organizations, community outreach and volunteerism programs. She was in full-time ministry for 15 years as the Executive Director of Operations for a combined church, cafe and satellite college.

McKenney joined GMR in 2015, starting in human resources and employee engagement. She served as the administrator for the GMR Employee Foundation and developed the GMR Community Impact Program, of which she continues as the Committee Chairperson. She is GMR's National Manager of Event Medical for the Motorsports Safety Team.



Letter From the GMR Foundation Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In June of 2023, I was thrilled to accept the position of Executive Director of the GMR Foundation for Research and Education. I spent much of the year learning my role and discovering new and innovative ways to carry the mission of the Foundation forward; to support clinical education and health-system research designed to improve the care and safety of patients in the out-of-hospital setting.

I am in awe of the dedication and excellence that our partners, supporters, volunteers and board members display at every turn.

During this transition year, the Foundation continued to provide valuable resources to organizations nationwide. We awarded \$57,000 in EMT and Paramedic scholarship grants to five EMS institutions, provided more than \$50,000 for research projects, and funded career enhancement and education opportunities for practicing EMS clinicians.

Our past and present successes are made possible by the generous support of our sponsors. Our primary campaign is our Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser. The 2023 fundraiser was held on June 13 at the Inverness Golf Club in Englewood, Colorado. It was our second year in a row of unseasonable cold and clouds, but the enthusiasm of the volunteers and attendees brought the warmth and light that the fickle Colorado weather did not. As a Colorado native, I have learned to roll with the weather and am grateful for all the visitors who did the same!

During the 2024 Golf Tournament planning, the Foundation decided to move the golf tournament to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. As many of the GMR executives are local to the area, finding a new location and embracing the kind of change that encourages growth and new energy seemed appropriate. I look forward to a fantastic event to share with all of you in October of 2024, and thank you wholeheartedly for your generosity and welcoming open arms.

With Gratitude,



Amy McKenney, Executive Director

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