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AAWR R&E Foundation
1891 Preston White Drive
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ATT: Michele Wittling

Re: Endowment for Dr. Edith Higginbotham – Member in Training Luncheon

Dear Ms. Wittling:

Pursuant to our previous conversation, my husband, Dr. Frank Williams sister, Ms. Cecelia Higginbotham and I would like to endow the Member-in-Training Luncheon in memory of my sister, Dr. Edith Higginbotham at the level of \$25,000.

To my knowledge, our sister was one of the first African American women to have been board certified in Nuclear Medicine and Radiology. Recognizing the challenges that women physicians face in launching careers in a male dominated discipline, we believe this investment is a worthy contribution to ongoing collective efforts to assist young women in establishing their careers. I was recently reminded about these challenges when I recently met a resident in radiology, the only woman out of 20 residents in her program. She noted the challenges in completing a research project without support, however despite these difficulties she was able to present her project at her national meeting. Thus, I believe the luncheon will be an important vehicle to assist members-in-training with their networking and mitigating feelings of frustration as a result of feeling unsupported by their home institution.

The following is a summary of my sister's career. Dr. Edith Arleane Higginbotham, daughter of Luther and Ruby Higginbotham was a beautiful and vibrant accomplished physician, talented pianist, and loving companion, daughter, sister, and aunt. She was born and raised in New Orleans, LA where she graduated from McDonogh 35 High School. She subsequently received her undergraduate, graduate in chemistry, and medical degrees from Howard University in Washington D.C. and postgraduate training at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center in New York City, becoming one of the first African-American female radiologists board-certified in nuclear medicine in the United States. She served on the faculty of Howard University and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In addition to these faculty positions, Dr. Higginbotham served patients across the country including New York, New Jersey, Washington DC,

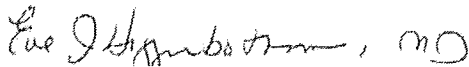
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Minnesota, South Dakota, and California. She was a member of the American College of Radiology, Radiological Society of North America, and the Society of Nuclear Medicine and received many honors and recognitions, including Who's Who In America, Honorary Louisiana Deputy Attorney General, and Outstanding Working Woman in Glamour Magazine. After a successful decades-long career, she retired in Henderson, NV and passed away in January 2016. She is fondly remembered because of her dedication to her profession and her generous spirit.

I have enclosed a photograph that can be used for any marketing purposes that the Foundation may wish to undertake in the future.

Please let me know if you have additional questions. We look forward to hearing more about this annual event that will be held in her honor and the success of those individuals this endowment impacts.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Dr. Frank Williams
Ms. Cecelia Higginbotham