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SARA'S WISH FOUNDATION AND THE UMASS TRANSPORTATION CENTER COORDINATE A PILOT CAMPAIGN WITH PETER PAN TO INCREASE SEAT BELT USAGE ON MOTOR COACHES



After our Safety Summit last year in DC, we formed a Safety Task Force to continue our national campaign to increase seat belt usage on buses.

Peter Pan will conduct the pilot study in coordination with SWF and the UMass Transportation Center.

**BE SAFE:
Sit, Click, and Ride**

Work Continues on the Seat Belt Retrofit at American Seating in Grand Rapids, Michigan

The seat belt retrofit will make seat belts available on motor coaches that do not have seat belts. American Seating is making this goal a reality and seat belts on buses will save lives and prevent injuries. SWF and the UMass Engineering Department have played a major role in making this happen.



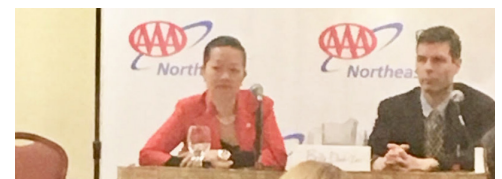
Charlie Schewe and Anne Schewe with Dave McLaughlin, Vice President at American Seating, and his wife, Jan

THE FORUM ON EDUCATION ABROAD

SWF has increased its financial support of the Forum's professional Certification in Education Abroad and has

made it possible for many college and university study abroad administrators to advance their safety knowledge and skill in applying the Standards of Good Practice. The goal of Professional Certification is to help ensure a safe and meaningful education abroad experience for all students.

SWF Attends the AAA Event in Dedham, MA to Alert Mem- bers of Our Seat Belt Initiative to Increase Seat Belt Usage on Motor Coaches



Bella Dinh-Zarr, Board Member of NTSB, was the Keynote Speaker.



Anne Schewe, Dr. Gregory Parkinson MD, Mary Maguire AAA, and Bella Dinh-Zarr Board Member NTSB

Here's What Our Recipients Are Doing....

2017 Global Humanitarian Awardee Deanna Saylor Reports Exciting Progress Training Neurologists and Working with Patients in Zambia

Sara's Wish Foundation recently received the following report from Deanna Saylor:

Since spending 1.5 years in Kenya during medical school, I have had a heart to return to sub-Saharan Africa to work. This region of the world has a large burden of neurological disease (e.g. stroke, epilepsy, dementia, Parkinson's disease, brain infections, etc.) but very few neurologists to care for people with these disorders. For example, Zambia is a country of 16 million people and there are zero Zambian neurologists. My hope was to one day return to Sub-Saharan Africa to help develop a training program (like a residency program in the States) that would train local Africa neurologists to take care of people with the neurological disorders that occur in their country (which are somewhat different than those in the US) with the resources available to them in their home country.

While the challenges here are numerous, there are also many, many opportunities to positively effect change. For one, while there are certainly patients that we can't help—either because they are too sick when they



arrive or because we don't have access to the medications or interventions needed to treat their illness — there are many, many patients we ARE able to help and treat effectively with the limited resources we have available. Before I arrived in Zambia, there had never been a neurologist regularly seeing hospital-

ized patients with neurological disorders. Since we started the inpatient neurology service in March, we are accurately diagnosing and better managing the conditions for many patients.

We are literally saving and improving lives.

[Deanna Saylor is a 2017 recipient of the Sara's Wish Foundation Global Citizens Award. Deanna received \$8,500 from SWF in support of her work developing a neurology residency curriculum and then teaching the first round of neurology trainees in Zambia over two years.]

2018 Global Citizens Award Recipient Maria Hetman Begins Her Program in Sustainable Agriculture Thanks to Sara's Wish Foundation

With help from Sara's Wish Foundation, I started a Master's degree program in Organic Agriculture and Food Systems at the University of Hohenheim in Stuttgart, Germany in mid-October. One course this semester involves designing a year-long research project with the help of an experienced advisor. I intend to design a project which will tie into my interest in sustainable agriculture, particularly in the Western Balkans. I plan to look at one or two cash crops which are cultivated in the Mediterranean parts of the Western Balkans, and review existing examples of successful sustainable production of them, including but not limited to their inclusion in agroecological systems. The aim is to eventually develop a larger research project in year 2, where more intensive field work will take place. The field work will ideally involve solving a real problem in cooperation with farmers and/or other stakeholders. Given the region's environmental, political, and economic challenges, sustainable development is a top priority. Sustainable livelihoods in agriculture need to be connected to environmental sustainability. While there are a number of good examples of people already doing this successfully, it is still far too small a percentage of the type of agriculture being practiced. With the additional challenges of climate change and a growing world population, sharing and implementing innovative practices in sustainable agriculture, particularly in dry areas like the Mediterranean, will become even more urgent.



In order to continue to gain hands-on experience in this field this year, I plan to do an internship on a sustainable farm or with a consulting company doing work in sustainable agriculture. It will probably be one based in Germany, so I can do it while I study. Such an experience will give me more perspective next year when I embark on field work, and eventually lend itself to the development of expertise in an area I want to continue working in when the Master's degree is complete.

Without support from SWF, I would not have been able to pursue this goal at all, and I am so grateful for this opportunity.

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