

National Pediatric Myoclonus Center New Grant Support

2011 **The Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation (Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International)**, awarded a grant to study “Immunologic Studies of Opsoclonus-Myoclonus Syndrome.” Dr. Pranzatelli is the principal investigator. The total grant budget this year is \$20,000. This marks the seventh year of annual project support, bringing the total funds to \$140,000. We thank William Piper (Foundation Chairman), David Chestnut (Assistant Chair), and Dr. Rodger Elble (Medical Director), and all the Kiwanians who raised the funds.



2010 **The SIU Simmons Cancer Institute** awarded a grant to study “Antigen Identification from Clonally Expanded Plasmablasts and Plasma Cells in Neuroblastoma-associated Pediatric Opsoclonus-myoclonus Syndrome.” Dr. Pranzatelli is the principal investigator. The total grant budget is \$20,000. We thank all the members of the SCI Executive Committee, as well as the donors from the Denim & Diamonds Gala.



2010 **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois** awarded a grant to study “How Immune Defenses Against Neuroblastoma Lead to Brain Injury in Pediatric OMS.” Dr. Pranzatelli is the principal investigator. The total grant budget is \$10,000. This is the second grant received from RMH Charities. We thank Ronald McDonald operator Karen Jeffers, Kelly Thompson (Executive Director), all the staff who help our OMS kids, and all those who donated funds at the McDonald’s restaurant chain.

