Foundations’s director leaves a legacy of vision and accomplishment

John M. Vines, who served as Executive Director of The Campbell Foundation for the past 18 years, retired December 31, 2009.

“John’s vision helped The Campbell Foundation grow in promising directions, and we achieved significant goals under his leadership,” said Jack Blair, chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. “John will be hard to replace.”

In recognition of his contributions, the Foundation board has established the John M. Vines Education Fund. This fund will provide an annual gift to support the Campbell Clinic residency program, one of the Foundation’s key programs.

A Certified Public Accountant with experience and expertise in the healthcare field, Vines became CEO of Campbell Clinic and the Foundation in 1992. At that time, both Campbell Clinic and the Foundation were located at 869 Madison.

“When I arrived, the Foundation was primarily focused on resident education, publishing, and assisting Campbell physicians with presentations for many national and international symposiums. The staff was highly-qualified and dedicated.

CHIEF RESIDENTS ARE THANKFUL FOR “EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY”

Three busy young orthopaedic surgeons who currently share the title of “Chief Resident” in Campbell Clinic’s residency program were gathered in one spot in late January, part of the team interviewing applicants for next year’s Campbell Clinic residency class.

“I was sitting on the opposite side of the table five years ago, and I remember how fortunate I felt just to be able to interview with Campbell Clinic,” said Mark Gibbs, a Texas native who will specialize in sports medicine. “This residency program has been an exceptional opportunity, and the training I’ve received here will influence me for the rest of my life.”

One or more Chief Residents are elected each year by their peers. While their primary responsibility is to serve as a voice for all residents, the Chief Residents are also members of the program’s Education Committee. A key function of that committee is to interview and help select a new class of residents each year.

Matthew Nevitt, another Texan from Dallas, praised the “great balance of trauma, community medicine, and private clinic training” that Campbell Clinic residents receive.

“Equally important,” he said, “is the one-to-one mentorship of Campbell Clinic surgeons.” Matthew cited Dr. Mark Jobe and Dr. Jim Calandruccio as influences in his decision to specialize in hand surgery. “The relationships you establish here far outlast the residency,” he said.

Thomas Giel, a Tennessean who attended medical school at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, also paid tribute to the Campbell Clinic staff who teach and mentor residents in the program.

“I’ve always felt that every attending here has a personal stake in my education,” Thomas said. “Because of their investment, I feel as if I’ll be able to uphold the high standard that comes with being part of the Campbell Clinic residency program.”

Supported by The Campbell Foundation, the residency program encompasses five years of study and training focusing on the development of surgical skills, research, and patient care. The program ranks in the top eight percent of orthopaedic residency programs in the nation. A total of 40 full-time residents participate in the program, with eight residents enrolled in each year’s class.

Your contribution to the John M. Vines Education Fund will help The Campbell Foundation continue to prepare surgeons of the highest caliber to serve patients today and in the years to come.