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### AIMC Berkeley Awarded for Contributions at UCSF Benioff Hospital

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The Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine College, (AIMC) Berkeley, a non-profit college with a 25 year history of training the next generation of acupuncturists, has received a grant from the Million Dollar Round Table Foundation (MDRT Foundation) for \$10,000 together with a personal donation from Mr. Bill Upson, a representative of the MDRT Foundation and a board member of the College.

The awards were granted for the college's clinical contributions at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. Each trimester, a team of four AIMC Berkeley students and a clinical supervisor provide weekly acupuncture to the hospital's employees including surgeons, medical doctors, nurses and administrative staff. This may be one of the nation's first models of an acupuncture school working within the walls of a hospital to provide Western medicine practitioners with Eastern style treatments.

"I'm so proud that the efforts of our students and faculty have been recognized by this international foundation" said Yasuo Tanaka, President of AIMC Berkeley.

Since September 4, 2015, when UCSF and AIMC Berkeley started working together, a total of seven AIMC Berkeley's student interns have treated more than 500 hospital employees and provided more than 1,000 acupuncture treatments at the hospital's San Francisco Mission Bay location. These community-style acupuncture treatments have a value of more than \$30,000. (Based on \$30 per hour, a rate established by standards established by the People's Organization for Community Acupuncture).

During the award ceremony held at AIMC Berkeley on March 18, 2016, the checks were presented by Mr. Upson to the President of the College, Yasuo Tanaka. At the ceremony, Mr. Upson expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the acupuncture which he received during his treatments of chemo therapy. "I personally believe that acupuncture saved my life," said Mr. Upson. "This personal donation is a token of my sincere gratitude to this medicine."

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