



Celebrating 25 Years: Leonard P. Rome CATCH Visiting Professorship

First awarded in 1999, the Leonard P. Rome CATCH Visiting Professorship, is named after Dr. Leonard P. Rome, a pediatrician and tireless child health advocate. This endowment has enabled up to 5 visiting professorships each year to promote community level advocacy through various channels as a fundamental component of children's health care.



What the Recipients Say:

“Building a new curriculum requires thought, research, and input from experts. The Rome VP Grant was the first step in bringing the expertise to my program.” - Amy Shriver, MD, FAAP

“We are eagerly looking forward to implementing the strategies [learned] to enrich our residency training program, foster advocacy among our learners, and cultivate meaningful collaborations with community partners.” - Prajakta Yeragi, MD, FAAP

What the VP's Say:

“The ‘VP’ offers time to reflect on your own accomplishments and share those with colleagues and trainees. They help build and sustain lifelong friendships and mentors to build a better world for kids.” - Katie Plax, MD, FAAP

“I was thrilled to have the opportunity to join Dr. Hoffman as a Rome VP in 2023 when we were invited to work with a team of talented pediatric advocates in Florida who were initiating their statewide collaborative. It not only helped me build confidence and leadership skills, but I learned so much working alongside Dr. Hoffman “ - Nancy Kelly, MD, FAAP

“The Rome VP builds strong and impactful connections... by investing in people and relationships. The result is transformed programs that have ongoing impact.” - Lisa Chamberlain, MD, FAAP