Our Mission:  
to support our physicians and promote health in our communities  
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We continue working on our goals of increasing memberships by finding ways to reach the new millennials through social media, supporting the medical profession particularly through legislative advocacy and supporting community health.

Alliance members across the state have been busy during November and December raising funds for their scholarships funds and community organizations via luncheons, holiday cards, ads, events, and raffles.

Schenectady Alliance held a fashion show luncheon with raffles on December 2nd that raised $10,000 to support "Things of My Very Own," an organization that assists with clothing and other items for foster children; SAFE Inc. of Schenectady which is a shelter for homeless, runaway and "throwaway" teens and children, and those who have been sexually exploited; and S.T.E.P.- Saratoga Therapeutic Equestrian Program.

Onondaga Alliance supported the Interfaith Works Center for New Americans with a contribution of approximately $2,000 in cash and another $2,000 in in-kind gifts for the refugees. This center welcomes refugees to the Syracuse area from many of the most troubled places on earth, helping them to establish new lives by assisting them in finding housing, learning English, and securing employment. The center typically resettles 500-600 new refugees each year and assists an additional 1200 families who have been in the United States for less than 5 years. Additionally, their holiday ad and basket raffle netted $4,000 for their scholarship fund.

Broome County supported the "RISE Shelter," "A Room to Heal," and "Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network." Their annual holiday greeting card project benefited their scholarship fund.

Richmond County collected toys for The Salvation Army and also distributed their holiday greeting card to benefit their scholarship fund.

In the Hudson area, a motivated new member is working with the medical society to establish a Facebook group with the goal of eventually establishing an Alliance. AMSSNY is assisting her in this effort as well as working on updating Facebook to reach out to potential members.

All Alliance members are being encouraged to participate in Advocacy Day in Albany on March 8, 2016. We would request that you invite your spouses or domestic partners to come to Albany with you. We will meet and greet them and invite them to become Alliance members. We also continue to monitor proposed legislation and support MSSNY's position with letters, e-mails and phone calls.

Respectfully submitted,
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