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## Moving Forward in 2020



Pat Nagaishi, PhD, MA,  
OTR/L,  
CFOT President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to 2020. This year CFOT is looking forward to an exciting and productive year as we develop and finalize our strategic plan with forward-thinking objectives for enhancing board effectiveness, volunteer and leadership development, collaboration and outreach, marketing and communications, administrative resources, and fiscal effectiveness. This will enable us to do broaden our scope in carrying out our mission to advance the science and practice of occupational therapy through our commitment to and support of occupational therapy research and education and ensure that the clients we serve receive the best occupational therapy has to offer as advances in healthcare, science, technology, and service delivery move forward into the future. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months. In this issue we highlight CFOT activities at the 2019 OTAC Conference, award and scholarship / research recipients, as well as introducing new features and exciting news, and more!

## NEW SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH AWARD FOR THE CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The California Foundation of Occupational Therapy (CFOT) is pleased to present a new, endowed annual scholarship and research award for occupational therapy students and practitioners. This has been made possible by the generous contribution of \$150,000 from Nancy Scott, in honor of her daughter, Lisa Test, OTD, OTR/L.

The Lisa Test Scholarship of \$1500.00 will be awarded annually to an occupational therapy student. The Lisa Test Research Award of \$1500.00, will be awarded annually to an occupational therapy practitioner or student, with a designation for women's mental health, pediatrics, or occupation-centered practice.

Occupational therapy students enrolled in the Entry-level degree and Post-professional graduate degree programs are eligible for a scholarship. The deadline for application submission is March 31 each year.

Research grants are available to practicing occupational therapists (licensed in California) including academicians and post-entry level students engaged in independent advanced practice, doctoral level, or post-doctoral level research. Research funds may only be awarded to an individual(s), not an organization. The deadline for research grant proposals is June 15 each year.

Scholarships and research grants are awarded once each year at the CFOT Awards Luncheon and Symposium during the annual OTAC Conference.

The CFOT is most thankful to Nancy Scott for this contribution as the new Lisa Test Scholarship and Lisa Test Research Award are important additions to our current range of scholarship and research grants available. This will also increase the opportunities for occupational therapy students and practitioners to enhance not only their life-long education and training, but also inspire them to engage in innovative research and program development that contribute to the science, practice, and profession of occupational therapy.

More specific information regarding the criteria, guidelines, and application process for scholarships and research grants is available on the CFOT website, [www.cfot.org](http://www.cfot.org) (click on the Scholarship tab or Research tab); or contact:

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**CFOT Scholarships are available for 2020**

**Application Submission Deadline:**  
*Postmarked by March 31, 2020*

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We welcome OT practitioners along with candidates for an advanced degree in OT to submit for a **Research Grant** throughout the coming year, deadline June 15, 2020.

**Project Seed Money** is available throughout the year (up to \$250 per award).

**CFOT SPOTLIGHT**

We are also introducing a new feature, the CFOT Spotlight, which will be presented periodically in our newsletters, on social media, and possibly as a blog. Each article will “spotlight” an occupational therapy student or a practitioner in various stages of their professional development and roles, as well as notable individuals or groups who have made contributions that reflect the values of occupational therapy. Our first CFOT Spotlight features Emma Rogers, the recipient of the Knox-Hirsch Scholarship.



**EMMA ROGERS**  
Stanbridge University

*California Foundation for  
Occupational Therapy  
Scholarship Recipient*

Bryan Kang, OTD, OTR/L

**How did you find out about CFOT scholarship? Why did you decide to apply?**

I found out about the CFOT scholarship from my school. I like to apply for scholarships because I am trying to save up for when I am going to be on level II fieldworks because I will not be able to work for that portion of my program.

**Where are you attending occupational therapy school?**

I am currently attending Stanbridge University’s Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program. I am finishing up my fourth term out of seven which ends in November 2020 and I will be heading to my first Level II fieldwork in January of 2020. *CFOT Spotlight > page 7*

## 2019 CFOT AWARDS

At the CFOT Awards Luncheon and Symposium, we honored individuals who have made a difference and had a significant impact on the lives of others and / or the profession of occupational therapy, as well as in leadership and contribution to CFOT. We highlight their accomplishments here for those of you who were not able to attend. (*More detailed information about each recipient was featured in the August 2019 CFOT newsletter posted on our website.*)

### 2019 CFOT Honored Lecturer

**Shawn Phipps,**

**PhD, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA**

**"Occupational Therapy and Neuroplasticity Following Traumatic Brain Injury: The CAPE Recovery Model"**



The CFOT Honored Lecturer award recognizes California occupational therapy practitioners who have demonstrated leadership and promoted ideas and visions in occupational therapy for the profession with a presentation that gives them an opportunity to share their insights and knowledge with the OT community at the CFOT Awards Luncheon and Symposium.

Dr. Phipps has had multiple roles over the span of his long career. He is currently the Chief Quality Officer and Associate Hospital Administrator at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, in Downey, CA. He is also the Past Vice President and Board Director of the American Occupational Therapy Association and currently serves as the California Representative #1 to the AOTA Representative Assembly. He has also served two consecutive elected terms as the President of the Occupational Therapy Association of California (and much more on his résumé).

For his presentation, Dr Phipps shared the inspirational story of the challenges and triumphs of a client recovering from a serious motor vehicle accident and illustrated the power of occupational therapy and neuroplasticity using the CAPE Recovery Model, which requires Challenge, Action, Practice, and Evaluation

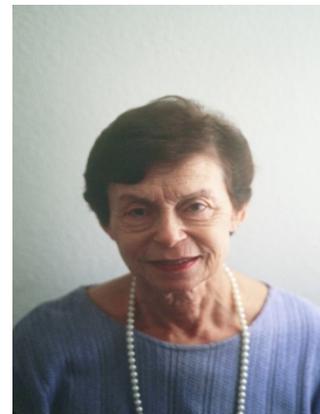
His client not only survived his traumatic brain injury, but also returned to directing his business while speaking in multiple languages. Dr. Phipps reminded us of the unbelievable power of the brain to overcome tremendous odds. He introduced to the 100 attendees his client, who greeted all of us with warmth, energy, and praise for our profession that assisted him in resuming his very complex and active lifestyle.

Each year, the Symposium speaker shares special and often very unusual ways that occupational therapy impacts the world. Do plan on attending next year's Awards Luncheon. The food is great, the company is outstanding, recognizing our awards recipients is energizing, and pride in OT goes through the roof. See you in 2020 !!

### 2019 CFOT Meritorious Award Julie Shaperman, MSPH, OTR/L, FAOTA

The CFOT Meritorious Service award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional service over five or more years as a current or past member of the CFOT Board and has made a major impact on advancing CFOT's mission and the profession in the present and into the future.

After nearly 40 years of sustained commitment to the California Foundation of Occupational Therapy, Julie recently resigned from her position as Vice President in November 2018. As the first treasurer of Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC), Julie knew there would be many fiscal challenges in a new organization. *Meritorious Service Award > page 3*



*Meritorious Service Award > from page 2*

She recognized that the newly formed OTAC did not have the resources to support any education or research activities for California occupational therapy practitioners and students, which she felt was necessary.

Given the success of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, she initiated the formation of a California foundation. She did all the legwork and paperwork, and thanks to her efforts, the CFOT was formed in 1981. She recruited Evelyn Jaffe to serve as its first president and she continued on the board as Secretary/Treasurer and then as Treasurer until 1989. She became Vice President in 1980, and a recent initiative she launched was the building of a new endowment fund, the Legacy Circle, to secure the future for giving scholarships and research grants. We will miss her as an officer of the foundation board, but the CFOT is delighted that she will remain as a member-at-large.

Julie's initial vision and action to establish CFOT, and her dedication, commitment, and sustained service has been a tremendous contribution to CFOT and the profession of occupational therapy. She has been the "rock," the "pillar," and always will be, a profound leader for the CFOT.



### **2019 CFOT Humanitarian Award Elyse Gordon**

The CFOT Humanitarian Award honors individuals or groups, who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the philosophical principles of occupational therapy, and engaged in significant humanitarian activities, including:

- Helping to enhance and maximize the potential of the recipients of occupational therapy services
- Encouraging and fostering individual responsibility and human dignity
- Improving health status and enhancing quality of life
- Providing a model for community service
- Creating a healthy society.

Originally from Wisconsin, Elyse Gordon moved to Long Beach after graduating college in 1969 to take a teaching position with the Long Beach Unified School District. She taught both general and special education and retired from teaching in 2007. She hated saying goodbye to her class at the end of the day, so she became a foster parent and even adopted one of the babies she fostered, Jennie, who turned 30 in January.

As a foster parent since March of 1983, Ms. Gordon has taken care of 140 children, most of whom had special needs, including newborns prenatally exposed to drugs. Her goal has been to provide an enriched environment for all her foster children. On average, they stayed with her for approximately 18 months.

Almost all her foster children have required occupational and/or physical therapy and she has worked with many therapists throughout the last 36 years of fostering and has learned many techniques to help the babies, including infant massage, as well as incorporating her knowledge as a special education teacher.

She also has met with groups of potential foster families to answer questions, sharing her experiences, and giving them tips on what to expect. She has also led several support groups with other foster parents who were having difficulty. In 2011 she was honored with the Long Beach Hero of the Year award.

Ms. Gordon's dedication to fostering these children gave them the early foundation for individual responsibility and human dignity, enhancing quality of life, and providing a model of community service, all of which reflect the values and core foundations of occupational therapy and the principles of this award.

## Call for Nominations for the 2020 CFOT Humanitarian Award

The California Foundation for Occupational Therapy (CFOT) is requesting nominations for the 2020 CFOT Humanitarian Award. The purpose of this award is to honor individuals or groups who, through their humanitarian activities, have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the philosophical principles of occupational therapy and to the mission and goals of the CFOT. Criteria for selection may include:

- Helping to enhance and maximize the potential of the recipients of occupational therapy services
- Encouraging and fostering individual responsibility and human dignity
- Improving health status and enhancing quality of life
- Providing a model of community service
- Dedication to the vision of creating a healthy society

Specific activities may be in the area of occupational therapy services, research, education, public awareness of the philosophical principles of occupational therapy or community service.

The deadline for submission is May 1, 2020. For further information regarding nomination procedures, contact Diana Su-Erickson, OTR/L, at [awards@cfot.org](mailto:awards@cfot.org).

### Tribute to Susan Harris, OTR/L 1941-2020



*Photo from therapy specialists.net*

CFOT mourns the loss of Susan Harris, OTR/L, who passed away on January 20<sup>th</sup> after a 6-month battle with cancer.

Sue earned her BS degree in occupational therapy at San Jose State University.

Sue founded Therapy Specialists in 1976, starting with her mobile office, a “Volkswagen van with therapeutic supplies,

documents and resources for billing, and hit the road.” (<https://therapyspecialists.net>).

She was a true pioneer and entrepreneur and built a company with clinics in several locations (San Diego, Chula Vista, Lemon Grove) providing occupational therapy services to “improve and enhance the quality of life of Therapy Specialists’ patients, business partners, and associates.” It is one of the largest therapist-owned and -operated rehabilitation companies in the state.

Sue readily shared her knowledge and expertise on occupational therapy and entrepreneurship with students, practitioners, administrators, leaders, and others; and served on various boards. She also was an advocate for and promoted occupational

therapy and hosted receptions and gatherings in her home. She was an active member of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC), and is the recipient of many awards, including the Distinguished Alumna Award from SJSU, and the OTAC Lifetime Achievement Award and the OTAC Entrepreneurship Award. She was a faithful supporter of CFOT and a contributor to the \$500 Challenge. Sue made a significant impact on the lives of others and the profession of occupational therapy and will truly be missed.

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### Conference Fundraising Update

Fundraising activities at the 2019 OTAC conference in Pasadena were a great success! Between the raffle, silent auction, and matching challenge, we made over \$5,000 that will be given away toward CFOT scholarships and research grants. Thanks to everyone who donated items for the raffle and silent auction, and to those who participated in these events!

CFOT works all year to secure items for conference fundraising. If you would like to donate something to the 2020 OTAC conference fundraising effort, please contact Danielle Meglio at [DanielleMeglio@yahoo.com](mailto:DanielleMeglio@yahoo.com) or Christine Wietlisbach at [ChristineWiet@gmail.com](mailto:ChristineWiet@gmail.com).

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## CFOT at the 2019 OTAC Annual Conference



Danielle Meglio & Katie Gundersen



Shawn Phipps & Pat Nagaishi



Diana Su-Erickson, Elyse Gordon & Pat Nagaishi



CFOT Booth Activities in the Exhibit Hall  
The Challenge, Raffle, Silent Auction



Michele Berro, Bonita Kraft, Linda Florey  
\$500 Challenge

### *Conference Fundraising Update* >from page 5

Items such as jewelry, gift cards, and gift baskets are especially appreciated, as these are very popular in the raffle and silent auction. This year, a very generous OT even donated a 2-night stay at her mountain cabin in Fawnskin, California! If you would like to discuss a donation to help raise money for scholarships and research, please contact us. Every donation – large and small – is appreciated.

### SUPPORTING CFOT

CFOT activities at our booth in the Exhibit Hall at the OTAC Conference give us an opportunity to inform attendees about CFOT as well as how their support raises funds for the scholarships and research grants we award to occupational therapy students and practitioners.

In addition, we met “The Challenge!” Thanks to some very special donors, we had the opportunity to turn the \$1165.00 donated by attendees at this year’s OTAC conference into \$3665.00! This past year, 5 OTAC members pledged to match total donations of at least \$500 from conference attendees with an additional \$500 each.

This special challenge allows CFOT to leverage donations made by attendees, a bonus for both them and CFOT. If you would like more information about the Challenge or want to be included as one of these special donors, contact Bonita Kraft, OT/L ([ohmybonita@aol.com](mailto:ohmybonita@aol.com)).

## 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Front row: Melissa Luong, Jhennylyn Rivera, Maureen Johnson, Hannah Na, Teresa Cao  
Back row: Serina Murphy, Elysia Aguero, Amy Lee

### **Janice Matsutsuyu Scholarships**

Maureen Johnson - Walden University  
Hannah Na - University of Southern California

### **Jaffe Graduate Scholarship**

Elysia Aguero - Cal State University Dominguez Hills

### **Knox-Hirsch Scholarship**

Emma Rogers - Stanbridge University

### **Ardith Breton Scholarship**

Yushi Wang - University of Southern California

### **Bonita Kraft Scholarship**

Sara Delucchi - Dominican University of California

### **Fred Sammons Scholarships**

Kristin McConnell - University of Southern California  
Serina Murphy - San Jose State University

### **North Coast Medical Scholarship**

Laura Figuero - Texas Women's University

### **Wilma West Scholarship**

Bhagyashri Severson - Dominican University of California

### **Dr. Martin Shaperman Scholarship**

Emily Raugh - Loma Linda University

### **Michele Berro Scholarship in memory of Mary Ann Epstein**

Serena Hobson - University of Southern California

### **Every Child Achieves, Inc. Scholarship**

Teresa Cao - Cal State University Dominguez Hills

### **Frank J. Biehl Opportunity Scholarship**

Melissa Luong - Loma Linda University

### **Chuck Strauch Scholarship**

Amy Lee - Cal State University Dominguez Hills

### **Edwina Marshall Scholarship**

Jhennylyn Rivera - Loma Linda University

*CFOT Spotlight Emma Rogers >from page 2*

### **How will this CFOT scholarship help the pursuit of your professional goals?**

This scholarship from CFOT helps take off some of the financial burden of the full-time fieldwork experience. I have worked during every educational term so far and it has been stressful to keep up with all of my engagements. I have been working very hard to save up so when I enter the full-time fieldworks I will be able to focus my attention fully on getting the most I can out of that experience. I don't want to have to work on the weekends or nights after fieldwork to take care of my expenses because I know I won't be able to give my 100% best effort to the patients I will be working with during the week. I am grateful for CFOT to choose me and give me the opportunity to stress less about financial issues and focus on the work in front of me.

### **Where do you see yourself in 5 years?**

I'm not sure what setting I will be in five years from now. I feel like I am already making a difference in the world of occupational therapy and I cannot wait to continue that when I graduate. I am conducting research for my thesis on how adaptive surfing for children with disabilities affects their quality of life and I hope to continue working in similar areas after I complete my Master/s degree.

Congratulations to Emma Rogers and all the other 2019 scholarship, traineeship, research, and seed money recipients!

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT TRAINEESHIPS



Briana Thomas, Sayoko Huff, Donald Millares, Aubrey Enriquez

**Janice Matsutsuyu Traineeship**  
Briana Thomas - Grossmont College

**Los Angeles Consultants Group Traineeships**  
Irina Rudometkina - Sacramento City College  
Marisa Lattin-LeBlanc - American Career College  
Donald Millares - CBD College

**CFOT Traineeships**  
Sayoko Huff - Santa Ana College  
Aubrey Enriquez - Stanbridge University

### REMINDER!

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## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RESEARCH AWARDS

**Dr. Robert B. Jaffe, Women's Health Research Grant & General Grant Fund**

Aviril Sepulveda, OTD, OTR/L  
Children's Hospital of Los Angeles

"After the NICU: Using pictures to share mothers' experiences, perspectives, and needs"

**Luis Arabit Research Grant in memory of Consuelo & Marialuz Arabit**

Yuko Mori, OTR/L  
Loma Linda University

"Exploring the effect of occupational therapy and horticulture for cancer survivors with chronic pain"

**Bonita Kraft Research Fund & General Grant Fund**

Janice Kishi Chow, OTD, OTR/L  
Texas Women's University

"Utilization of occupational therapy in end of life care"



Aviril Sepulveda, Yuko Mori, Janice Kishi Chow

## SEED MONEY AWARDS

**Amy Tan, Crystal Lee, Samantha Schauer, & Yarelli Vargas**

"Are all instrumental activities of daily living equal?  
A correlational study on the performances of adults with  
acquired brain injury"  
Dominican University of California

**Elena Vacaro, Camille Schilling, & Hwa Chae**

"Focused occupational therapy interventions for clients with  
heart failure in skilled nursing facilities"  
Dominican University of California

**Suzanne Walter, Mimi Stroud, Courtney Stonesifer, & YK Liao**

"San Jose State University occupational therapy program  
Toyota autonomous vehicle project"  
San Jose State University

**Cecelia Ly-Peh, Jan Martha Conducto, & Natalie Barrales**

"Translating evidence based mental health interventions in a  
skilled nursing facility environment"  
Dominican University of California

**Jessica Perez, Kimiko McNiell, Monica Ondrizek,  
Aimee Penalosa, & Jennifer Ohara**

"Capturing the history of the occupational therapy program at  
San Jose State University: A narrative analysis of the  
perspectives and experiences of chairs"  
San Jose State University

**Emily Tunnat, Claire Mueller, Lauren Nguyen, &  
Sierra Minton**

"Older adults' knowledge and attitudes about fall prevention"  
San Jose State University

**Kristen Gallegos, Millie Book, Nina Caudill, Vanessa  
Weaver, & Jed Dacquigan**

"Social networks and friendships in people with autism  
spectrum disorder"  
San Jose State University

**Christina Harvey, Lauren DeBoer, Heather Eads, Lani  
Hanson, & Karen Hefter**

"The relationship between emotional well-being, sensory  
processing, and sleep in older adults"  
San Jose State University

**Emily Winter, Carina Mena, Alison Roozeboom, Lisa Vu,  
& Erica Yee**

"The experience of homeless mothers participating in  
occupational therapy leisure craft groups"  
San Jose State University

**Diana Villasenor Rodriquez, Michelle Agbayani, Kayla  
Armstrong, Gaby Belmonte, Kaysha Dorsey, & Serina  
Murphy**

"Simulation laboratory experience compared to didactic  
teaching effects on interdisciplinary social problem-solving in  
graduate occupational therapy students"  
San Jose State University

**Grace Bishop, Lisbeth Geersten, Trina Godwin, Madeline  
Horn, & Cathy Li**

"Parents' perceptions of risky play"  
San Jose State University

**Sara Laughter, Christine Kim, Vanessa Mitchell, & Nhu  
Nguyen**

"The link between sensory modulation, anxiety, and  
interoception in typical adults"  
Dominican University of California

### REMINDER!

Grant requests must be submitted by June 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

#### **No seed or grant money request is too small!**

Please visit the CFOT website and click on Research  
Grants for details / guidelines, including how to apply for  
either a grant or seed money.

The Research Advisory Committee is available to answer  
your questions and give guidance on the process. More  
detailed information on how to contact us is on the CFOT  
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We look forward to hearing from you and providing  
**grants and seed money** for qualifying OT research and  
program development projects!

## ENSURING THE FUTURE OF CFOT AND THE PROFESSION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The Legacy Circle is an endowment fund that was established in 2016 to ensure that CFOT can continue to provide scholarships and support OT researchers in California and enhance its growth to advance and promote the profession of occupational therapy into the future.

If you would like to join the CFOT Legacy Circle, make a contribution of \$2,500 — in installments over five years or as a lump sum, and you will be recognized as Members of the CFOT Legacy Circle and continue to receive special commendation by CFOT.

The contributions in the endowment fund are invested so they grow in value each year. The earnings from these investments may be used each year to support California OT practitioners and students with scholarships and/or research funds, or it may be reinvested for added growth.

We invite you to contribute and join the esteemed members of the Legacy Circle:

**Michele Berro  
Linda Florey  
Evelyn Jaffe  
Susan Knox  
Bonita Kraft  
Bonnie Nakasuji**

**Judi Palladino  
Heidi Pendleton  
Shawn Phipps  
Winifred Schultz-Krohn  
Julie Shaperman**

Please send your full or partial contribution, specified for the Legacy Circle, to:

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Fullerton, CA 92835**

By joining the CFOT Legacy Circle you will be among a distinguished group making a difference for a lifetime.

### 2019 \$500 Challenge Donors

**Michele, Berro  
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Linda Florey  
Sue Harris  
Bonita Kraft  
Samia Rafeedie**

## SPECIAL THANKS

As always, since CFOT was founded, we want to give special thanks to OTAC for its long-standing support to CFOT philosophically and financially. OTAC provides the CFOT with 1% of its membership dues to collaborate with CFOT and provide support for activities or programs consistent with the educational and research/scholarship goals of both organizations. In addition, OTAC also provides support to CFOT conference events and activities, and we also look forward to expanding our collaborative endeavors in the future.

CFOT also gives thanks to Conference Co-Chairs Katie Gundersen, MS, OTR/L and Bonita Kraft, OTR/L for coordinating the CFOT luncheon, and many thanks also to Internal Development Co-Chairs Danielle Meglio, COTA/L and Christine Wietlisbach, OTR/L, OTD, CHT, for coordinating the CFOT booth, raffle, and silent auction.

In addition, we also thank our 2019 sponsors for the CFOT Awards Luncheon and Symposium:

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It's a shared purpose — innovative and collaborative approaches that **elevate occupational therapy for all.**

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### SILVER LEVEL Exhibit Hall Booth



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!



In addition to the CFOT activities and features that were highlighted in this newsletter, we are looking to grow our committee people power, resources, and collaborative opportunities to advance occupational therapy research and education, promote the value of occupational therapy to the public, as well as connect with community organizations and programs.

Join us in helping CFOT move forward in 2020! We invite you to get involved in CFOT activities and share your passion, knowledge, skills and expertise, and service to the profession in whatever capacity or level that works for you. There are volunteer opportunities in a variety of areas:

- General CFOT Activities
  - Assisting with establishing databases for CFOT award recipients and scholarship / research recipients, and other information
  - Gathering and organizing information on CFOT's history
  - Helping with updating, revising bylaws and policies and procedures
- Committee activities and events, such as:
  - Conference Committee - helping with CFOT activities at conference
  - Scholarships, Research Committees - reviewing applications for scholarships and research grants; advise on research priorities
- Fundraising activities and events
  - Share your expertise and ideas for fundraising
  - Help organize / coordinate, volunteer at an event
  - External Development Committee - help with outreach to potential donors outside of occupational therapy
- Publicity Committee - help promote/ market CFOT and occupational therapy
  - Help with articles and publishing the CFOT newsletters
  - Help with effective use of social media and other platforms
- Ad Hoc Nominations Committee
  - Help with establishing committee – need individuals who are not CFOT board or committee members
- Leadership
  - Consider becoming a board member, public member or member-at-large if you have expertise in:
    - Marketing, public relations
    - Development – fundraising
    - Non-profit business and finance
  - Help with leadership development for potential future officers and committee chairs

For more information if you, or someone you know, have the interest, knowledge and skills, or expertise in any of the above activities, and would like to be a part of CFOT's commitment to support occupational therapy education and research, and promote the profession, please contact Pat Nagaishi at [info@cfot.org](mailto:info@cfot.org).

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