



# Looking *Forward*

Annual Report 2006

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The National Abortion Federation's

# *mission*

is to ensure *safe, legal, and accessible* abortion care to promote health and justice for women.

## *Message from* NAF's Board Chair, Pat Smith, MD

NAF began 2006 with an updated mission and strategic plan, which better reflected the changing nature of the environment, our membership, and the women in our care. We took our previous mission to keep abortion safe, legal, and accessible a step further, and committed to ensure safe, legal, and accessible abortion care to promote health and justice for women.

We were pleased to launch our Canadian Policy and Outreach Program in January to provide more direct services to our Canadian members, and expand our ability to help increase women's access to abortion care in North America.

It has been a privilege to serve as NAF's Board Chair and I **look forward** to another successful year.



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## *Message from* NAF's President and CEO, Vicki Saporta

In 2006 NAF moved forward to ensure women's access to safe, quality abortion care. In doing so we expanded our programs, services, and resources for both providers and women.

Our work took NAF from San Francisco to Ottawa and from South Dakota to South Africa. We worked with members, legislators, the media, and our many partners to help protect reproductive health and rights.

As we **look forward**, NAF has never been in a better position to meet the many challenges ahead. I'd like to thank our committed Board of Directors, talented staff, dedicated members, and generous supporters for the many ways they contribute to NAF's success.



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# Taking *Action*



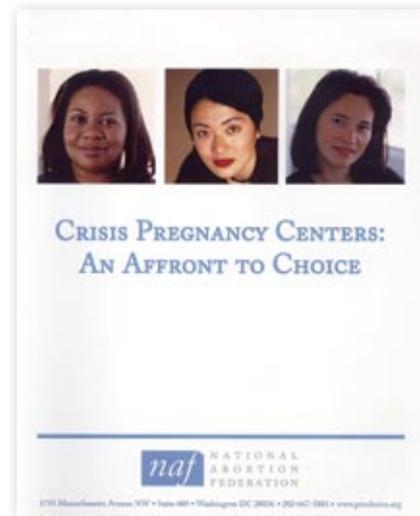
*NAF Member Kathy Rogers, Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), and Vicki Saporta at a press conference in support of the "Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women's Services Act."*

## Unmasking Deceptive Tactics Used by Crisis Pregnancy Centers

In June 2006, NAF released a comprehensive report detailing the many ways Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) have deceived and intimidated women. The report, *Crisis Pregnancy Centers: An Affront to Choice*, highlights numerous instances where CPCs have harassed and given false information to women, leaving them feeling betrayed and misled.

In March 2006, Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) introduced the “Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women’s Services Act,” which would stop Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) from advertising themselves as legitimate reproductive health care providers. Vicki Saporta spoke at a press conference announcing the bill and discussed the deceptive tactics CPCs have used that threaten women’s health.

Saporta and Allyson Kirk, a woman who became part of NAF’s patient partnership after she mistakenly visited a CPC in Virginia, were interviewed for a September front page article in *The Washington Post* and a November news segment that aired on Washington, DC, ABC affiliate WJLA.



*“It’s reprehensible that tax payer dollars are going to organizations that regularly and deliberately misinform and deceive women. CPCs take money that should go to legitimate, reputable organizations, which provide comprehensive reproductive health care to women.”*

*—Vicki Saporta, President and CEO*



# On the *Ground*



*Top left: Angie Young, Membership Coordinator, takes part in a rally in support of the "No on 6" campaign.*

*Above, from left: Lisa M. Brown, Esq., State Policy Director, worked with the Campaign for Healthy Families to repeal South Dakota's abortion ban; Jennifer Mraz, Esq., Federal Policy Director, and Angie Young, Membership Coordinator, call voters in South Dakota; Beth Kruse, MS, CNM, ARNP, Associate Director of Clinical Services, educates providers about medical abortion in Johannesburg, South Africa.*

## Campaigning to Repeal South Dakota's Abortion Ban

In March, South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds signed into law the most restrictive abortion ban in the nation. The law prohibited safe abortion procedures at all stages of pregnancy with only a limited exception for the life of the woman. Citizens in South Dakota banded together in opposition to the abortion ban, creating the Campaign for Healthy Families, and gathered enough signatures to defer implementation of the ban pending a statewide referendum.

NAF sent staff to work in South Dakota in the final two weeks to assist the Campaign for Healthy Families in their “No on 6” campaign. They telephoned voters, participated in rallies, and inscribed voter guides explaining the restrictive provisions in the ban, which were mailed out to undecided voters. As a result of the campaign and the efforts of volunteers, South Dakota voters rejected this dangerous ban by a margin of 56 percent to 44 percent.

*“We enjoyed working side by side with local pro-choice volunteers in the campaign office, and learning about how taking a stand against the ban had affected their daily lives.”*

*—Lisa M. Brown, Esq., State Policy Director*

## NAF in South Africa: Providing Medical Abortion Education for Providers

As part of our ongoing medical abortion collaboration, NAF was invited to join Ipas-South Africa in Johannesburg for their national 10-day Training of Trainers workshop. The sessions brought the first medical abortion education for trainers to 13 skilled providers representing seven of the nine South African provinces. In South Africa, medical abortion using mifepristone and misoprostol within the first eight weeks of pregnancy has newly been integrated into the Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) Training Curriculum. These providers returned to their facilities around the country with new information and techniques for bringing the best abortion care practices to their colleagues and students.

*“I was honored to be invited to design and lead a two-day Medical Abortion Training of Trainers Workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa. After the workshop, 100% of participants felt that the training objectives were met, the content was useful, the materials were helpful, and that their participation was encouraged.”*

*—Beth Kruse, MS, CNM, ARNP, Associate Director of Clinical Services*



*Vicki Saporta talks to the press in New Brunswick about women's access to abortion care.*

# Expanding *Outreach*

## Launching Canadian Policy and Outreach Program

Canadian providers have been members of NAF for many years and have participated in our continuing medical education, quality assurance, security, and other programs. This year we expanded our outreach and services to address Canadian members' public policy needs at the federal, provincial, and territorial levels as we officially launched our Canadian Policy and Outreach program at a press conference on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

NAF has been working with our membership, supportive elected officials, and other Canadian organizations involved with women's reproductive health and rights to address the inequality in abortion access and ensure that women are able to receive the reproductive health care that is guaranteed by the Canada Health Act. We have also increased the visibility of the NAF Hotline as a resource for Canadian women to get accurate information and referrals to providers of quality care.

NAF has been featured on TV, radio, and in newspapers concerning the lack of access to abortion care in New Brunswick, including CBC, CTV, The Canadian Press, the *Telegraph-Journal*, and the *Fredericton Daily Gleaner*. In September, the *Times & Transcript*, a leading newspaper in New Brunswick, published an op-ed by Vicki Saporta on the lack of abortion care in New Brunswick.

*“NAF’s expanded activities in Canada will go a long way to help us ensure that women have access to comprehensive, high quality reproductive health care services.”*

*—Pat Smith, MD, Board Chair*



*(From left to right): Dawn Fowler, Canadian Policy and Outreach Director, Vicki Saporta, Penny Priddy MP, Dr. Carolyn Bennett MP, and Pat Smith, MD, at NAF's Canadian launch.*

# Protecting Our *Members*



*Sharon Lau, Clinic Defense and Research Director, works on the ground with law enforcement and members during a series of clinic protests.*

## Supporting our Members' Security Needs

NAF has been compiling statistics on violence and disruption against abortion providers for nearly 30 years. Our comprehensive database is an invaluable resource that enables us to detect changes in the patterns and trends in anti-abortion violence. In our analysis of NAF's statistics, we detected a pattern of arsons in Florida taking place several years in a row around July Fourth.

NAF informed members as well as federal, state, and local law enforcement in Florida about the trend. As a result, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) advised all of its employees at their daily briefings prior to July Fourth to be aware of suspicious activities at abortion clinics in their communities. On June 30, the Jacksonville Police Department arrested a man outside a clinic with a two-gallon jug of gasoline. According to the suspect's father, he was planning to burn down the clinic. Police were able to apprehend the suspect before he could cause any damage and he was later indicted on federal charges for violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act.

*For nearly 30 years, NAF has worked to protect our members and their patients from anti-abortion violence. Our efforts have contributed to improved security measures at abortion clinics and increased cooperation by law enforcement officials in responding to threats of violence, investigating acts of terrorism, and prosecuting anti-abortion extremists who engage in criminal activity.*



# Coming Together

*Members attend the opening plenary at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco.*

## Annual Meeting & Risk Management Seminar

NAF members appreciate being part of the NAF community, a like-minded group of quality health care professionals, on whom they can rely for advice and support.

There is no other place where abortion providers feel as supported, affirmed, respected, and connected as they do at NAF meetings. Our conferences are also a place where health care professionals can obtain accredited continuing medical education (CME) credits in all aspects of abortion care. In 2006, NAF held our Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA and our Risk Management Seminar in Palm Beach, FL.



## Annual Meeting Honorees



**The Christopher Tietze Humanitarian Award** honored Felicia Stewart, MD. The Tietze is NAF's highest distinction, honoring significant, lifetime contributions in the field of abortion service delivery or policy.

*Felicia Stewart, MD*

**The C. Lalor Burdick Awards** were presented to Cristina Villarreal, PhD, and Tina Welsh. The Burdick Awards honor “unsung heroes” whose outstanding daily commitment to excellence exemplifies the ideals of NAF's members.



*Cristina Villarreal, PhD*



*Tina Welsh*



**The Elizabeth Karlin Early Achievement Award** was presented to Kristina Roloff. The Karlin Award honors medical students who demonstrate extraordinary commitment to ensuring the future of safe abortion care.

*Kristina Roloff*

### Ortho Women's Health and Urology Scientific Paper Award Winners:

Wesley H. Clark, MPH; Michelle Howe, PA-C; Johanna Morfesis, MSN, NP; Suzanne Schweikert, MD, MPH; Jini Tannenhaus, PA-C, MA; Beverly Winikoff, MD, MPH  
“Simplifying Medical Abortion in the United States: An Interim Analysis”

Jody Steinauer, MD, MAS; Uta Landy, PhD; Douglas Laube, MD; Philip Darney, MD, MSc; H. Brown; Rebecca Jackson, MD  
“Correlates of Abortion Provision among a National Sample of Obstetrician-Gynecologists”

### Scientific Poster Award:

Maria F. Gallo, PhD; Lynn Yee; Do Thi Hong Nga; Phan Bich Thuy, MD, MPH  
“Evaluation of the Comprehensive Abortion Care (CAC) Model in Vietnam: Monitoring Abortion Care and Interviewing Abortion Clients”

# Increasing *Access & Education*



*Rachel Falls, Hotline Director, provides callers with factual, unbiased information and referrals to providers of quality abortion care.*

## Helping Women Access Quality Care

NAF provides direct services to women through our toll-free, multilingual Hotline. NAF's Hotline offers unbiased, factual information; options counseling; and referrals to providers of quality abortion care in English, Spanish, and French. We also help raise funds for low-income women who could not otherwise afford abortion care.

The Hotline is the only toll-free source of information about abortion and referrals to providers of quality care in the U.S. and Canada. We receive 3,000 calls each month from women, their partners, families, and friends.

## Training Tomorrow's Providers

NAF held our 2006 Residency Training Workshop in November in Baltimore, MD. This biennial, day-long workshop provided resources and guidance for NAF member clinics and residency programs to foster partnerships to enhance abortion training opportunities at their sites.

Participants represented a wide spectrum of abortion training settings from various parts of the U.S. and Canada. The faculty spoke from diverse perspectives about their training experiences and facilitated roundtable discussions, which fostered the sharing of ideas about the initial steps necessary to create successful abortion training programs.

*"The panel is really great— it is so rare to find experts who are also good presenters, communicators, (and) perceptive at identifying questions."*

*—Residency Training  
Workshop participant*



*NAF Member Shannon Rio, FNP, fought a challenge to her scope of practice and won.*

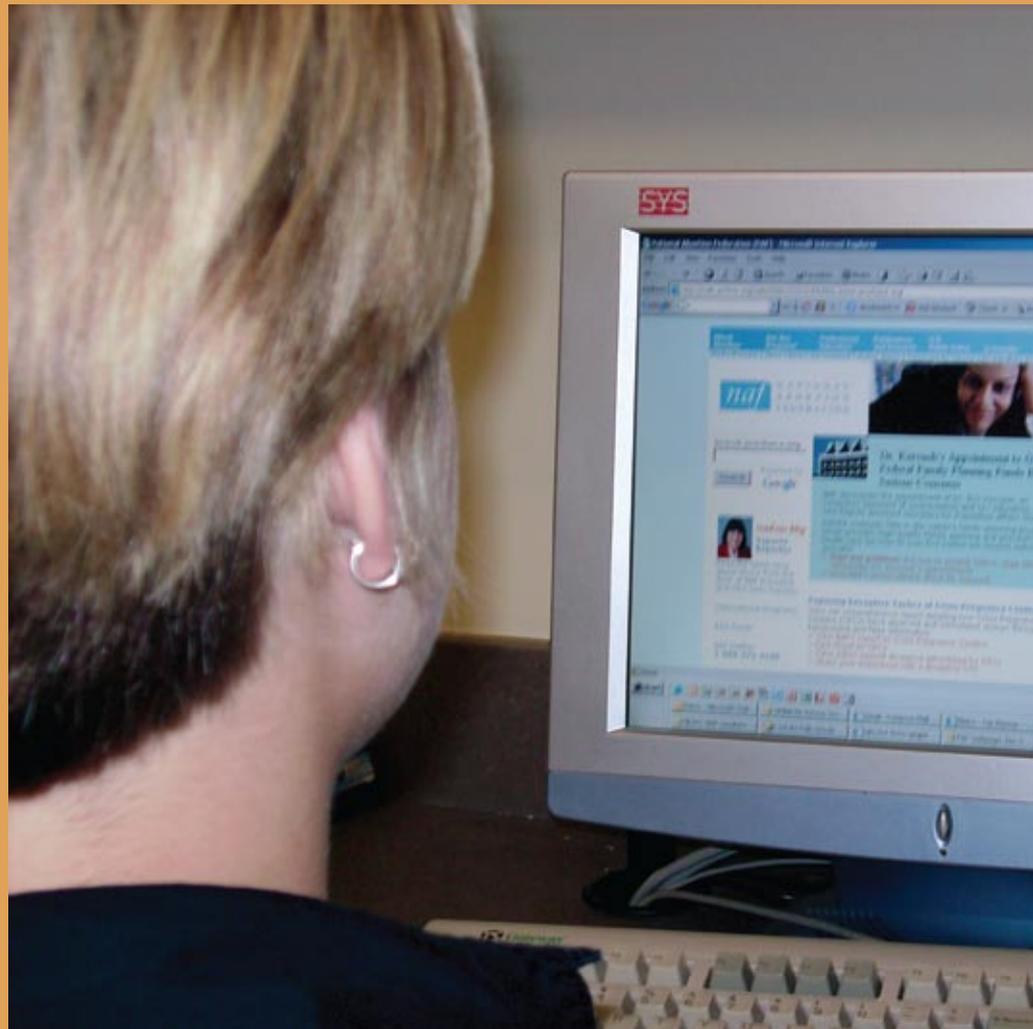
## Overcoming Legal Challenges

NAF Member Shannon Rio, a Family Nurse Practitioner in Oregon, faced a challenge to her scope of practice from the Oregon State Board of Nursing. For several years Shannon has been offering abortion care, which has greatly increased access for women throughout rural Southern Oregon. In early 2006, the Board of Nursing received an anonymous professional complaint that Shannon's provision of manual aspiration abortions was outside the scope of practice of a Family Nurse Practitioner.

In the five months leading up to her case, our Clinicians for Choice (CFC) program supplied Shannon with support and resources in preparation for her hearing. CFC also helped raise funds to cover Shannon's legal expenses. In the end, Shannon was victorious and the Board of Nursing voted in her favor to allow her to continue to provide aspiration abortion care.

*Clinicians for Choice (CFC) is a membership organization representing pro-choice certified nurse-midwives, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants working to increase access to comprehensive reproductive health care.*

# Providing *Resources*



*NAF expanded our online resources in 2006.*

## Providing Online Tools to Health Care Professionals and Patients

NAF updated our website, [www.prochoice.org](http://www.prochoice.org), which is a leading resource for information about abortion. This year we launched new sections of the website in Spanish and French. The pages include information about abortion and how to access quality care. We want to make sure that language is not a barrier for women who need accurate information so that they can make the choices that are right for them.

In February, we also launched our first blog: *The Saporta Reporter*. The blog keeps NAF members, donors, and activists current on the latest news items pertaining to women's reproductive health and rights.

With the launch of our Canadian Policy and Outreach program, we created a new section of our website called "In Canada," which features information in English and French about abortion access, the legal history of abortion in Canada, and NAF's involvement in Canada.

Additionally, seven chapters of NAF's textbook, *A Clinician's Guide to Medical and Surgical Abortion*, were made available and searchable online on the NAF website at [www.prochoice.org/textbook](http://www.prochoice.org/textbook). The textbook chapters address effective counseling strategies, surgical abortion methods, and complication prevention and management. We also developed a CD-ROM and online version of the second edition of our *Clinical Training Curriculum in Abortion Practice*, which incorporates the latest evidence-based information and current abortion technologies.

*In 2006, NAF's website traffic increased by 30%.*

# Preserving *Access*



## Protecting Abortion Rights Through Public Policy Advocacy

While abortion rights remained under attack in 2006, there were several notable victories at the federal and state levels.

NAF worked diligently with our members, pro-choice activists, and legislators to defeat The Teen Endangerment Act in the U.S. Congress, and preserve teens' access to abortion care.

NAF led efforts to educate legislators about the so-called “Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act” and helped organize a broad coalition of health care providers, women’s organizations, and religious groups whose work led to the defeat of the legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

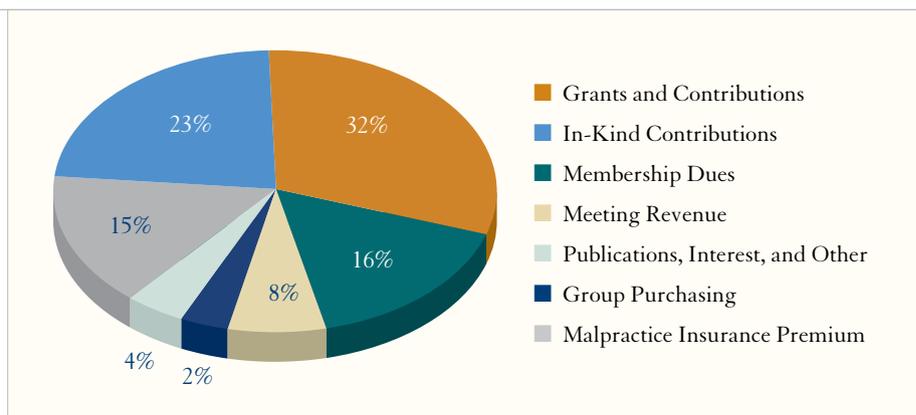
After a NAF member clinic was a victim of arson in 2005, Washington State enacted a bill protecting insurance coverage for victims of a crime. In California two affirmative bills, which protect abortion providers and provide the state with essential tools in the fight against anti-abortion violence and harassment were signed into law. NAF also worked with legislators in Indiana and Virginia who successfully defeated medically unnecessary regulations targeted directly at abortion providers in their states.

NAF staff worked on the ground to repeal South Dakota’s abortion ban, which was defeated by a margin of 56 percent to 44 percent. NAF activated pro-choice advocates in Oregon and California and urged them to vote against restrictive parental notification ballot initiatives, which were soundly defeated. In Oregon, Measure 43 was defeated by a margin of 55 percent to 44 percent, and California’s Proposition 85 was defeated by a margin of 54 percent to 46 percent – a larger margin than the defeat of a similar measure in 2005.

# 2006 Condensed *Financial Information*

## Revenues

Grants and Contributions	\$1,502,375
Membership Dues	\$762,124
Meeting Revenue	\$395,193
Publication Fees	\$52,114
Group Purchasing	\$105,605
Interest Income	\$118,428
Other Income	\$8,398
Malpractice Insurance Premium	\$727,002
In-kind Contributions	\$1,088,831
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$4,760,070</b>



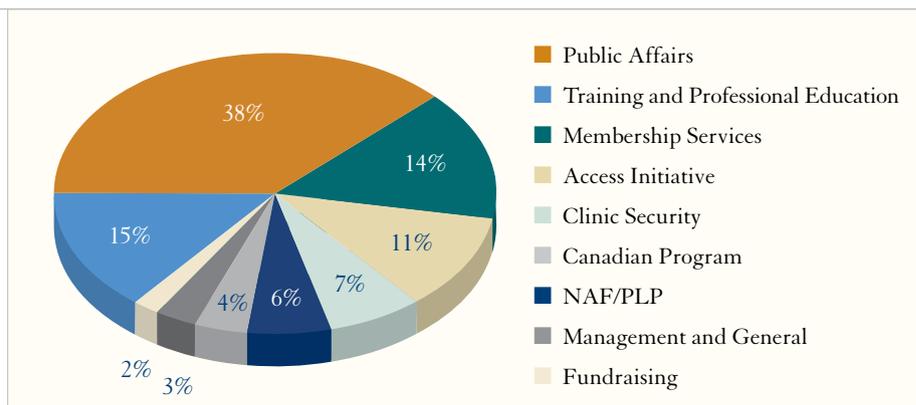
## Expenses

### Program Services

Membership Services	\$598,331
Training and Professional Education	\$649,187
Public Affairs, Government Relations, and Legal	\$1,690,543
Clinic Security/	\$311,114
Law Enforcement Education	
Access Initiative	\$479,912
Canadian Program	\$178,280
NAF Professional Liability Program, Inc. (NAF/PLP)	\$259,526

### Support Services

Management and General	\$116,034
Fundraising	\$107,494
Federal Income Tax (NAF/PLP)	\$4,322
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,394,743</b>



<b>Combined Change In Net Assets</b>	<b>\$253,683</b>
NAF Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$2,645,159
NAF Net Assets, End of Year	\$2,533,647
NAF/PLP Retained Earnings, Beginning of Year	\$257,671
NAF/PLP Retained Earnings, End of Year	\$622,866

*This condensed financial information is not a complete presentation and does not contain all the data and informative disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. Copies of the complete audit reports, which were audited by NAF's independent auditors, containing the required data and informative disclosures are available from NAF headquarters, upon written request.*

# In Memoriam

## Jane Hodgson, MD

1915 – 2006

Dr. Jane Hodgson was Minnesota's first woman obstetrician and gynecologist and the first physician in the U.S. to be convicted of illegally providing an abortion in a hospital. She served on the NAF Board of Directors and was awarded with our highest honor, the Christopher Tietze Humanitarian Award in 1981.

## Lawrence Lader

1919 – 2006

Lawrence Lader's numerous contributions to the pro-choice movement included organizing ministers to refer women to abortion providers pre-*Roe*, helping found what became NARAL Pro-Choice America, and helping win the 1970 legalization of abortion in New York State. Lader wrote eight books on abortion including the 1966 book, *Abortion*, which was cited in the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*.

## Alice Oyer

1929 – 2006

Alice Oyer fought for many causes including a woman's right to choose abortion. She was the mother of four children including NAF Board member Dr. Deb Oyer of Aurora Medical Services in Seattle, WA. Through her very generous donation, NAF was able to establish the Alice Oyer Patient Assistance Fund, our first named fund, which helps women who could not otherwise afford abortion care.

## Felicia H. Stewart, MD

1943 – 2006

Dr. Felicia Stewart was nationally known as an outspoken supporter of emergency contraception and reproductive rights. She led efforts to train nurse midwives and nurse practitioners in medical abortion care and served as deputy assistant secretary for population affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Stewart was a dedicated member of the provider community, served on the NAF Board of Directors, and was honored with NAF's Christopher Tietze Humanitarian Award in 2006.

### **Additionally, we are sad to report the passing of two other NAF members:**

Dr. Sidney A. Wilchins, North Jersey Women's Medical Group, Union City, NJ; and  
Dr. Manu Thimatariga, Baltimore Women's Medical Center, Baltimore, MD.





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