Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, the Dr. Steve Urban Endowed Professorship in Internal Medicine has been completed.

W.H. and Joyce Attebury started the professorship in 2006 honoring Urban’s work. The Atteburys are long-time patients of Steve Urban, M.D., associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. An article about Urban and the professorship was published in the Winter 2006 issue of Pulse, and you responded to the request for additional funding.

Your donations, along with gifts from patients and friends, and support from the John and Mary O’Brien Foundation for Academic Excellence, helped raise an additional $200,000 to bring the professorship to its $500,000 goal. The money will help the School of Medicine recruit and retain a physician who can focus on bed-side manners and teaching clinical skills, the practices for which Urban is known.

HONORED FOR TEACHING & TREATING: Mubariz Naqvi, M.D., professor of neonatology in Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center’s Department of Pediatrics, was honored in November with the dedication of the Mubariz Naqvi Center for Neonatal Care, Education & Research at Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo. Naqvi has provided neonatal care in the region for 28 years and has been instrumental in education, research, outreach programs and community fundraisers. The NICU serves those in the top 26 counties of Texas as well as western Oklahoma, eastern New Mexico and southern Kansas.

CANCER SUPPORT: The J. Avery Rush family recently established the Mrs. J. Avery “Janie” Rush Endowed Chair in Women’s Health and Oncology through a $1 million gift to the School of Medicine at Amarillo. The chair, named in honor of Janie Rush who is an ovarian cancer survivor, will support the school’s recruitment of a nationally known physician with clinical and research expertise in women’s health and oncology. This physician also will form partnerships with The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and the Texas Oncology Physicians Association. The School of Medicine added $300,000 to the endowment, making the full amount of the chair $1.3 million. Mrs. Rush is the mother of Avery Rush, M.D., an assistant clinical professor at Amarillo and member of the Texas Tech Foundation Board. Two of his sons, Jave and Ryan, are School of Medicine alumni. Their brother, Sloan, completed an internal medicine residency at TTUHSC at Amarillo and is now an ophthalmology resident at TTUHSC at Lubbock.

DONATION ESTABLISHES PROFESSORSHIP: William P. Hale, M.D., and his wife, Sue, recently established the William P. Hale, M.D., and Sue Hale Distinguished Otolaryngology Professorship. The professorship, the first for the School of Medicine at Amarillo, will help the school recruit and retain a physician faculty member in otolaryngology. Hale has practiced otolaryngology in Amarillo for 45 years.