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Dear CSA Member,

Thank you once more for your generosity. In the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the endowment raised over \$22,000 and achieved the milestone of covering all awards, grants, and projects in CSA.

New awards, grants, and projects created by the CSA Board of Directors benefit our members and honor those who have shared their knowledge in the field. Your donations are directly linked to CSA's ability to empower its members in significant ways. In 2016, the Endowment supported the first phases of the new Membership Project initiative by the BOD. It is important to note that the Endowment uses only funds from the earnings in our investments and not the principal, to support our programs.

One way you can help the CSA through the Endowment is to use your current contributions to honor, or memorialize, a colleague. Another alternative is the Legacy Society, which honors CSA members who have included the Endowment in their will.

The Endowment has been pro-active in working with the Board of Directors to consider such directed gifts. For those interested in similar named awards to be proposed to the CSA Board of Directors, the following sums are needed by the Endowment. The interest from this investment will generate a yearly cash prize:

- a \$500 yearly award requires a donation of \$17,500
- a \$600 yearly award requires a donation of \$20,000
- a \$750 yearly award requires a donation of \$25,000
- a \$1,000 yearly award requires a donation of \$35,000

Members may also support the Endowment through Levels of Giving:

- Visionary \$5000 and above
- Founder Starting at \$2000
- Leader Starting at \$1000
- Sustainer Starting at \$500
- Patron Starting at \$250
- Supporter Starting at \$100
- Friend Up to \$99

The Dress Society honors CSA members who have contributed funds for a minimum of five continuous years.

As CSA continues to seek added sources of funding, please remember that no gift is too small and all donations are tax-deductible in the United States. The success of the Endowment is the result of your generous contributions. Thank you for your continued support in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Howard Vincent Kurtz, Chair