

MedQuest Funding from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation Tops \$30,000

Since annual fundraising for the Southern Vermont AHEC (SVAHEC) MedQuest program began, The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation has been a vital donor. Nancy Lanoue, Executive Director of SVAHEC said, “Without these funds, MedQuest could not have flourished as it has over the past several years”. At the SVAHEC Board of Director’s meeting on February 16, SVAHEC accepted \$5,000 from the Byrne Foundation. “Since the beginning of her support in 2005, Mrs. Byrne has generously given a total of \$32,000 to MedQuest” according to Lanoue, “We target these funds to Upper Valley youth who attend MedQuest and award scholarships to those from that area who are in need of financial assistance”. Lanoue went on to say that starting last summer, MedQuest participants shadowed clinicians at the Veterans Administration Hospital in White River. “MedQuest East benefits from the enthusiasm and generosity of community-based hospitals that make their professional clinicians available to provide job shadows to MedQuest participants”. In addition to the VA, MedQuest students experience the world of health care careers at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, and Springfield Hospital. For more information about the MedQuest program, contact Marty Hammond at 802-885-2126 Ext. 5 or e-mail mhammond@svahec.org.