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ABWM Foundation Announces Establishment of the Harold L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship in Conjunction with the Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation

Washington, D.C., January 18, 2018 - The ABWM Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Harold L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship** made possible through the generous support of the Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation.

The Harold L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship will be given to health care providers who need financial support to earn wound certification through the American Board of Wound Management (ABWM), as a Certified Wound Case Associate (CWCA®), Certified Wound Specialist (CWS®) or Certified Wound Specialist Physician (CWSP®). Candidates for this scholarship must demonstrate the highest character and the desire to serve others through a history of volunteerism. Preference will be given to those who have served honorably in the Armed Forces.

Harold L. Johnson was a Vietnam Veteran who suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of his military service. Upon his return home from service, he worked as a driver and for the railroad. He was a dedicated family man who also loved animals, sports and music--especially jazz. He also volunteered as a youth football coach. Harold enjoyed life even after his first amputation. His grandson brought him much joy. For many years, Harold served The Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation by working with fellow amputees and discussing his own battle with diabetes and peripheral arterial disease on local radio programs.

"Before Harold passed in 2017, I promised him we would not forget him, and pledged that a scholarship would be created in his memory through the Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation. Education is one of the principles that both Foundations have been built upon, and we are pleased to honor the memory of our friend and to further our mission with the help of ABWM Foundation," said Desmond Bell, DPM, CWS, President and Founder of the Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation.

"It is a distinct honor to have partnered with the Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation and remember Mr. Johnson with this honorable scholarship. ABWM Foundation has been giving scholarships to support the advancement of wound care through wound certification and we are pleased to include the Harold L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship in our mission." said Joseph McCulloch, PhD, PT, FAPTA, CWS, Chairman of the ABWM Foundation.

For additional information on The Harold L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship including eligibility and application process please visit www.abwmfoundation.org.

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About Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation

The Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is: "To Reduce the Number of Lower Extremity Amputations and Improve the Quality of Life of our Fellow Citizens Who are Afflicted with Wounds and Complications from Diabetes and Peripheral Arterial Disease" We will accomplish these goals by using advanced evidence-based methods, by educating health care practitioners and patients, through community outreach, philanthropy and patient advocacy. For more information on the Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation please visit www.TheSALSAL.org.

About the ABWM Foundation

The ABWM Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit foundation. It supports the work of the American Board of Wound Management (ABWM) for the advancement of wound care, the promotion of certification for providers of chronic and acute wounds, and the benefit of the public by developing and providing quality education and conducting sound research to support and promote wound care.

For more information on the ABWM Foundation please visit www.abwmFoundation.org.