

## **AAAAI Foundation and Bettina C. Hilman, MD Lectureship**



Dr. Bettina Hilman is an international expert and researcher in cystic fibrosis and was the Director of Shreveport Cystic Fibrosis Center. Dr. Hilman earned her Doctor of Medicine degree at Louisiana State University School of Medicine. She completed a residency in pediatrics at Charity Hospital in 1958, a fellowship in allergy and clinical immunology from Charity Hospital in 1963 and a fellowship in pediatric pulmonology from Tulane Medical Center in 1966.

Dr. Hilman went on to become Professor of Pediatrics and Training Program Director at LSU Shreveport from 1973 to 2001. Among her numerous professional achievements, she earned the Distinguished Service Award from the Louisiana Allergy Society in 1998, the Jerome Glaser Award for Distinguished Service by the American Board of Pediatrics in 1999 and was named a Best Doctor in America in 2002 by Pediatric Specialists. Dr. Hilman is the author of *Pediatric Respiratory Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment* a comprehensive text covering all aspects of pediatric medicine, and also served as the Editor-in-Chief of *Pediatric Asthma, Allergy, and Immunology*.

In 1986, The Hilman House, a home-away-from-home for cystic fibrosis patients and their families undergoing treatment, was named in honor of Dr. Hilman. For over 30 years, it has served more than 110 families of Cystic Fibrosis patients from north and central Louisiana and east Texas, giving those eligible a place to stay and at times even serving as a hospital for those who didn't have insurance.

It is with great pleasure that the AAAAI Foundation announces this new lectureship that will honor a true pioneer in the field of pediatric allergy, whose contributions have profoundly impacted so many lives. Dr. Hilman's Lectureship was established in 2017 and the first Lecture in her name will be delivered at the 2018 AAAAI/WAO Joint Congress in Orlando.

**2018 marks the inaugural year of the Bettina C. Hilman, MD Lectureship. It will be presented in Plenary Session 4101: Cutting Edge-Food Allergy Pathogenesis, Diagnosis and Therapy on Monday, March 5, 2018: 8:15 to 9:45 am, Convention Center, South Concourse, Level 1, South Hall A1.**

## **AAAAI Foundation and Bettina C. Hilman, MD Lectureship: Lecturer – Stacie M. Jones, MD**



Stacie M. Jones, MD is Professor and Chief of Allergy and Immunology and Interim Chief of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH).

Dr. Jones holds the Dr. and Mrs. Leeman H. King Endowed Chair in Pediatric Allergy. She is a board-certified Specialist in Pediatrics and Allergy and Immunology, and currently serves as Director of the Food Allergy Program and Co-Director of the Lung Cell Biology Laboratory at the Arkansas Children's Research Institute (ACRI).

Dr. Jones received her medical degree from UAMS. Following her pediatric residency at UAMS and ACH, she completed a Fellowship in Allergy and Immunology at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Jones is currently an active member of the American Pediatric Society, the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Southern Society for Pediatric Research. Dr. Jones serves on the research advisory board for the Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE) organization and previously served on the editorial board of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

Her research focuses on both clinical and translational investigation of food allergy, eosinophilic esophagitis and asthma. Dr. Jones is the lead investigator at ACRI for the both the NIH-funded Consortium for Food Allergy Research (CoFAR) and the NIH-funded Immune Tolerance Network IMPACT Trial and is involved in multiple food allergy therapeutic trials through an active collaborative research network. Dr. Jones also has a long-standing research interest in mechanisms of airway hyperresponsiveness in asthma, and along with her collaborators, is actively investigating these questions in human tissue platforms.