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Dr. Lorraine Mackstaller to be honored at 11th Anniversary Gootter Foundation Gala

Tucson, Ariz – On Friday, March 4th, the **Steven M. Gootter Foundation** will present its Philanthropic Award to **Dr. Lorraine Mackstaller** at the 11th annual **Gootter Gala Dinner**. The Gala begins at 6:30 pm at the Westin La Paloma Resort and Spa with music, entertainment, silent and live auctions, and great food.

Lorraine Mackstaller, MD – “Dr. Mackstaller is a longtime Gootter Foundation supporter,” said Andrew Messing, President of the Steven M. Gootter Foundation, of the recently retired Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center. “We are excited to present Dr. Mackstaller with the Steven M. Gootter Philanthropic Award in recognition of her excellence in patient care and her passion for lecturing on heart disease prevention,” he added. “She has been very philanthropic in our community, and we are thrilled to be honoring her.” As an internal medicine doctor for 15 years, Dr. Mackstaller provided primary care for many patients who have complex heart conditions.

Steven M. Gootter Foundation

The Steven M. Gootter Foundation was formed by the friends and family of Steve Gootter, a vibrant, athletic 42-year-old father of two who lost his life to sudden cardiac death on Feb. 10, 2005. Its mission is to defeat sudden cardiac death (SCD), the leading cause of death in the United States. Last year, the Foundation surpassed a major fundraising goal when it reached the \$3.5 million mark in its ongoing efforts to fund research and provide life-saving automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to first responders and area schools in Southern Arizona. To date, over 180 AEDs have been placed in Tucson and surrounding areas.

Sponsorships and donations to the auction are welcomed. Tickets are \$195 and sponsorships are available. For more information please visit: www.gootter.org or please contact Norma Gentry at 520-318-9445.

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