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## **Certification Board Provides Key Support for Occupational Therapy Research**

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Bethesda, Maryland – The American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF) announced today a significant gift from The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT®). The \$250,000 contribution will support the AOTF Intervention Research Grant program. Findings from the research provide important information for practitioners to guide care that is safe and effective.

AOTF Executive Director Charles Christiansen released the following statement on behalf of Diana Ramsay, AOTF president: “The Foundation board is greatly appreciative of the generous gift by NBCOT to help support our important intervention research grant initiative. AOTF envisions a vibrant science that builds knowledge to support effective, evidence-based occupational therapy that enables people’s full participation in meaningful life activities.”

Paul Grace, president and CEO of NBCOT, remarked “This contribution to support the important work of the Foundation expresses our board’s full recognition of the necessity and value of research to safe, effective practice—this is the ultimate aim of any credentialing agency, including the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.”

The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. is a not-for-profit credentialing agency that provides certification for the occupational therapy profession. NBCOT serves the public interest by developing, administering, and continually reviewing a certification process that reflects current standards of competent practice in occupational therapy. It also works with state regulatory authorities, providing information on credentials, professional conduct, and regulatory and certification renewal issues. For more information, visit [www.nbcot.org](http://www.nbcot.org).

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) charitable, scientific and research organization, chartered in 1965 to advance the science of occupational therapy and provide the public with information about the benefits of occupation to health. Its mission is “*to advance the science of occupational therapy to support people’s full participation in meaningful life activities.*” All gifts to AOTF are tax deductible. For more information, visit [www.aotf.org](http://www.aotf.org).

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