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PRESIDENT’S LETTER

It’s All About the Why

In recent months my 3-year-old grandson ends every conversation with the word “why.” “Why do I have to eat vegetables?” “Why do cement trucks make cement?” “Why do I have to like my sister?” This prompted me to ask why do we do what we do? Why did I choose to be a pediatric pulmonologist and others choose to be nurses, respiratory therapists, intensivists, or transplant specialists? I suspect that the common why is that we are fascinated with how the pulmonary system provides the body with oxygen, and this drives us to help people whose lungs fail to operate optimally.

Similarly, the CHEST Foundation is supported by people from many walks of life who donate personal resources so that we can carry out our mission to provide education and support research and community service projects. Why do they support the CHEST Foundation? In this issue of Donor Spotlight, former Foundation President, Dr. Ed Diamond, talks about the purpose of philanthropy for him and how he now channels this into his support of the CHEST Foundation.

While you consider Ed’s personal commitment, let me tell you about another former Foundation President, Dr. Doreen Addrizzo-Harris and her family. Doreen is a pulmonologist, as was her late father, and her husband is a thoracic surgeon. For the past several years, Doreen’s family, including her mother, sisters, brother, and daughter, has worked tirelessly to create a fundraising gala in New York City. This year’s event honored Dr. Bob McCaffree for his support for CHEST Foundation’s community service grants. It was a wonderful event and raised well over $200,000.

But not all commitments come from people with a direct connection to CHEST. Last year, the CHEST Foundation sponsored a listening tour that focused on the major health care equity issues people from vulnerable populations face when seeking treatment. We also learned that often, doctors do not ask about important social issues that affect the health of patients. This prompted the CHEST Foundation to explore the development of a clinician education program called “The First 5 Minutes” to teach providers how to ask patients about social determinants of health. This was presented to officials in San Antonio’s Bexar County who thought this was such a compelling idea that they pledged significant support for us to implement this initiative.

The heartwarming stories of Drs. Diamond, Addrizzo-Harris, and McCaffree and the managers of Bexar County plus thousands of other supporters of the CHEST Foundation each exemplify the “why.” So, as you ask yourself why you do what you do, I hope you will consider how you can help us continue the mission to champion lung health.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ian T. Nathanson, MD, FCCP
In medicine, finding one’s passion is the key to success. For Ed Diamond, MD, MBA, FCCP, this passion is triggered by filling the voids in health care and staying focused on the “why” of medicine.

The years of education, the ostensibly never-ending shifts in the ICU, and the myriad of stressors all seem more tolerable when focused on a larger purpose. For Dr. Diamond, CHEST and the CHEST Foundation have been career-long recipients of his passion for asking “why?” and seeking the answer.

Always intrigued by science, Dr. Diamond knew medicine offered him the opportunity to be challenged while helping people. He began his career in pulmonology because there was a lack of pulmonologists in his area. He was intrigued by the possibilities of this uncontested space and the opportunity to provide desperately needed value. Choosing a direction where he could make a difference would be a theme throughout his career.

ENGAGING WITH CHEST

Dr. Diamond was encouraged by CHEST leadership to become more involved with the organization from the very start. He first joined a NetWork for those in private practice and quickly became the chair. Through further involvement with CHEST, he joined the Finance Committee, which led to serving for 5 years as the treasurer for the Board of Regents.

To clinicians early in their careers, Dr. Diamond stresses the importance of involvement in associations and early commitment to philanthropy. Beyond the networking opportunities, of which there are many, there are a lot of avenues to serve as a leader who can promote change. With the support and strong standing of associations
like CHEST, clinicians can contribute to creating medical
guidelines or help shape policy that can have a true impact.

After years of working with CHEST, Dr. Diamond feels
he has truly made his mark with his involvement in the
CHEST Foundation.

EMBRACING PHILANTHROPY
AND LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Dr. Diamond realized making philanthropy more of a focus
was another way he could make a difference in medicine.
The philanthropic arm of CHEST was at its earliest stages of
development when Dr. Diamond joined the effort.

“Dr. Ed Diamond leads by example, including his passion
for philanthropy,” says longtime colleague and friend Kim
French, MHSA, CAPPM, FCCP. “Like all other facets of
his career, he approached the CHEST Foundation and
philanthropy with the same rigor as he does medicine.”

Taking on a leadership position and contributing heartily to support the Foundation’s mission, Dr.
Diamond shows his commitment to the cause through his actions. Helping establish a health legacy
fund is a personal goal of Dr. Diamond’s. Through a legacy fund, the Foundation reaps the donor’s
gift benefits while living and receives support passed along through the donor’s will.

“One of the ways Dr. Diamond leads by example is in his generosity. He is willing to donate not only
his time and his talents but also financial resources to support the CHEST Foundation,” says close

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friend and colleague John Studdard, MD, FCCP. “I believe he does this because he knows that, in
doing so, he can directly give back to support programs that will benefit his patients and others living
with lung health issues.”
GROWING THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation has changed dramatically through the years, and Dr. Diamond has experienced it all. In the beginning, the Foundation’s part-time staff focused primarily on individual projects. With a Board of Advisors working in tandem with a dedicated team, the Foundation has expanded its reach, providing more patient education resources and community grant support.

According to Dr. Diamond, it is easy to fall into a pattern of wanting to accomplish tasks, especially for notoriously task-oriented doctors. It is critical to evoke the “why” of our mission to retain the power behind the work and better serve the medical community through patient access or meaningful research.

Dr. Diamond describes the Foundation now as thought leaders in identifying true areas of need by asking the critical questions: Are we supporting a patient’s access to health care? Are we empowering our patients to advocate for themselves? Are we supporting meaningful research?

“Being on the board, you can really be a key decision maker in where the money is being spent,” says Dr. Diamond. “As someone who has personally given financial donations to the Foundation, I relish being a part of the discussion of where those funds will be spent – where they can make the strongest impact and help those in need.”

Foundation President during 2020, Dr. Diamond guided the Foundation’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A new collection of materials that were COVID-specific was created and provided to the public. New videos and patient care guides were designed and posted to a newly redesigned website. The materials are now easier to understand and more accessible to those who need them most - the patients and their caregivers.

FOCUSING ON THE “WHY”

“Ed’s passion lies in patient access to care and improving the care that they receive,” says Dr. Studdard. “With a strong focus on patient advocacy, he believes that if a physician is not an advocate for their patient, then that person should question their intention to be a physician at all.”
It’s not surprising that one of the most significant initiatives the Foundation has undertaken started during Dr. Diamond’s presidency. The five-city national Listening Tour served as a platform for patients to share their experiences on how the healthcare system is failing them. Without strong leadership and financial support, the Foundation would not be able to fund such efforts that impact patient care and expand awareness of the CHEST Foundation.

In his own practice, Dr. Diamond focuses on how patients are served and how others engage with them. Specializing in pulmonary rehabilitation and chronic disease, Dr. Diamond wanted to shift his own attention away from the traditional inpatient and ICU arenas to an outpatient environment where he saw an unmet need. This included advanced diagnostic testing and the creation of the first interventional pulmonary medicine division in the Chicagoland area serving patients with lung cancer. Over time, more providers joined his practice who shared his vision and were inspired by the mission of finding new ways to serve their patients. Dr. Diamond believes that this shared passion helped his practice grow to what it is today.

BUILDING A SHARED VISION

For those joining CHEST as new members, Dr. Diamond has a message.

“When you join CHEST, you should be doing so to not only engage with the educational and networking aspects but to support patient education, philanthropy, and advocacy,” says Dr. Diamond, who hopes that CHEST becomes synonymous with philanthropy to its members. “The Foundation is something that is uniquely impactful and something one can be excited about and proud to support. Its success rests on the shoulders of all of us.”

To champion the Foundation’s goals, we need to come together with a shared common belief and excitement for the work done and engage in a deep, passionate approach to giving.

“It is my hope that every member supports and engages in the work of the Foundation to give back and to create a better world for our patients,” added Dr. Diamond.

Visit foundation.chestnet.org/25th-anniversary to learn more about our anniversary!
HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FEW

PHYSICIANS RESPOND TO LESSONS LEARNED FROM LISTENING TOUR

In October 2020, the CHEST Foundation launched a Listening Tour in five cities across the country to uncover health disparities in the United States from the patient’s perspective. With more than 25 patient participants, more than 50 physician participants, and various attendees from the community-based organizations, media and local government, the Listening Tour brought to light some glaring inequities.

Dr. Justin Fiala

In recent issues of Donor Spotlight, we focused on the patients’ stories. Now we turn to the physicians’ experience of the Listening Tour and what they learned from the patient’s struggles to get adequate health care. Some physicians felt they were aware of current health care gaps, but almost all agreed that hearing so many similar stories was a clear call for action.

UNCOVERING THE PROBLEM

In a recent media statement on racism and health, the CDC notes that systemic inequalities result in “structural barriers that impact racial and ethnic groups differently to influence where a person lives, where they work, where their children play, and where they worship and gather in community,” and that “these social determinants of health have life-long negative effects on the mental and physical health of individuals in communities of color.”

Sitting across from a single patient hearing that they cannot afford their medication or do not have a primary care doctor they can trust can feel like an isolated incident. When many patients tell the same story, the depth of disparities in the system, leaving both individuals and communities without adequate health care, becomes harder to ignore. For some of the physicians who participated in the Listening Tour, it was an emboldening experience.
OBSERVING EACH PATIENT

Rita Castro, of San Antonio, struggles with access to health care because of her extremely limited vision. With 17 different doctors needed to treat her various conditions, getting to appointments is a constant battle for Rita. Rushed and overburdened clinic staff does not have the time necessary to assist her with simple tasks like filling out paperwork. Rita is frequently sent home with physician orders that she cannot always adhere to, such as testing her own blood, because of her limited vision.

“While I’ve heard stories like this before, it was one of the first times I found myself listening for an extended period of time to someone’s firsthand experience of what was happening,” says Stephanie Levine, MD, FCCP. “It was impactful to hear how much she was struggling with accessing her care - even just getting to her appointments - something so relatively small that could make things so different in her life.” After hearing Rita’s story, Dr. Levine says that she is now making it a point to listen for the next Rita.

TAKING ACTION

Based on Rita’s experience, the CHEST Foundation started a pilot program to fund microgrants to those who need it the most. The grant assists with coverage for medical equipment, transportation, and access to technology for those living with lung disease and other medical complications. Rita Castro was the first recipient of the microgrant to provide the assistance that was desperately needed.

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—Stephanie Levine, MD, FCCP

In addition to providing financial assistance, physicians shared other ways they are beginning to help elicit change. Janet Maurer, MD, MBA, FCCP, says that one way to begin to change these disparities is through education. As a professor, Dr. Maurer exposes her students to the issues within health care to better prepare them for what they will experience when practicing.
“I try to get the students to understand how difficult it is for some people to access appropriate care. In medical school, we really try to teach students to be aware of this and to try to do what they can to modify the disparities and, hopefully, in the future to help create change,” said Dr. Maurer, who joined the Southwest Listening Tour.

Keith Mansel, MD, a participant on the Jackson, Mississippi call, noted that a key action physicians can take to help combat disparities is showing respect to their patients. “Some of these issues are bigger than what I can provide at the patient’s bedside, but what I can do is treat everyone I see with respect, with kindness, and with compassion,” says Dr. Mansel. “The one thing that came out of the Listening Tour is the importance of developing trust and that happens in the relationship part of the encounter with the patient or the emotional part, not just the cognitive part.”

ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Given the limited time physicians have with their patients, building trust can be a challenge, so it is vital to use the time physicians have with their patients to learn as much as possible. Ada Arias, MD, who participated in the Chicago Listening Tour, advises that physicians focus on quality over quantity when meeting with patients.

“You don’t have to spend a lengthy amount of time, but the time you spend with the patient should be meaningful,” says Dr. Arias. “You, the doctor, have to feel really interested in knowing what’s going on with the patient – not just the patient as a number to give a prescription and get out – but really what’s happening to them with a real caring attitude.”

Dr. Arias also advises that physicians focus on open-ended questions that allow for insight into the patient’s life:

• Who takes care of you at home?
• Who do you live with?
• Who takes care of you when you’re sick?
• Do you understand your disease?
• If you get sick and an emergency happens, who brings you your medication?
• Do you remember to take it on your own?

While asking the right questions and listening to the response is vital, patient care is about more than just hearing the words.

“It’s so important to listen to what patients are experiencing and to listen to their voice, but even more, it’s important to listen for the silences because the silences tell you volumes,” says Negin Hajizadeh, MD. “Our job as a doctor is not just seeing the patient, making the diagnosis, and writing the prescription, and I think almost all of us know that.” By sitting in the silence, physicians can read body language and get a better sense for what the patient might not be saying.
SEIZING EVERYDAY OPPORTUNITIES

When Justin Fiala, MD, was taking an Uber home from a shift in a Chicago hospital, the driver was prompted to start a conversation when he saw Dr. Fiala’s scrubs. The driver said he is living with severe asthma and admitted that medication was frequently unaffordable and asthma flare-ups often resulted in loss of consciousness. Dr. Fiala reflected on the risks this presents, knowing very well that the driver may not wake up after one of these episodes.

“Arguably, shortness of breath is one of the most uncomfortable and anxiety-provoking sensations within the human experience,” says Dr. Fiala, who recently learned about the Foundation’s Listening Tour. “To that end, the only way that most of us who have never experienced it on a prolonged basis can understand it is through the narrative of our patients.”

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From Dr. Fiala’s perspective, something like a listening tour – that focuses on the importance of the patient narrative, especially those patients from the most vulnerable subsets of our population – is incredibly important, because what it helps to convey is that this is why we do what we do, and this is why what we do is so important.

Through the Listening Tour, a lot of issues were uncovered, but this initiative is far from over. Listening is the first step of the process, and reflecting on what was learned through the Listening Tour is the next step toward combating these issues.

We thank all the physicians and patients who participated in the Listening Tour for their willingness to speak honestly and openly. To help make a difference in the lives of patients like Rita, read more about the pilot grant program in this issue of Donor Spotlight.

LISTENING TOUR LEADS TO PILOT GRANT PROGRAM

Leading our commitment to help meet the current and evolving needs of marginalized populations impacted by lung health disparities, the CHEST Foundation recently developed a pilot grant program with a focus on South Texas organizations.

RITA’S FUND

Inspired by struggles shared by a Listening Tour participant, Rita’s Fund aims to supplement community-based projects that provide resources to individuals to help change their quality of life drastically. The grant assists with coverage for medical equipment, transportation, and access to technology for those living with lung disease and other medical complications.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

If you know any South Texas community groups you think could benefit from this grant, we ask that you share information about this fund with organizations in the following Texas counties: Atascosa, Bee, Bexar, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, San Patricio, and Wilson. Help us spread the word to the community organizations that are making a difference.

For more information about Rita’s Fund and how to improve those impacted by poor lung health, or who may lack access to regular care, visit chestnet.org/Grants. It is our hope that we can expand this program to serve the needs of patients living in struggling and underserved communities across the country.
NETWORKS COMPETE TO COMBAT HEALTH DISPARITIES

One way members get involved in CHEST’s philanthropic efforts takes place each year with the start of the NetWorks Challenge. CHEST members compete through their NetWorks – special interest groups that focus on particular areas of chest medicine – to raise funds that support Foundation microgrants.

NetWorks Challenge 2021 kicked off in June with a special twist to celebrate the Foundation’s 25th anniversary. Each NetWork is asked to complete a 25k virtual physical challenge. This can be done by walking, running, biking, swimming—or any other physical activity.

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Through the challenge, members engage in friendly competition while supporting the goals of the Foundation. This year, money raised will directly help the Foundation in addressing health disparities through our microgrants program. In addition, the funds will support travel grants for doctors in training looking to attend CHEST 2021.

“For me, giving to the CHEST Foundation is a chance to recognize and repay the debt I owe to my mentors, trainees, and colleagues for my success and joy in practicing medicine,” said David L. Bowton, MD, FCCP, former challenge participant and member of the Executive Committee of the Council of NetWorks.

By participating in the NetWorks Challenge, members help fund grants that aim to lend a hand to those who need it the most. Expanding research capabilities, improving patient care, and giving access to medical equipment are just a few ways microgrants from the CHEST Foundation have been used in the past.
TRAVEL GRANTS SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF CHEST

A portion of the money raised through the NetWorks Challenge is used for travel grants to the CHEST annual meeting. These grants are awarded to medical students looking to network with their peers and learn more about the organization. Creating an opportunity to build relationships, learn from expert faculty and mentors, and experience the community of CHEST early in one’s career is just one way the Foundation supports the future of CHEST.

“Through the grant program, I was able to meet a CHEST member who has gone through a similar career path that I hope to follow. It was good to hear from his experiences as well as learn about how to get involved in the organization from the standpoint of a budding academician. Receiving this grant certainly opened the doors for attending the meeting, but it also gave me exposure to parts of the organization that I may not have necessarily been exposed to attending the conference on my own. I learned more about what CHEST Foundation does, and it does make me want to get more involved in the organization in general.”

—Jennifer Krall, MD

Inspired by the Listening Tour and the struggles experienced by underserved communities, money raised through the NetWorks Challenge will go to a new pilot microgrant program called Rita’s Fund. The grants aim to supplement community-based projects that provide resources to individuals to help drastically change their quality of life. Funding will assist with coverage for medical equipment, transportation, and access to technology for those living with lung disease and other medical complications.

“Whatsoever the Foundation pays in terms of grants and awards impacts not only the recipient but also the community as a whole... For me, it was a no-brainer to get involved in an organization that actually raises funding to support community, education, and research,” says Salim Surani, MD, MSc, FCCP, a long-time supporter of the NetWorks Challenge and the Foundation’s grants program.

NetWork members are asked to encourage one another to join in this summer’s race to 25k.

“When you work within the NetWorks and join together, and work along with the CHEST Foundation, the impact is much more powerful. I always believed that it is a privilege for us that we have the outlet at the CHEST Foundation to provide grants,” Surani said.

To learn more about this initiative and this year’s NetWorks Challenge, visit the CHEST Foundation’s website at foundation.chestnet.org.
COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS BEDROCK OF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES IN NEED

Community service grants are one way the Foundation strives to make a tangible, lasting impact on the lives of the patients we serve – they're not just one-off projects with limited effects. But how do we really know that we're making a difference?

For Dr. Roberta Kato, it’s when she gets to witness an “Aha!” moment – a time when everything clicks and a parent finally understands how to better care for their child. For Marina Lima, MD, MSc, it’s knowing that one more teen isn’t gasping for air. And for Dr. Joseph Huang, it’s seeing a country of 100 million people gain access to 14 pulmonologists when there was previously only one.

“The program has been successful beyond my imagination. Securing funding for these projects has been one of the most gratifying activities that I’ve been involved in, and I’ve been involved in a lot.”

—Dr. McCaffree

A Brief History
The Foundation began giving community service grants in 1997 under the leadership of CHEST President D. Robert McCaffree, MD, Master FCCP. He believed the program would be the best way to support his colleagues in achieving their community service endeavors. To date, over $2 million has been given specifically to community service projects. “The program has been successful beyond my imagination. Securing funding for these projects has been one of the most gratifying activities that I’ve been involved in, and I’ve been involved in a lot,” said Dr. McCaffree.

Why Community Service Grants?
What do patients say to their physicians in the exam rooms? What do physicians see plaguing their communities? What are hurdles to delivering care observed when volunteering in countries around the world?

Our physicians experience the limitations of our health care system first-hand – a system that isn’t built to assist the people that need help the most. Finding solutions requires a willingness to think and operate creatively. The funding the Foundation provides through our community service grants supplies the resources to do just that – implement real-world solutions that will help patients gain better access to care.

Case in point, Marina Lima, MD, MSc, was seeing an inordinate number of children and teens with uncontrolled asthma symptoms in Brazil. She applied for and was awarded a grant to make Asthmaland, the first gamified pediatric asthma educational program in Portuguese.

Overcoming Unexpected Hurdles
Besides her “Aha!” moments, Dr. Kato revealed another way she knows her work is making a difference: the funding is helping to shift the nonprofit landscape in her community.
“Sometimes there is a rift between different organizations. When I ask them to collaborate or advertise together, I get resistance. However, when I’ve reached out and said that I’ve received funding for an initiative, all of a sudden, there is forward movement. That is how I am hoping to make the biggest difference,” explained Dr. Kato.

Dr. Huang, who received a grant to fund the East Africa Training Initiative (EATI), is faced with a different obstacle. “We’ve been awarded the grant many times, and I know the Foundation is focused on supporting new, up-and-coming programs. Therefore, I’m committed to ensuring that my program can continue even after we stop receiving funding.”

How is Dr. Huang going to do that? Besides procuring ICU equipment, EATI focuses on training pulmonology fellows in east Africa. The fellows who graduate will train other physicians and care team members across the continent, both in hospitals and rural clinics, safeguarding the future of his program.

A Clear Vision for the Future

While the Foundation is ready to tackle new problems, community service grants will remain the constant thread woven throughout the work, and it’s obvious why. As Dr. Huang emphasized, his grant “will ensure that the people living in Africa have a better chance at getting access to the care they need.”

When you strip away everything else, community service grants boil down to one thing: helping people live healthier, more fulfilled lives. What can be more worthwhile?

Help Us Continue This Important Work

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”

As a donor, there’s no doubt those words ring especially true. Your actions embody this sentiment, a sentiment rooted in the idea of helping your community without accepting anything in return. This same sentiment is the bedrock of the CHEST Foundation. For the last 25 years, we’ve been dedicated to honoring this mission.

While we are privileged to award numerous grants over the past 2 decades, our community service grants have always held a special place in the hearts and minds of everyone involved with the CHEST Foundation. We hope they hold a special place in your heart too.

Please consider donating so that we can continue this work together.
A DAY AT THE RACES!

FOUNDATION HOSTS BELMONT STAKES IN NYC

This year’s Belmont Stakes Reception and Auction was our most successful event to date! Hosted in NYC at the Hotel Edison, the event raised more than $200,000 for the D. Robert McCaffree Community Service Grant Program, which focuses on helping those who face health disparities. With 150 guests in attendance, the room was buzzing with excitement. Not only was the crowd overjoyed to be gathered together again after more than a year apart, the magnitude of celebrating in the nation’s hardest hit city was especially poignant. Guests enjoyed watching the live race but were even more enthusiastic to bid in the silent auction, which featured prizes such as a stay at Hilton Head Island, vacation home rentals, airfare and hotel stays, and most sought after, an internship with CHEST’s Dr. Loren Harris.

CHEST President-Designate Doreen Addrizzo-Harris, MD, FCCP, as Belmont Stakes Reception and Auction host, presenting Dr. McCaffree with his award for his exceptional lifetime work in community service and the international impact his community service program has made.

From left to right: Belmont Stakes event attendees: Angela Perillo, MBA; Paul Thurman, DBA; Rudy Anderson, CAE, and Caitlin Moroney, MA. The Belmont Stakes Reception was an impressive success to continue to raise funds and awareness for community service projects.

Guests perused the auction items which included a stay at Hilton Head Island, vacation home rentals, hotel stays and even an internship with CHEST physician Dr. Loren Harris. It was a day at the races! Guests were invited to wear their favorite hat or fascinator.
The room was buzzing with energy as old friends reunited after spending the last year apart.

Belmont Stakes Auction and Reception attendees excitedly participated in the live silent auction.

The Belmont Stakes reception honored Dr. McCaffree for his life work in community service and as founder of the D. Robert McCaffree Community Service Program. We also honored and awarded two of our community service program recipients for their impactful work in New York and Ethiopia.

Everyone was excited to be together again for a night that would support the Foundation’s 2021 initiatives.
Thank you to our donors who have made a gift this year to sustain our mission to improve access, empowerment, and research for lung health. The Champion’s Circle is the CHEST Foundation’s annual giving club that recognizes our most committed donors in a calendar year. The donor list below is recognized from January 1 - June 15, 2021.

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