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Cary Council issues 3 grants to UT Southwestern doctors

The Cary Council, a group of young supporters of UT Southwestern Medical Center, has given three \$50,000 grants to young doctors to advance their research.

The winners are Dr. **Prasanna Alluri**, for investigating new therapies for treatment-resistant breast cancer; Dr. **David Greenberg**, for developing a computer algorithm to predict strains of bacteria that are immune to antibiotics; and Dr. **Animesh "Aashoo" Tandon**, for creating monitoring techniques that can predict life-threatening events for babies with congenital heart disease.

The Cary Council raised the money through An Evening with DocStars on Oct. 25.

The unusual fundraiser invited 250-plus guests to visit with the scientists who were vying for grants and take interactive tours of the campus' impressive new Simulation

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Center.

If you've ever wanted the opportunity to cup a human brain in the palm of your gloved hand, this cocktail party was it. (I was squeamish and passed.)

Upstairs in the Simulation Center, a lifelike mannequin of a newborn baby eerily waved its arms and legs in a bassinet. Nearby lay a mama dummy that could actually give birth while screaming, blinking her eyes and emitting variable vital signs.

I stepped up to intubate a male humanoid mannequin, and, I can tell you, it takes some muscle.

I also learned how to stanch the bleeding from a gunshot wound, a skill, sadly, that we all need and hope never to use.

It's pretty simple, but you have to work fast because a person can die from a non-arterial bullet hole in minutes.

Grab any fabric — a sock, a T-shirt, a tie, a scarf. A roll of sterile gauze is ideal.

Bunch up one end of the fabric and push it with your finger down into the hole as deeply as possible. Repeat the process until the cavity is full to the skin. Then, place your hands on top of the fabric and lean on it to maintain pressure until a medic arrives.

The Cary Council hosts An Evening with DocStars annually, so stay tuned for 2019.

Cary Council supporters include:

\$25,000: **John Eagle Dealerships** and **Eugene McDermott Foundation**.

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D Magazine was the media sponsor.

Trains through Sunday

There's still time to catch the Trains at NorthPark and

give some love to its beneficiary, **Ronald McDonald House of Dallas**.

The lavish landscape of toy trains will be up through Sunday on the second level of **NorthPark Center**.

Started in 1978, the annual holiday train display has funded 4,000 nights of accommodations for families with children receiving critical medical care in Dallas, according to the agency.

About 70,000 people tour the train display each year.

This year's exhibition is supported by NorthPark and a \$60,000 grant from presenting sponsor **Bank of America**.

Additional donors include: \$25,000 and up: **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater North Texas**, **MHBT**, a **Marsh and McLennan Agency LLC Co.**, **Ryan LLC** and **Kirkland & Ellis**.

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Tickets are \$4 for ages 2-12 and seniors over 65 and \$7 for adults. Children under 2 are admitted free. To give, visit thetrainsatnorthpark.com.