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INFO-BYTES

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Successful organizations today are putting philanthropic dollars to work in meeting the needs of people. Those that really have an edge on the competition go a step further, beyond the community's needs and society's problems. They concentrate on the community's potential and society's aspirations. They become an instrument for the advancement of society by capitalizing on these opportunities.

If you look at all the Health Sciences Center has accomplished, we are advancers of society. Our research, both basic and clinical, has found new diagnosis, treatments, and cures for diseases. Our academic programs have achieved national and international recognition. When University Hospital first opened, people in ambulances used to say "Take me anywhere, but Stony Brook." Today, it is common knowledge that if you are really sick, go to Stony Brook, a monumental attitude change and achievement of stature.



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However, our aspirations cannot be achieved by State largesse. Given New York State's post-September 11th budget predictions, this will be truer than ever before. Our ability to market our successes and attract donors to invest in our worthy enterprise will require intense effort. Philanthropy is about people and raising money is a personal business. Money is just not given nor does it just come in. It must be sought out and raised. Aristotle said "To give away money is an easy manner and in any man's power. But to decide to whom to give it, and how large and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in every man's power - nor an easy matter."

As part of the University's capital campaign process, the HSC Schools identified projects and programs that further our role as advancers of society. The Schools have been working to position themselves to raise funds for their identified initiatives, some within the capital campaign and others outside of the campaign. The missing element has been an advancement professional who could lead our fundraising professional in the schools, centers, and the hospital to create a cohesive development effort and then achieve success. Thus, it is with great pleasure and expectations that I welcome Angela Lieurance who has joined the Health Sciences Center as an Assistant Vice President for HSC Advancement. She comes to us from Indiana Law School. Her fundraising history reflects her skills as an effective planner, strategist, director, facilitator, communicator and administrator. She will be spending her time developing close working relationships with the HSC Deans, HSC leadership, donors, and many of you. Once you meet her, you will discover that she inspires the kind of confidence that will draw people to Stony Brook and help us achieve our potential. Her office is on level four, Room 175 of the HSC, stop by and share your ideas with her.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

ONE FAMILY. ONE DREAM. ONE HOME

Building Our Community One Neighbor at a Time

What is Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity International was started by Millard and Linda Fuller in Americus, Georgia, in 1976 with the mission of eliminating poverty housing around the world and providing decent shelter for all. Its mission of building houses around the world has also escalated the spirit of volunteerism and community building in those areas that are touched by Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity operates through locally run affiliates rather than through chapters controlled by a broader organization. Affiliates are grass-roots organizations of local people coming together to address local needs. As such, the affiliates are independent, nonprofit organizations that operate within specific service areas in a covenant relationship with Habitat for Humanity International.

There are more than 43 affiliates in New York. Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk is one such affiliate. Started in 1988, the Habitat volunteers and homeowners have built more than 55 houses throughout Suffolk County. Through volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, Habitat Suffolk works with families in need (partner families). These partner families typically have incomes that are 30 percent to 50 percent of the median income in the area and are selected according to criteria that do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, or ethnic background. The homes, which are modest and do not exceed 1,050 square feet, are sold to partner families at no profit and are financed with affordable no-interest mortgages. In addition to monthly mortgage payments, the homeowner families must make a down payment of hundreds of hours of "sweat equity" in building their houses and the houses of others. This reduces the labor cost of the house, increases pride of ownership, and fosters the development of positive relationships.

Habitat believes that by continuing to build houses with those in need, by working with other committed groups, and by putting the issues of poverty housing on the minds of compassionate people everywhere, the problem can be solved. The Habitat for Humanity 21st Century Challenge calls for communities to eliminate substandard housing in their area within this generation. The Stony Brook University community has accepted this challenge.

In a growing atmosphere of community spirit, the 2001-2002 academic year is designated as the "Year of Community Leadership." This leadership theme is reflected in a series of programs and events. During the spring semester, the Stony Brook University community will accept the Habitat for Humanity Challenge and begin a fundraising and building campaign to construct a home for a deserving family here on Long Island. In the fall, we will come together to build the home and see the results of our fundraising efforts.

The Stony Brook community is committed to raising \$40,000 to construct a house that a deserving North Bellport family will eventually call home. With more than 32,000 members of our University community, we can take the steps necessary to make Stony Brook's presence felt...Just think about what our "together power" can do. Not only will it raise the spirits of a Habitat family but it will also create a sense of pride, unity, and accomplishment in our own University community. Every department is responsible for raising a designated amount of funds to cover the cost of a particular component of the house. Just as each of the components are essential for the construction ...all of us, the Stony Brook University community are essential to make this project a reality. We can make it happen.

One family. One dream. One home.

HABITAT GOALS

★ UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Kitchen - \$10,000

★ SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Driveway - \$1,500

★ SCHOOL OF HEALTH, TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT

Exterior doors - \$850

★ SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Heating system and Insulation - \$6,000

★ SCHOOL OF NURSING

Laundry room - \$1,000

★ SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Vinyl flooring - \$1,000

★ LI STATE VETERANS HOME

Sheetrock \$1,200

Please give what your heart and pocketbook dictate.

TO DONATE

Make checks payable to
Habitat for Humanity/SBF

Send to Barbara Katz

News from the Schools

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

The School of Dental Medicine is providing regular weekly dental care to adults and children of the Shinnecock Indian Nation—the first formal dental program ever to provide on-site care to the Shinnecock Reservation. The program is administered by Dr. Debra Cinotti. Services to 1,000 patients over five years are currently being provided by Dr. Johnsina Cummings and Dr. Joan Korins.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

The **Health Careers Opportunity Program** in the School of Health, Technology and Management, held its "One Day Academy" last month. Designed to provide 9th grade students and their parents in the Riverhead and Greenport School Districts with the opportunity to learn about healthcare careers, the program provided tours of the HSC and the hospital as well as workshops conducted by SHTMN faculty.

Submissions for the **2nd Annual SHTM Photography** contest are due February 28. This year's theme is "A Celebration of Life in America" and First Prize is a new Olympus camera donated by the Clinical Instruments Division of Olympus America, Inc. The contest is open to amateur photographers and either slides or prints can be submitted for consideration. For an entry form, call 4-2252.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The Long Island Geriatric Education Center (LIGEC), a major multidisciplinary effort to educate and train healthcare professionals to serve Long Island's aging population, held its Grand Opening on February 4. The LIGEC is one of only 45 such facilities nationwide. Among the attendees were Holly-Rhodes Teague, Director of the Suffolk County Office for the Aging, former Assemblyman Paul Harenberg, and Patricia P. Pine, Director of the New York State Office of the Aging, who was the Keynote Speaker. The Long Island Geriatric Education Center - one of only 45 such facilities nationwide - was established with a five-year grant by the Bureau of Health Professions of the U.S. Department and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Dr. Suzanne Fields, Chief of the Division of Geriatrics and General Internal Medicine, serves as Director of the Long Island Geriatric Education Center. Dr. Fields and a select group of HSC faculty will establish an interdisciplinary gerontologic and geriatric curriculum and expand the geriatric educational program that we offer. During its first year, the Center will provide for the development of innovative educational programs for faculty, residents, and students of the five Health Sciences Schools - the Schools of Medicine, Dental Medicine, Health, Technology and Management, Nursing, and Social Welfare. As the Center matures, it will also provide for education outreach to gerontology and geriatric professionals throughout Long Island. In the later years of its development, the LIGEC will invite voluntary faculty at affiliated hospitals and clinics will be invited to participate as LIGEC Associates.

Q & A

Good communication is two way. Therefore, if you would like to comment, respond to any topics, or have news to share, please do so at HSC_VP@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. Suggestions for future topics are always welcome, as well.

Please feel free to email this publication to others who might be interested in what is happening at the Health Sciences Center.

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Kudos Kudos Kudos

Harvey Kolker, MD, Department of Pediatrics, was listed In New York Magazine BEST DOCTORS June 4, 2001 edition.

Zvi H. Oster, MD, Department of Radiology, was selected as a recipient of the 2001 *Radiology* Editor's Recognition Award for reviewing with "Distinction." His name will be listed in the January 2002 issue of *Radiology*.

Dorothy S. Lane, MD, MPH, Associate Dean for Continuing Medical Education and Professor of Preventive Medicine, has been elected to a three year term as a member of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the national body that accredits institutions and organizations offering continuing medical education. Dr. Lane was elected by the assembly of the American Board of Medical Specialties, which is one of the parent organizations represented on the ACCME.

Michael Egnor, MD, Department of Neurosurgery, and Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at University Hospital, has been published in *Journal of Pediatric Neurosurgery* (December 2001) with A Model of Intracranial Pulsations. This is a computer model developed with colleagues re intracranial pulsations. This mathematically supports his theory that the blood flow and CSF flow are pulsatile in nature, or bidirectional rather than unidirectional.

Richard Fine, MD, Department of Pediatrics, has accepted the position as IPTA Secretary-Treasurer. He will be filling this vacancy due to the untimely demise of former Secretary-Treasurer, Amir Tejani. Dr. Fine is a highly regarded pediatric nephrologist.

Irvin Krukenkamp, MD, Department of Surgery, and a surgical team of cardiac surgeons performed five distinct procedures during a single operation in life-saving heart surgery. The constellation of surgical problems was uncommon and became unique with the discovery of two additional defects during the surgery. "Repairing five defects at once was complicated and challenging, particularly using microwave technology in such a complex procedure that has never been done before."

Sonia Usatch, Voluntary Faculty Member, has had her paper regarding her class, Healing and Madness in the Division of Medicine in Contemporary Society, accepted for publication in the *Journal of Poetry Therapy*. The article "Making a Case for the Use of Non-traditional Courses in Educating Medical Students on Issues of Mental Illness," will appear in the June 2002 issue.

Suzanne Fields, Chief of the Division of Geriatrics and General Internal Medicine, serves as the Director of the LIGEC. Dr. Fields received a five-year grant from the Bureau of Health Professions of the U. S. Department of Human Services, Health Resources, and Health Administration.

CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness and a sense of tremendous loss that we inform you of the passing of a valued physician, faculty member, colleague, and friend, Marius Ellie Chagoury, MD. Dr. Chagoury has been a member of the Stony Brook Family Medicine faculty since 1987 and has served our Medical Center in multiple capacities including Departmental Vice Chair and former Assistant Director for Practice Development and Director of Physician Outreach Services for the Dean's Office. A superb clinician educator, Dr. Chagoury worked ably and diligently on behalf of faculty in his role as CPMP Representative. Dr. Chagoury succumbed to a prolonged illness throughout which he continued to dedicate himself to Stony Brook's interests.

Calendar of Events

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

- ★ February 4
Opening of the LI Geriatric Education Center
HSC, Level 3, Galleria
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
- ★ February 12
University Service Awards
SAC Activity Center, 4 PM
20-25-30 year employee awards to honor service
- ★ February 14
Deadline for 2001/2002 Call for Nominations & Applications.
- ★ February 26
Stony Brook Day in Albany
Register online at www.stonybrook.edu/albany or by phone 632-4309
- ★ February 28
Submissions for 2nd Annual SHTM Photography contest.
- ★ April 22
Stony Brook Child Care's 9th Annual Cash Bonanza
Tickets (\$50) go on sale as of March 1.
- ★ May 2
Twelfth Annual Zickler Lecture
HSC, LH 3, Level 2 4 PM
Speaker Dr. Robert F. Furchgott, Nobel Laureate
Title: The Importance of Accidental Discoveries in Research Leading to Nitric Oxide

