

GLOBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO BE DAISY DAY BENEFICIARY

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia recently announced the Global Health Department would be the 2010 beneficiary of the Annual Daisy Day Campaign. Founded in 1953 by the Auxiliary of Children's Hospital, Daisy Day is the largest volunteer fundraising effort benefiting the Hospital and is an annual tradition in the City of Philadelphia. Since its inception, when volunteers sold daisies on street corners throughout the city, Daisy Day has grown to include the prestigious Daisy Day Luncheon and the Daisy Day Community Campaign, which is supported by schools and businesses across the region. To date, Daisy Day has raised more than \$11 million for patient care programs at Children's Hospital.

Family-centered care is the hallmark of Children's Hospital and an integral part of the institution's patient-care program. Yet the extensive services that support family-centered care — including social work, child life and education, case management and family education — are largely uncompensated by medical insurance. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is committed to serving every child who needs care, regardless of the family's financial circumstances. Funds raised through Daisy Day help Children's Hospital honor that promise, in addition to supporting a network of programs and departments. Charitable donations help ensure that doctors and researchers at Children's Hospital uphold their reputation as world leaders in pediatric medicine.

The Daisy Day Luncheon is a major daytime event in the Delaware Valley. This elegant affair attracts a variety of individual and corporate benefactors who share a commitment to advancing pediatric healthcare. The event includes a fashion show, a silent auction and raffle, and the opportunity to learn about fascinating medical advancements that benefit children. In 2010, the Daisy Day Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 28, in the Grand Ballroom of the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue.

The fashion show is sponsored by Saks Fifth Avenue and this year's featured designer will be Oscar de la Renta as he presents his Fall 2010 Collection. Since Proceeds from the 2010 Daisy Day Luncheon will benefit the Global Health Department at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Rodney R. Finalle, M.D., the Global Health Director, will be this year's keynote speaker.

Volunteers of the Daisy Day Luncheon Committee organize and host the event. Nancy A. Wolfson serves as chair and David N. Pincus as honorary chair. Sponsorship packages are tailored to various levels of giving. Depending upon the amount of a gift, donors may receive tickets to the luncheon, special promotional and advertising opportunities, and recognition in various Children's Hospital publications. Global Health Newsletter readers wanting to learn more about participating in Daisy Day activities can contact a Global Health volunteer or check the website at: http://giving.chop.edu/site/PageServer?pagename=daisyday_home

BOTSWANA PROGRAM SECURES MAJOR FIVE YEAR PEPFAR FUNDING

Global Health Africa Director, Andrew Steenhoff, MD, announced October 1, 2009, continued funding by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief for the TB/HIV Program in Botswana (PEPFAR). A grant of \$11.5 million was awarded to the Botswana-UPenn Program of which a quarter will be relegated to pediatric care under Dr. Steenhoff's direction.

The funds are dedicated to the pediatric TB program and will be used to support the three pediatricians: Dr. Steenhoff in Gaborone and Dr. Tonya Ascott-Mills and Dr. Nurit Harari in Francistown. Drs. Ascott-Mills and Harari work in Francistown's Nyangagbwe Referral Hospital clinics as well as doing medical outreach (teaching, consulting and on-site clinical mentorship) to Kasane, Maun and Bobonong. A nurse assistant supports the pediatricians' outreach work. All three physicians work with the new medical school at the University of Botswana to create pediatric guidelines with the long range goal of aiding in the transition of Botswana's two main hospitals from service centers into academic hospitals.

The grant also supports a social worker and two nurse assistants involved in the pediatric TB Contact Project and a lead nurse and nurse assistant that staff the enhanced Tuberculosis (TB) Diagnosis Project. Additional administrative support promises to create a strong platform for the future pediatric work in Botswana.

RAINBOW SPARROW VILLAGE – NEW GLOBAL HEALTH PARTNER PROGRAM

Pursuant to introductions made by mutual benefactor, David Pincus, a team from Children's Hospital visited Rainbow Sparrow Village in September to forge a new alliance with the renowned children's sanctuary and AIDS hospice. Pincus Global Health fellow Dr. Henry Welch, Denise Ramsden and Jim Vagnoni spent a week meeting with Sparrow Founder Corrine McClintock, COO Rose Letwaba, and varying other staff to explore areas where the two organizations might work together. The CHOP GH staff learned of the complexity of the Sparrow operation that houses and serves about 200 children and 40 adults orphaned or infected by HIV. In turn, CHOP staff consulted with staff and conducted training for nurses on child development.



Sparrow Preschoolers Pose for Photo

On the final day of the visit, Dr. Andrew Steenhoff, and Dr. Rodney Finalle joined the group to review the week's work and establish plans for future work together. Immediately, Henry will continue consultations at Sparrow on child development while Denise works "state side" on a HIV disclosure program. Rodney, Denise and Jim will work on establishing a clinical internship for nursing development at Sparrow as well as the HIV disclosure project and the staff training in child development.

THE FACES OF GLOBAL HEALTH

Geri O'Hare, CRNP is the Caribbean Program Director. Geri's dedication and longstanding efforts represent the essence of the Global Health program at Children's Hospital. With Dr. Rodney Finalle, Geri is a founding member of CHOP AIM, collaborating in its mission, vision and programming. As Caribbean Director, Geri manages initiatives in the Dominican Republic including the partnership with the *Centro de Salud Divina Providencia*, the Batey Outreach, the *Ninos Primeros En Salud*, and the Pincus Global Health Fellowship. Geri continues to maintain her clinical practice at Cobbs Creek Primary Care in West Philadelphia where she has been a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner since 1996.



Geri has extensive experience working in Haiti where she began her global health work as a volunteer in 1986 with the American/Haitian partnerships and subsequently as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with Global Health Ministry. For more than two decades, Geri has continued to live out her deep commitment and passion for children living in the most resource scarce areas of the Western Hemisphere.

Geri earned her BSN from Villanova University College of Nursing in 1985 and her MSN from University of Pennsylvania in 1993. She began her PNP career through the National Health Service Corps in Chicago in 1993 with Claretian Medical Center, a community health provider that served the immigrant Mexican community and three homeless shelters for women and children. For Geri, working in global health fully engages and challenges her as a person and a professional. Through this vocation, she is able to feel most alive on every level: cognitively, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. In helping to launch Global Health at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Geri shared with Rodney the strong belief that as the nation's number one children's hospital, CHOP has an obligation and responsibility to be fully engaged in improving the health of all children regardless of political/national boundaries. Geri believes that people who volunteer with CHOP Global Health gain more than they give. They develop a perspective on children and the state of children's health beyond the US mindset. This insight not only creates a wider view of others but of themselves in relation to the worldwide community of health providers. It instills a deeper understanding of what it means to be culturally humble. Via the families receiving their care and their collaborative efforts, they see diversity as strength in their lives and their professional careers.

Geri can articulate many benefits of the work in the DR. Beyond the infusion of finances, medications and supplies, the children and a Dominican /CHOP team, which provides pediatric health care in a country where this is a rare and scarce resource. By developing a trusting collaborative relationship with the leadership and staff of in-country partners, the collaboration has improved the health of the children in the barrios and bateyes through expanded pediatric services and improved community health. By employing and training local health promoters, the health education message is sustained throughout the year. The model is simple yet powerful: health through care partnerships, health education, prevention and promotion. At the end of the day, the children of Consuelo have a better than average chance to fully develop into the next generation of leaders in their community.

Geri's academic appointments include clinical preceptor and lecturer/faculty member in the Family Health Nurse Practitioner program at the University of Pennsylvania as well as clinical preceptor and consultant for the Villanova University College of Nursing's Service Learning trips. She continues to be a guest lecturer in the graduate PNP program at Villanova University and the College of New Jersey. She shares her life with her partner of more than 25 years, Occupational Therapist Jeannie Cribben and their six year old Black Labrador, Oonagh.



Geri O'Hare with Staff in Clinic

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Shirley H. Huang, M.D. is Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Medical Director for the Healthy Weight Program, and Attending Physician, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Shirley joined the Alliance for International Medicine, now Global Health, in 2005 when she was invited to be the nutrition consultant for the program. She subsequently has developed partnerships both internally at CHOP and internationally with the Centro de Salud Divina Providencia, and the Bateye outreach program (Proyecto de Salud de los Bateyes) in Consuelo, Dominican Republic.



Shirley's involvement is natural since she has a passion for serving children not only locally but internationally as well. Working with Global Health allows Shirley to provide this wide ranging care without having to be a long-term medical provider overseas. Shirley has joined team excursions in the Dominican Republic to provide pediatric care. She also gives programmatic leadership and support to a new food supplemental program in the bateyes that conducts community nutrition needs assessments and provides nutrition education and equipment for the Bateye Outreach and Health Promoter programs. Shirley mentors each CHOP Global Health team before they work in the Dominican Republic by providing ongoing training on nutrition assessment and management.

In March 2009, Shirley visited the Nyangagbwe Hospital in Botswana to evaluate the inpatient management of severe malnutrition, provide education, and explore areas of potential collaboration between that hospital and CHOP.

Shirley counts herself as privileged to be able to practice medicine in a broader context here at Children’s Hospital and globally. In Philadelphia Dr. Huang can help families one by one. Through Global Health, she can reach more families through teaching as well as resource and program development for nutrition activities in the Dominican Republic and in Botswana. For Dr. Huang, her work in Global Health keeps her grounded as it’s a frequent reminder of why she chose medicine as her vocation, that is to help families to the best of her abilities to be healthier physically, spiritually, and emotionally. She also gets the opportunity to travel, meet and work with so many other people who are passionate about global health, both here and internationally.



Dr. Shirley Huang Examines Infant in DR

Shirley also sees an unquantifiable value in participating in global health efforts. “We bring much needed medications, multivitamins, and supplies to the local families and clinics. We raise money and bring experts in specialties such as emergency medicine, nutrition, infectious disease, and rehabilitation medicine. We develop protocols to offer best medical practices to the local clinics. We bring trust to people by letting them know that we are not here for only one time, but as a long-lasting partnership throughout the year. We bring smiles to children as we give them Polaroid pictures of themselves and as we dance and play with them while they are waiting in line to be seen by the medical team! I am so thankful that CHOP Global Health has given me the opportunity to serve children in such a different way across the globe!”

Dr. Huang’s vision for the future sees Global Health reaching out to other areas including Asia. She recognizes the need to secure funding for on-going travel and programmatic expenses as a vital challenge since the program will require more funded staff to sustain and grow as well as support the current volunteer endeavors. She also envisions CHOP Global Health integrating on-going rotations for residents, fellows, or attendings interested in global work.

Dr. Huang received her B.S. in Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University and her M.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She completed her general pediatrics residency at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her nutrition fellowship at Children’s Hospital. Dr. Huang’s background and interests include clinical nutrition, nutrition program development, community nutrition, nutrition education, and international nutrition. She has worked as a medical missionary at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya in addition to her CHOP work in the Dominican Republic and Botswana. Currently, Dr. Huang is faculty of the Global Health Program and The David N. Pincus Global Health Fellowship at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

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Ruth Frey, CRNP first became involved in Global Health at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in 2006 when she traveled to the Dominican Republic to serve as a nurse practitioner. That visit had such positive impact that Ruth has returned for the next three years taking on the added responsibility of being a team leader. Ruth has a long personal history of doing humanitarian work through her church and her connection with Global Health provided Ruth with the opportunity to fulfill her wish to work internationally with the added bonus of doing it through Children’s Hospital.



Ruth’s enthusiasm for her work with Global Health derives from several experiential factors. First, she truly enjoys the friendships that form among team members from the US as well as the connections with the Dominican partners. Ruth also feels gifted to have the ability to help grow a program that benefits children living in extreme poverty and to witness the positive difference the programs make for the children and their families. Ruth has seen and been part of a program that is not only thriving but has been sustainable as well.

Ruth holds a true respect for each team member that comprises the CHOP’s Global Health groups serving these children. She finds it heartening to see each discipline (MD, NP, RN, PT, OT) come together and practice this collaborative care. She believes volunteers gain an experience of a lifetime caring for the children in poor communities like the Bateyes in the DR or villages in Botswana or the streets of West Philadelphia. The value of this global health work is enormous for Ruth because it brings the clinical expertise of The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia to the people of the DR and thus brings the children world class care and better outcomes. Also, the CHOP teams train the local professionals caring for these children, working side by side with them thus sharing their educations in a very personal and first hand way. This program is about empowering the people who care for the children they serve. In the end, Ruth knows the whole team benefits as well as the ultimate beneficiary, the children.

Ruth has become a volunteer leader in CHOP Global Health and her vision for the future is to see the enterprise continue to grow while maintaining and enhancing its current programs. For the DR where she has contributed so much, she would like to see the CHOP presence solidified on a year-long basis. She would like GH to continue to develop opportunities for CHOP’s own employees to learn international medicine that can be brought to other settings and continue the care of children worldwide. Ruth also values the giving component of Global Health at Children’s Hospital where individuals that recognize how privileged their lives and careers have been can selflessly return this good fortune to so many less fortunate.

Ruth received her BSN from Villanova University and her MSN as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner from the University of Pennsylvania. She has worked at Children’s Hospital for 28 years holding several nurse positions, manager positions and as a nurse director. Ruth has been a nurse practitioner at CHOP’s Kid’s First Haverford for the last eleven years.



Ruth Frey, Team Leader, Preparing for the Day

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAUNCH THREE NEW STAFF DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

This fall, Global Health at Children's Hospital introduced three exciting programs targeted to health professionals. The three programs, Global Health Allies, Visiting International Partners, and Clinical Scholars Program share the goals of increasing the number of personnel that can participate in GH programs, providing a means to enhance knowledge and skills and create a means of building in-country partnerships and collaborations.

The **GLOBAL HEALTH ALLIES PROGRAM** is testament to Children's Hospital's commitment to improve children's health in developing countries. Via the Allies program, the hospital facilitates volunteering by underwriting travel, administrative, salary and lodging expenses for health professionals who work in support of the mission of Global Health. The Global Health Allies Program represents an immense talent pool of health professionals from a range of disciplines at CHOP and staff can share their expertise and deliver healthcare services to underprivileged children in partner communities. Global Health will post specific service opportunities on its website and interested CHOP staff can apply for one of these two to three week assignments. A selection committee will select Allies based on criteria determined by the Global Health leadership.

The **VISITING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS** initiative provides health service personnel from international collaborating organizations with access to the Hospital's wide-ranging and comprehensive health care, educational and research programs via professional visits. The **VIP** program offers opportunities for knowledge exchange, and skills enhancement with the goals of building local capability, enhancing quality of care, facilitating long-term collaborations and fostering a culture of partnership. Annually, Global Health sponsors candidates from collaborating organizations for a Visiting Partner position that is typically one or two weeks in duration. Partner visits are scheduled whenever possible to coincide with Global Health events such as the Annual Pediatric Global Health Symposium to allow the partner to contribute to and participate. This year Global Health sponsored from the Dominican Republic, Francesca Vasquez, MD and Jesus Feris, MD ; Rose Letwaba, BSN, RN, from South Africa; Lebo Ntshimane RN, and Tonya Ascott-Mills, MD from Botswana.

A **CLINICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM (CSP)** is in development to be an educational, service, and capacity building initiative offered to organizations, cooperating with Global Health via the Pincus Pediatric Global Health Fellowship. The **CSP** sponsors two to three clinical scholars in allied health disciplines that serve one-year internships designed to provide health care and related services to infants, children and youth. The **CSP's** unique "added-value" design not only augments and expands the clinical capability at the partner program, but also advances the host site via a capacity building initiative determined by the host site that will strategically improve that partner organizations' long-term ability to offer quality children's health services.

For more information about these initiatives and other Global Health programs, consult the GH website:

www.chop.edu/globalhealth

FALL TEAM DELIVERS PEDIATRIC CARE DURING CONSUELO DR TRIP

Deb Voullas, MD and Karen Anderson, RN led a team of eight volunteers to the Dominican Republic for the Fall 2009 Trip from October 31 to November 14. The team included Lara Antkowiak, MD, Carla Campbell, MD, Melinda Jones Daniels, RN, Natalie Danner, PT, Mary Fabio, MD, Linda Lightner, from Public Relations, Soby Philip, OT, and Janice Sims, RN.

The team provided care to 455 individuals in 13 bateyes addressing acute illnesses and conducting detailed health assessments for each child. For the first time, each child's bateye health record was available to the provider permitting more accurate reviews of the child's formal health history including growth parameters, diagnoses and medications given, including doses of vitamin A and anti-parasite medications. Additionally, the team saw children in two barrios in Consuelo conducting a deworming effort in Barrio Filieu serving more than 60 children under age five. In Barrio 41, the team engaged families to teach them about parasites and how to prevent infections among their children.

As with previous trips, the OT and PT team members provided invaluable clinical support performing developmental assessments on all the children in the Nutrition program, newly identified malnourished children <5 years old, most of the patients on the chronic illness list, patients and identified previously as special needs requiring OT and PT follow-up. They also saw well children <5 years old and any patients identified by providers as needing assessments, particularly those with neurological or orthopedic abnormalities. OT and PT are vital to providing comprehensive care, especially for high-risk children, and educating families in therapeutic home treatments.

Although the PR administrator's role was to "tell the story" of the team's work in Consuelo, she stepped in, compensating for the staff shortage, and assisting the team wherever she could. Linda spent many hours functioning as a pharmacy assistant during bateye sessions, and collecting and entering data on medication usage, referrals and diagnoses statistics. Read Linda's and team members' reflections at <http://www.chop.edu/blog/globalhealth>. Linda's words are supplemented by video director, Don Mitchell, who joined the team to encapsulate the trip on film.

The Health Promoter Workshop at the Sacred Heart Hospital in San Pedro de Macoris on Friday, November 6th was attended by 60 health promoters from Consuelo, Quisqueya and Baharona. After a lead-off session led by Sister Concepcion, Dra. Francisca Vasquez, and Dra. Dulce-Jones, the large group was then divided into two small groups of 30. Each group participated in one of two 1 ½ hour sessions held simultaneously in different classrooms. Following lunch the two groups switched and attended the alternate workshop.

The team concluded the trip with an immense sense of gratitude: thankful for the growing Dominican team that were competent, warm and collegial; grateful that Children's Hospital makes such service opportunities available; proud of the quality health care they could provide; awed by the dedication and energy of the health promoters; and most of all, humbled by the appreciation given them by the beautiful children and families they served.

SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2010

April 28, 2010	Daisy Day Fashion Show
June 2010	Spring Trip to Consuelo, Dominican Republic
September 17, 2010	Phillies Outing
September 22, 2010	Global Health Symposium
October, 2010	Fall Trip to Consuelo, Dominican Republic

**Happy Holidays from CHOP Global Health
May the Season and the New Year Be
One of Joy and Peace**