



Dr. Lara Antkowiak (left), Dr. Rodney Finalle, Dr. Henry Welch and Dr. Shirley Huang at the Global Health Symposium. Drs. Antkowiak and Welch are former David E. Pincus Global Health Fellows.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Health Symposium: Highlighting Effective Interventions: Targeting Newborn and Child Health

On September 16, 2011, 150 people from across the region attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Health Symposium at the Union League in Philadelphia. An impressive array of experts in the field of Global Health made for a well rounded and informative day of lectures, exhibits and a poster session.

Keynote speaker, Ms. Carol Bellamy, former Executive Director of the Peace Corps and UNICEF and current Chair of the Board of Directors for The Global Partnership for Education called the audience to action by reminding all that there has been a “failure to do enough” for the world’s poor, most of whom live in middle income countries. She cited a “global to do list” that the international community should embrace, including 1. Upgrading selected facilities (especially maternal and child health facilities) 2. Expanding outreach services (including the elimination of direct/indirect costs for healthcare) and 3. Continuing to build capacity of community health workers.

The day continued with a series of lectures about maternal and newborn care, antenatal immunization, prevention and early detection of HIV in children, microfinance and health, zinc in the private sector, malaria control and eradication, data from the Millennium Villages Project, informatics in health, neonatal resuscitation, and finally a session about IT in Global Health.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Health Symposium Faculty and Lecture Topics

#### The Progress and Remaining Challenges in Pediatric Global Health

*Carol Bellamy- Global Partnership for Education*

#### Across the Continuum: Maternal and Newborn Care

*Catharine Howard Taylor - PATH*

#### Maternal Antenatal Immunization: A Three- for-One Strategy

*Mark C. Steinhoff, M.D.-Director, Global Health Center, Cincinnati Children's Hospital*

#### Prevention and Early Detection of HIV in Children: Perspectives from the Western Cape, South Africa

*Mark F. Cotton, M.B., Ch.B. M.Med-Center for Infectious Diseases, Stellenbosch University South Africa*

#### In Sync with Zinc: Assuring Access to Diarrhea Treatment through the Private Sector

*Kathryn Kohler Banke, Ph.D.- Abt Associates*

#### Malaria Control and Eradication: Current Tools and Future Prospects

*Miriam K. Laufer, M.D., M.P.H-University of Maryland School of Medicine*

#### Health and Microfinance: Leveraging the Strengths of Two Sectors to Improve Health and Alleviate Poverty

*Marcia Metcalfe- Freedom from Hunger*

#### Strengthening Healthcare Delivery for Kenyan Children: Holistic Health Services and Informatics Interventions

*Rachel C. Vreeman, M.D., M.S.-AMPATH*

#### Helping Babies Breathe: The Golden Minute

*George A. Little, M.D.- Helping Babies Breathe*

#### IT in Global Health: New Tools for Old Challenges

*Patricia A. Abbot, Ph.D., R.N.-Johns Hopkins School of Nursing*

## Global Health Symposium cont...

A common theme of the day focused on the need to look beyond simple interventions and instead, strengthen health systems so they are better able to deliver the interventions to those most in need of them. In fact, nearly all illnesses that continue to kill children around the world are preventable, but not if the child does not have access to a health system, or a resourced health care professional.

Encouragingly, the global health community is trending towards integration, a concept that would strengthen health systems while offering general health services, moving away from specialized care. Although there is a long way to go, our speakers presented numerous examples of how we might arrive there in the future.

**Save the Date for next year's Symposium: September 21, 2012 at the Union League of Philadelphia.**

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### CHOP Global Health Allies Visit the Dominican Republic

In August, four CHOP Global Health Allies worked in the Dominican Republic to enroll a new barrio into the CHOP Niños Primeros en Salud (NPS) program and complete a population based survey, which included taking heights and weights of all new children under the age of 5. The team also completed a similar survey in Barrio 41, where NPS has been working for over two years. The team visited over 100 homes, and weighed, measured and surveyed over 130 children in just two days time. Below are some words and pictures from team members.

"As we traveled door to door, we were greeted with smiles and unreserved invitations to enter their modest homes. They shared with us some of their deepest concerns, and opened up their lives to us. One afternoon at the end of the week we converted the community bar/nightclub into a health education center where we shared information about and preventative strategies against cholera and the importance of vaccinations. I'm thankful to be here at the onset of this barrio enrollment, and look forward to growing with the children and families over the next several years."

~Dr. Marc Callender, Global Health Fellow

"Working through the day we enrolled the entire Barrio in one day. Parents over and over again were amazed that two doctors, Deb Voulalas and Marc Callender, would travel out into their homes with unpaved streets to talk to them about their children's care. Abel and Larissa Slavic (herself from the DR, not far from Consuelo) chatted with families, weighed children and interviewed families with such ease it did not seem at all the fledgling effort it really was. Ramona, the Nurse at the Centro and NPS shared her knowledge and experience with the team and it was clear to us all that this effort would have been almost impossible without her. Finally, two medical residents from Robert Reid Cabral Children's Hospital were with us and though they were there to learn they showed grace and skill beyond what was expected of them."

~Layla Ware de Luria, MSW, Global Health Allies



## Meet our 2011-2013 David E. Pincus Global Health Fellows

*The David E. Pincus Global Health Fellowship is a unique, two-year academic fellowship that combines clinical, educational and research opportunities in the setting of a developing country. Fellows live and work in either the Dominican Republic or Botswana and South Africa for a two year period. Drs. Marc Callender and Matt Kelly began their fellowship in June 2011.*

### Dr. Marc Callender

Dr. Marc Callender obtained his MD from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and completed his pediatric residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Yale University.

In the Dominican Republic, Marc collaborates with the Centro de Salud Divina Providencia in the town of Consuelo as an active pediatric provider in CHOP's Niños Primeros en Salud program, and with the Columbia University International Family AIDS program in nearby La Romana. His research interests include the implementation of sickle cell screening and interventions, and the impact of fathers in the health of children in the developing world.

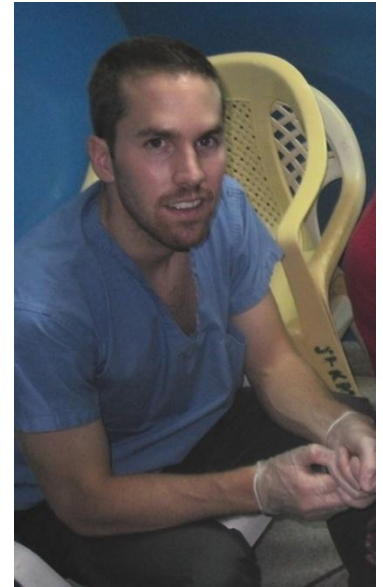
Marc has extensive volunteer and clinical experience in Latin America. He lives in La Romana with his wife, Greer, and their son, Elias.

### Dr. Matt Kelly

Dr. Matthew Kelly obtained his MD from Harvard Medical School. Matt also has a Master's degree in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Washington University. Matt completed his residency training in the Boston Combined Residency Program in Pediatrics, and is a board-certified pediatrician.

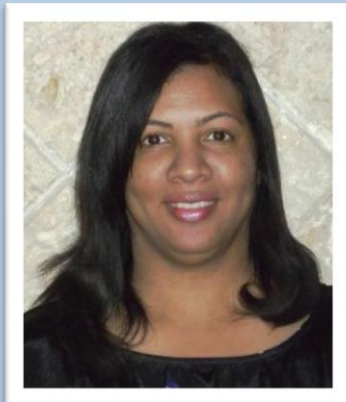
As the Africa Fellow, Matt splits his time between Sparrow's Village, a residential pediatric AIDS home in Johannesburg, and Princess Marina Hospital in Gaborone, Botswana, where he will be providing inpatient pediatric clinical care as part of the Botswana-UPenn Partnership. Matt plans to conduct a research project to investigate the causes and treatment outcomes of severe pneumonia among infants born to HIV-infected mothers.

Matt has extensive domestic and international research and volunteer medical experience. He lives with his wife, Kathleen, in Gaborone.



## Niños Primeros en Salud, Consuelo, Dominican Republic Staff

Meet the staff of our pediatric program in the Dominican Republic who work tirelessly to promote better health in children under 5 in the barrios of Consuelo, D.R.



**Dra. Ingrid Japa- NPS  
Pediatrician**



**Lic. Ramona Cordero and daughter,  
Veronica- NPS Nurse**



**Abel Gonzalez (white shirt)-  
NPS Coordinator**