# Joy to the World: The Spirit of Giving

They say it is better to give than to receive, and in most cases I would agree. But sometimes, being on the receiving end is the best thing in the world. During the years I have been with the International Scholars Program I have received many,



many gifts from incoming and outgoing scholars: scarves and wines and stamps and artwork, food, you name it. I could almost open a global retail shop.

But there are other things I have received that can't be measured except in my heart: the email received from a former scholar just to say 'hi'; the story about the practice expansion; the photo of the new baby.

This holiday season my eye is on the real prize: the memories of scholars past and present. I am so blessed to have gotten to know you all because you opened up a whole new world for me. I mean, my geography and language identification skills have improved exponentially as each of you entered my life. When someone mentions a country, I'm pretty sure where it is located. I have a

working knowledge of the country's history and its healthcare system. While it may take me a while to pull the information out of the mental vault. I know it's there and sooner or later (or later) it will surface. And I owe it to all of the scholar

presentations that you provided over the years. I listened; it sunk in.

Aside from the professional exchange of knowledge, each of you brought something special and that was yourself. I believe in 'making a joyful noise' and if you know me, you know I love to laugh. I think that is my joy. We have shared some really funny moments, and when I think of them, even years later, I start to laugh again. It's a gift that keeps on giving. We shake our heads and smile while feeling that little pinch in our hearts. That's the spot where I keep your memories and even as I write this, I'm smiling and thinking of you. So have a wonderful holiday season and be blessed in the New Year, but most of all, share your joy.

#### Eileen

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# **Guyana Nurses Initiative Guyana Public Hospital Corporation NICU Nursing Education Program**

Beginning early next year the International Scholars Program will welcome the first participants of the Guyana NICU Nurse Certification Program. This educational/mentoring objective will be completed by initiating and implementing a formal 1-year certificate program approximately 11 nurses.

All of the selected nurses are graduates of an RN program equivalent to an associate degree level in the US. They will visit NCH in groups of 2-3 for 2 weeks each.

The goal of this newly created initiative is to bring innovative educational and mentoring methods of neonatal intensive care to the public sector in Georgetown, Guyana, The lead personnel at NCH are Dr. Leif Nelin, Professor and Chief, Division of Neonatology, Caitlin Beggs, Lisa Alianiello, Gail Bagwell, Kim Samson, Judy Hanlon, and Joanna Sutton. This team and other staff members will provide training through a variety of mediums:

- A 2-month live didactic curriculum using Skype or similar technology,
- A 1-month preceptorship of the students by NCH/OSU nurses at the Guyana Public Hospital Corporation,
- An 8-month nurse-to-nurse preceptorship between GPHC and NCH/OSU using email and Skype and
- A 1-month final preparation and examination period with NCH/OSO nurses at GPHC.

By focusing on education and mentoring in a place where the largest contributor to

child mortality is neonatal respiratory distress, it is hoped that providing the missing infrastructure will help GPHC to become and continue as, the national center nor only for advanced neonatal care. but also for neonatal education.

# Nationwide Children's Hospital **Outreach: Medical Missions at** Home and Abroad

ISP coordinator, Daiwei Lo and Medical Missions team member Fabiola Heintz-Blanco spend many hours weekly collecting salvaged supplies and material from throughout the NCH campus. They then sort, label, and pack the gently used and often new items and prepare them for pick up by MedWish International. To date, they and others have donated 9.306 lbs. of materials. MedWish recovers usable medical supplies, equipment, and patient furnishings from area hospitals, clinics and medical suppliers and sends these items to medical care providers in developing countries around the world. Through the tireless efforts of Daiwei, Fabiola and others like them, over 93 different countries have benefitted.

A recent Columbus Monthly magazine article featured several of NCH's medical and nursing staff members. Dr. Leslie Mihalov, Chief of Emergency Medicine, has been treating patients in Dumay, Haiti for over a decade. Dr. Mihalov provides assistance at a permanent primary care clinic for about 2 weeks annually through the Healing Art Missions.

www.healingartmissions.org

Dr. Mihalov, who has served as a Stecker Scholar mentor, said she "noticed that

nutrition has gotten better in the town the clinic serves and there are actually fat babies, which is really exciting," she says.

Associate Chief Medical Officer and Co-Medical Director for Patient Safety, Dr.
Terry Davis has been involved in mission work since the 1970's. He has worked with Rotary International's Gift of Life program, participated in surgical missions to Kenya and trained doctors in Peru. Dr. Davis and his wife Barbara now make two trips yearly to Kenya to do mission work with the Rafiki AIDS Ministry. He said he's ..."learned over the years that the ultimate success in any of these (programs) depends very little on the person giving the help and a lot on the people who are receiving the help."

### **Ronald McDonald House**

The Ronald McDonald House has announced plans to expand its facilities. In the works is the addition of another 40 rooms and 35,000 square feet of space on its current Livingston Avenue Campus. When completed, the facility will support family-centered card at NCH, OhioHealth hospitals, the Ohio State University, the Wexner Medical Center, The James Cancer Hospital, Mount Carmel Health System, and other area hospitals. It will provide 14,600 more nights each year for families of seriously ill children.



## **PICU and Infection Control**

Our PICU infection control rates are some of the lowest in the country! Infection control rates are measure in the number of infections per 1.000 days that patients were on central lines. A central line is a catheter used to give medication fluids, or blood products over an extended time. A Catheter Line Blood Stream Infection (CLBSI) can develop when bacteria or other germs travel down a catheter and enter the bloodstream. If 5 patients are on central lines during one day, that counts as 5 days.

In 2012, our infection control rates were 0 infections (CLBSI) vs the national average of 2.2 infections. VAP (Ventilation Associated Pneumonia (Infection) rates were NCH PICU, 0 infections vs. the national average of 1.2 infections. We have done this by practicing Zero Hero, our Patient Safety Program Principles which are:

- We're accountable
- We ask questions
- We're committed
- We communicate

We anticipate this will continue in 2013.

## Did You Know?

Dr. Omalara Williams of Nigeria will visit NCH for a week in the spring. Dr. Williams is the first recipient of the of the American Pediatric Surgical Association's (APSA) Travel Fellowship. Her travels will bring her to our hospital when she comes to the US to deliver her presentation at the 44<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of APSA. The meeting will be held in May 2013 on Marco Island, Florida. Stecker Scholars Program Medical Director, Dr. Benedict Nwomeh, will provide guidance for Dr. Williams as she prepares her presentation, and will serve as her mentor at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Nationwide Children's Hospital's Grand Rounds can be accessed from your desk or laptop? Follow this link http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/cme-ondemand

Need info on the new Research Building? Click on this

http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/researc h-facilities

Trauma Grand Rounds?

http://anchor.columbuschildrens.net/trauma -program-links-to-trauma-grand-roundspresentations-videos

### From Across the Miles

Hello Eileen.

I can't believe it's been 2 years already since I left Columbus. I miss all the good people at Children's and will forever be grateful for the wonderful experience I had. You have no idea how much the 3 months spent with Dr. Vidaurre has impacted on my practice here in Ghana.

I have also been adding value to myself in spite of the busy schedule. Last month, I graduated from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine with a professional diploma in project design and management. I have also taken up a part-time job with the SOS Children's Villages as a Medical Adviser and a Project Manager of the Save my Mother project in Ghana. This is a cervical cancer awareness and screening program funded by the SOS Children's Villages International and the Female Cancer Foundation of the Netherlands

Finally, on the social side of life, we just welcome our new baby girl on Saturday 10/13. I will send you some pictures when I get home.

Please extend my greetings to all the good people especially at Education and Neurology.

Have a blessed week.

CHARLES HAMMOND, MD. Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital Kumasi, GHANA

## A Story of Giving and Receiving

A couple of months back, we asked you all to share a story where you were on the receiving end. Here is what Dr. Mohamed Ennara (Egypt '01) sent us:

### Hello Eileen.

Thank you for your emails and continued effort to bridge scholars together and with your outstanding Nationwide. It makes my day too to receive emails from you I would like to share with you a story that touched me so well as I was on the receiving end of a kind touch of respect and honour from my previous mentor, Dr. Marcel Casavant. .... I was in Toronto this summer and I called him to say hi and ask about his lovely family. He then found a free weekend (in his all days busy work) and gave me a visit with his wife and son driving all the way from Columbus to Toronto. We had a great weekend sightseeing and going by the ferry to the islands and having a wonderful dinner. I will always remember you and the Stecker Scholarship and the great Columbus. I had a great time in 2001 I would never forget. I hope to pay him and you the visit back next summer when I travel to Toronto again where my family is now."

# Nationwide Children's Hospital International Scholar's Program 2012 Visits in Review

Name	Province/Country
Sameh, Hesham	Egypt
Fan, Guoha RN	Jiangsu, China
Zhu, Mei MD	Shandong, China,
Singh, Srijana MD	Nepal
Jain, Viral	India
Ali Junejo, Arbab MD	Pakistan
Velado, Monica MD	El Salvador
Xian 4 <sup>th</sup> Military Medical	Shaanxi, China
University Delegation	,
Solis, Ines MD	Spain
Zimmer, Alexandra	Poland
Zagloul, Tarek	Egypt
Moussa, Jana MD	Syria
Owais Malik	Pakistan
Adamik, Karolina	Poland
Finnish Delegation	Finland
Abdur-Rahman, Lukman MD	Nigeria

Name	Province/Province
Kacar, Ayper, MD	Turkey
Dennis Villanueva, MD	Philippines
Martins, Luciana, MD	Brazil
Martins, Ricardo, MD	Brazil
Ural, Zeliha, MD	Turkey
Cuentas, John Ramirez	Spain
Bunsow, Elenora MD	Spain
Wuhan Delegation	Wuhan
Salama, Rasha	Syria
Guangxi Delegation	Nanning, China
Barkey, Janice MD	Canada
Shouldice, Chantal RN	Canada
Sister Cities Delegation	Ahmedabad, India
Huang, Haijuan MD	Shanghai, China
Pan, Xiangin MD	Fuwai
Yang Yang, MD	China
Pillappa, Raghavendra	Saint Lucia