



Yale-New Haven in the Community

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This newsletter highlights some of the many community outreach programs and services Yale-New Haven Hospital (YNHH) offers on an ongoing basis. Some are designed to improve access to care through health education and screenings for specific populations, while others seek to enhance the quality of life within our community.

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Community Health Education

NAACP Health & Career Fairs – YNHH was the lead sponsor of the NAACP’s Health Fair in May 2009 that attracted approximately 2,000 people and provided free health education and screening programs. In addition, middle and high school students from greater New Haven schools and surrounding areas were invited to the NAACP Health & Science Career Expo, where they received an exclusive look at health and science careers. YNHH staff, along with Yale University and other local colleges and businesses, provided information to approximately 450 students. YNHH staff, representing over 20 Hospital departments, comprised nearly 70 percent of the exhibitors at the fairs.

SOS Team – YNHH’s Stamp Out Stroke Team includes registered nurses who volunteer their time to provide blood pressure readings and stroke risk assessment screenings at community health fairs and events. Recently, members of the team attended the Knights of Columbus Health Fair and 94.3 WYBC Help Fair at Wexler Grant School, both in New Haven, and a Latino Health Fair in Hartford.

Childhood Injury Prevention Activities – The pediatric injury prevention program at Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital is involved in a variety of activities and educational programs to help keep New Haven and area children safe. Since January 2009, staff have fitted and distributed 114 bicycles helmets to New Haven children. Staff have participated in car seat safety clinics and presented programs in partnership with the New Haven Police Department to local students on drug and alcohol, date rape, Internet safety and new teen driving laws. The injury prevention program also collaborates with many local and state partners, including the City of New Haven on STREET SMARTS, an initiative focused on pedestrian, bike and car safety and the Connecticut Teen Driving Safety Partnership, a statewide coalition to improve safety of teenage drivers.

Community Building

YNHH-Hill Development Corporation Community Benefit Agreement – The Hospital has successfully completed its three-year agreement with Hill Development Corporation to provide funding for identified community needs in the Hill. YNHH provided a total of \$1.1 million to HDC for home rehabilitation grants for Hill homeowners, child care subsidies, summer youth programs, scholarships, books for the Hill library branch, a Hill community liaison and transfer of property previously owned by YNHH to HDC for affordable housing. Some of the positive outcomes from the funding included free summer programs for 377 youth, scholarships for continued education to nine graduating high school students residing in the Hill and child care subsidies to over 20 families for quality, affordable day care.

YNHH ranks 17th in the U.S.; only Honor Roll hospital in Connecticut

For the third consecutive year, Yale-New Haven Hospital has been named by U.S. News Media Group to its national Honor Roll as one of the top hospitals in the United States. YNHH is ranked seventeenth in the country according to *U.S. News's* annual "America's Best Hospitals" rankings, published in the August issue of *U.S. News & World Report*. YNHH is the only hospital in Connecticut to earn Honor Roll status.

In addition to the Honor Roll distinction as one of the best U.S. hospitals, Yale-New Haven was ranked among the very best in the nation in 12 of the 16 medical specialties considered: cancer; ear, nose and throat; diabetes and endocrine disorders; digestive disorders; geriatric care; gynecology; heart and heart surgery; kidney disorders; neurology and neurosurgery; psychiatry; respiratory disorders; and urology.

Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital among America's Best Children's Hospitals

Two specialty programs at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital (YNHCH) – diabetes and endocrine disorders, and kidney disorders – have been recognized for their excellence in U.S. News Media Group's 2009 edition of "America's Best Children's Hospitals," published in the August issue of *U.S. News & World Report*. YNHCH is the only Connecticut hospital to be ranked in the 2009 survey.

YNHH-Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Awards – YNHH Vice President of Human Resources, Paul Patton, and Pat Worthy, Manager of Workforce Diversity, recently presented the first three community service awards in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to three New Haven high school students. The recipients, who were joined by proud parents and high school principals, were Ms. Kaneez Anwar, sophomore, Hill Regional Career High School, Ms. Crystal Ayala, senior, Wilbur Cross High School, and Ms. Avital Sokolow Silverman, senior, Wilbur Cross High School. Each young woman has an outstanding commitment to community service as demonstrated by the hours volunteered with a variety of community not-for-profits.

Caring for the spiritual needs of our community – YNHH's Religious Ministries

Department recently conducted an interfaith training event, "Prayer in Times of Crisis," for community clergy and church members. The Hospital conducted the educational Pastoral Care Institute to help clergy and church officials be better prepared to care for their congregants in a hospital setting.

Minority Scholarships – YNHH recently honored the seven winners of its minority scholarship awards. The recipients, who live in greater New Haven are: Eva Bryant, Jenel Douglas, Amanda Gonzalez, Hemmy Gonzalez, Ebonie Tillery, Elizabeth Heng and Michael White. Each will receive a \$2,000 per year award, for a total of \$8,000 during their college career. In 19 years, the hospital has awarded almost \$350,000 in scholarships to minority students. To qualify, students must be a member of a minority group as defined by the federal government and enrolled in a full-time course of study towards a degree in nursing or an allied health field, which can include pharmacy, respiratory therapy or X-ray technology.

Support for not-for-profit organizations

YNHH recognized for its contributions to not-for-profit organizations – YNHH and the Medical Staff at YNHH were recognized by Habitat for Humanity with its 2009 Master Builder Award in recognition of their continued support of Habitat, which most recently included funding and employee and physician participation in the building of a Habitat home in the Hill neighborhood.

Additional donations – YNHH continues to lend its financial support to a variety of local not-for-profits whose work enhances the health and well-being of the community. Most recently, the Hospital made donations to Community Mediation, CUREChief Hope & Heroes Event, Komen CT Race for the Cure, March of Dimes Walk America, Breast Cancer Network of Strength, East Haven High School HOSA Program, Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council, Dwight Management Team Neighborhood Event, Hill North & South Management Teams' Annual Meeting and the Anti-Defamation League.