The Center for Child Advocacy at Loyola University Health System (Loyola) recently received donations from Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation and the Blackhawk Charities, a fund of the McCormick Tribune Foundation. The donations total more than $59,000 and contribute to the family of philanthropy at Loyola.

Specifically, the donations will benefit the center’s four programs: Child Life; Reading, Writing & Recovery® School Program; Pediatric Mobile Health Unit; and the Child Advocacy/Child Abuse program.

“We are grateful for the donations from these two outstanding organizations,” said Sandra Swanson, MSOD, BSN, RN, administrative director of Women’s and Children’s Services. “The funding will allow us to develop resources for children who are coping with cancer and their families. These resources include books and supplies for medical play that will help patients understand their illness.”

According to Ms. Swanson, the donations also will help grow existing programs that aim to normalize the lives of sick children as much as possible and enhance the ability to deal with the medical and legal aspects of child advocacy.

**Child Life**
The Child Life program has been helping pediatric patients since 1979. Staff members focus on enhancing each child’s ability to cope and feel confident in the health-care setting by creating a positive experience for emotional, psychological, social and physical development. For example, patients engage in medical play by decorating intravenous poles to help adjust to their medical environment. Less structured playtime and arts and crafts engage patients in activities that distract them from the difficulties and discomfort surrounding their hospitalization.

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**Reading, Writing & Recovery School Program**
Hospitalized children need not worry about falling behind their classmates at school. The Reading, Writing & Recovery School Program helps them remain at the same academic level as their peers by providing tutorial services, academic instruction and educational enrichment activities. This innovative program serves as a one-room schoolhouse where children and adolescents attend programming specific to their grade level. The program allows children to keep up with the homework assigned by their classroom teachers. Loyola’s full-time certified teacher/coordinator serves as a facilitator and promotes the children’s desire to learn within the difficult and stressful hospital environment.

**Pediatric Mobile Health Unit**
Caring for more than 67,500 children since its inception in 1998, the Pediatric Mobile Health Unit provides cost-effective clinical care to uninsured, underinsured and at-risk children. Patients receive routine check-ups, immunizations, asthma care, dental hygiene education, general health education, vision, audiometry, laboratory and pulmonary function testing at no cost. The Pediatric Mobile Health Unit has become a model in cost-effective community outreach for other mobile units across the country. This program depends on community volunteer partners at the sites where it provides care, as well as many generous donations and grants to continue the care it provides.

**Child Advocacy/Child Abuse Program**
The Child Advocacy/Child Abuse Program partners with local community advocacy centers to meet the medical, legal and social needs of children who have experienced abuse. The program, located in the Loyola Outpatient Center on the Loyola University Medical Center (LUMC) campus, also provides care for patients who are hospitalized. This program’s staff members collaborate with multiple agencies and disciplines as a team to create a child-focused approach, coordinating investigation and intervention services for victims and their families. Two pediatricians – experts who focus on advocacy issues – staff the center along with Child Life employees, who help children utilize play to deal with their situations.

Visit www.lumc.edu/rmch/about/index.htm for more information about the Center for Child Advocacy. If you would like to support programs at the center, contact Eva Moss, associate director, Major Gifts, at (708) 216-8249.
**Chicago's oldest and most successful black-tie gala – the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine Annual Award Dinner – was held on Nov. 18, 2005. Many of Chicago's prominent business, political and religious leaders, including Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago, were among those gathered to support educational initiatives and community outreach programs.**

Two of the school's most prestigious awards were presented during the event. The Sword of Loyola recognizes the achievements of community leaders for contributions in a field other than medicine. This year's recipient was Michael R. Quinlan. The Stritch Medal recognizes outstanding service in medicine by a graduate or faculty member of Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch). Stephen Slogoff, MD, professor of anesthesiology, retired dean of Stritch and senior vice president for clinical affairs at Loyola University Health System, was honored this year.

**Sword of Loyola Honors Michael R. Quinlan**
A Chicago native and alumnus of Loyola University Chicago, Michael R. Quinlan has carried the Loyola spirit of going the extra mile into every part of his life and work. He has committed himself to the long-term health of his alma mater and Loyola University Medical Center (LUMC). Over the years, he and his wife, Marilyn, have supported Ronald McDonald® House Charities and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at LUMC. His continued personal support led to the corporation's $10 million gift to the Ronald McDonald® Children's Hospital of Loyola University Medical Center. Mr. Quinlan credits his Catholic education for his altruism.

Named one of America's Most Powerful People by Forbes magazine in 1988, Mr. Quinlan served as chair of the board of McDonald's Corporation and as its chief executive officer for more than a decade. He currently serves as chair emeritus of McDonald's Corporation, current chair of the board of trustees of Loyola University Chicago, a member of the Loyola University Health System's board of directors, and on the boards of Dun & Bradstreet and Warren Resources Inc. He is a life trustee of the Ronald McDonald House Charities and Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill. He received the award in recognition of his generous acts of service to the community and his commitment to Loyola.

**Stritch Medal Awarded to Stephen Slogoff, MD**
After 12 years with the health system, Stephen Slogoff, MD, will be remembered for his impasioned determination. For students, he put a new emphasis on the business side of medicine, implementing core competencies that not only tested students' clinical knowledge but also their communication skills, professionalism and commitment to service. For patients, he developed clinical programs aimed at improving safety including the incorporation of Epic, an electronic medical records system.

The author of more than 50 scientific articles, abstracts and book chapters, his most significant role was in the 1984 landmark, multi-institutional Cardiac Artery Surgery Study (CASS). His research helped outline operating room procedures for anesthesiologists and surgeons in relation to patient outcomes that are practiced to this day.

Earning a medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in his hometown of Philadelphia, Dr. Slogoff spent much of his clinical career at the Texas Heart Institute in Houston, but he leaves behind a legacy at Loyola that will impact medical students and patients for years to come. He was honored for his service to students and the medical community.

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**Helping Burn Patients**
Amos Miner, committee co-chair for the event, noted that Loyola's Burn Center is one of the "biggest and best burn centers. By donating a portion of the proceeds to Loyola, we are helping further care for patients who suffer from burn-related injuries. It's a win-win situation."

Since its inception, the Illinois Burn Prevention Invitational has raised more than $450,000. Loyola's Burn Unit first became a recipient of funds in 2003, and has received $45,000 during the past three years including $25,000 in 2005. You and/or your business can help make a difference by sponsoring the event, participating in the out- or supporting the cause. Contact Chris Toft, associate vice president, Office of Development, at (708) 216-3318, for more information and to register your golf foursome.

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**Groundbreaking Kicks off Medical Center Expansion**
A formal groundbreaking ceremony for the Loyola University Medical Center expansion project was held Dec. 13, 2005. The $103 million project will create 176,000 square feet of new space and renovate 60,000 square feet of existing space in the Loyola University Hospital. Completion of the addition is expected by early 2009. Renovations will be undertaken in three phases, with the final phase complete by late 2009.

“This is a major milestone in the development of the medical center,” said Anthony L. Barbato, MD, president and CEO, Loyola University Health System. “It is a wonderfully conceived project that will include a fountain to provide soothing sounds of flowing water. Another feature designed for patient comfort will be separate elevators and corridors for patients and the public. The expansion project is driven by a growing demand for Loyola services, particularly for surgical and interventional procedures. The hospital's 18 operating rooms are being used to capacity, and the demand is expected to increase in coming years. Twelve new operating rooms will be added while helping burn patients.”

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**Illinois Burn Prevention Golf Invitational June 12**
On June 12, the Northern Illinois Chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association will host the Illinois Burn Prevention Invitational, a golf outing to support burn programs at Loyola University Health System (Loyola) and Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch). The event will be held at the Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan, Ill.
John M. Lee, MD, PhD, Appointed Stritch Dean

As director of the MD/PhD Program, Dr. Lee has been involved in fostering interactions between Loyola University Chicago’s Graduate School and Stritch. Having served as chair of the Design Subcommittee of the Central Curricular Authority at Stritch he has been directly involved in the development and implementation of Stritch’s innovative medical education program.

Dr. Lee describes above could be applied to him as well. He has spent his medical career at Loyola University Health System (Loyola) caring for patients, educating medical students and taking on leadership roles that help define medicine at Loyola. After earning his medical degree from Stritch, he completed his residency in internal medicine and general pediatrics at Loyola University Medical Center. He served as medical director of primary care and managed care and vice chief of staff of Loyola University Hospital. Most recently, he was appointed chief of staff. At Stritch, he serves as assistant professor of general internal medicine and general pediatrics, and chairs the Financial Aid Committee.

The values Dr. Cannon learned from his family and Loyola’s Jesuit Catholic philosophy continue to motivate him to “to do more.” He regularly contributes to the Dean’s Scholarship Fund to help offset the enormous debt students incur as a result of rising tuition costs. “Because of this burden,” he said, “these talented physicians are unable to share their altruism for the next decade, which is very problematic.” Dr. Cannon recognizes that the combined support of all Stritch alumni, faculty and friends could make the critical difference for these students.

As chief of staff, Dr. Cannon’s vision is to maintain the quality of care and smooth operations of the medical and dental staff. As medicine changes at a rapid pace, the future lies on health-care providers working in teams versus individuals.

He noted that the medical center expansion project is part of the response to that change. “The physical building was designed to encourage that teamwork, much like the Loyola Outpatient Center. We are being proactive in our approach to patient care.”

Dr. Cannon is proud of the changes he has witnessed and been a part of during his 20 years at Loyola. “It has been fascinating to see Loyola from many different angles. As a medical student, resident, faculty member, primary caregiver and as chief of staff, I have been privileged to meet many outstanding and truly committed people in every area.”

When asked about the challenges facing health care, Dr. Cannon replied, “Medicine changes every day. It’s sometimes frustrating, painful and tragic. The way we choose to deal with those changes is often the most difficult yet rewarding part. The good news is these experiences help us grow to become better people, doctors, teachers, husbands, wives and parents.”

For more information on the Dean’s Scholarship Fund, contact Shawn M. Vogen, assistant dean for development, Office of Development, Stritch School of Medicine, at (708) 216-5642.
Stritch School of Medicine is committed to graduating outstanding doctors who have an exceptionally well-rounded approach to life and medicine. Home to more than 500 medical students, the school is recognized for its Jesuit-based philosophies of ethics and giving back as well as the respected medical education students receive.

Educational expenses play an important role in selecting a medical school. The cost of tuition at Stritch is $34,500. More than 85 percent of Stritch students rely on financial assistance beyond that of their families to pay the costs associated with medical school attendance.

Swim Across America July 22
The 13th Annual Swim Across America Lake Michigan Swim Relay will take place on July 22, 2006, from 7 a.m. – noon, at the Ohio Street Beach, Chicago. All proceeds from the event support Loyola’s Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center, a leader in cancer research, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and renewal. This event has raised almost $400,000 to date. For more information, log onto www.swimacrossamerica.org and click on the Chicago link.

For More Information
Loyola University Medical Center is committed to disciplined research and planning concerning both the purposes for which a gift will be used and the impact a gift makes on your personal and financial goals. The Office of Development will be happy to formulate a plan with you and/or your financial advisor that takes full advantage of the available tax benefits, while at the same time fulfills your desire to benefit Loyola University Medical Center and/or Stritch School of Medicine.

We understand that your charitable gift intentions are a personal matter. We encourage you to contact us for help with answering or researching any questions about clinical or academic activities or for more information on making your gift to our institution. All discussions will be treated confidentially.

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