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Donations Help Further Child Advocacy at Loyola

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. By developing and implementing play activities, therapeutic interventions and supportive resources, the Child Life program continues to enhance Loyola's pediatric care.

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



Richard J. Taylor, MEd, helps a child learn as part of the Reading, Writing & Recovery School Program.

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, audiology, 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. ~

Stritch Annual Award Dinner

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 impassioned 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



Sword of Loyola recipient Michael R. Quinlan and his wife Marilyn, and Stritch Medal recipient Stephen Slogoff, MD, and his wife Bobbie with Francis Cardinal George.

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. ~

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.

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 outing 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. ~

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 2008. 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 has been years in the concept and planning phases. It represents a major investment in the future of medical care at Loyola."

The most visible and dramatic element of the project will be a new hospital entrance to replace the crowded Russo entrance. The two-story entryway

will be attractive, modern and flooded with natural light – much like those in the Loyola Outpatient Center and Stritch School of Medicine – and will include a fountain to provide the 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



At the ceremonial groundbreaking for the hospital expansion were (from left) Rev. Michael J. Garanzini, SJ, president, Loyola University Chicago; Hon. Henderson Yarbrough Sr., mayor of Maywood; State Representative Karen A. Yarbrough; Martin Massiello, executive vice president, LUHS; Frank W. Considine, chair, LUHS Board of Directors; Anthony L. Barbato, MD, president and CEO, LUHS; Nancy Knowles-Kolden, member, LUHS Board of Directors; and Richard Boykin, chief of staff for U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis.

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

John M. Lee, MD, PhD, Appointed Stritch Dean

John M. Lee, MD, PhD, was appointed dean of Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch) effective Dec. 1, 2005. Dr. Lee joined the Stritch faculty as an assistant professor in the Departments of Pathology and Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics in 1992. In 2002, he became chair of the Department of Pathology, and was named the Helen M. and Raymond M. Galvin Professor of Pathology in 2004.

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.

He earned his undergraduate degree at Yale University and his doctoral degree from the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, University of Illinois at Chicago, where he also earned his medical degree. Dr. Lee completed his pathology residency and fellowship training at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, and served as a clinical fellow at Harvard Medical School from 1988 – 1990. He is certified by the American Board of Pathology in both anatomic pathology and neuropathology.

Dr. Lee has received numerous teaching awards for his education of medical students, residents and graduate students. He has received national and international recognition for his important work in Alzheimer's disease and is chair of Stritch's Research Advisory Council. Dr. Lee has served as a reviewer and editorial board member

for 12 national journals and he is the author or co-author of more than 125 scientific journal articles. He has been an active participant of both the National Institutes of Health's and Veterans Affairs Merit Review Study Sections.



John M. Lee, MD, PhD

“Dr. Lee brings to the deanship a wealth of experience and achievement in medical education, research, clinical neuropathology and administration and, importantly, intimate knowledge of Loyola University Chicago and Stritch School of Medicine,” said Anthony L. Barbato, MD, president and chief executive officer, Loyola University Health System. ~

Stritch Alumnus William Cannon, MD, Gives Back

As long as William Cannon, MD ('88), can remember, becoming a physician has always been his life's calling. When deciding which medical school to attend, he originally planned to apply to programs that, at the time, had more name recognition than Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch). However, he realized that Stritch was the right choice for him. “There was a sense of family and an atmosphere of warmth, spirituality, professionalism and personal responsibility,” recalls Dr. Cannon of his first impressions of Stritch.

The characteristics Dr. Cannon 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



William Cannon, MD, talks with a patient.

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. ~

three existing ones will be removed to bring the new total to 27. The new surgical suite also will include a dedicated pharmacy, a pathology laboratory, new pre-operative and recovery areas, an expanded sterile reprocessing area for surgical instruments and a staff lounge with food service, improved and expanded staff locker rooms. The first floor expansion will house comfortable patient and visitor areas for surgical admitting and pre-admission testing.

Increased surgical volume leads to a need for more hospital beds, and Loyola is already experiencing a bed shortage. In the past two years, the lack of available beds has, at times, necessitated the delay or deferral of patient transfers from other hospitals. Patients sometimes have had to wait in the Emergency Department for beds to become available. In those situations, the Emergency Department may go on bypass status, requiring non-trauma patients to be diverted to nearby hospitals. The addition of two new medical/surgical

units of 32 private rooms each will bring the total available adult medical/surgical beds to 298. As part of the renovation, some hospital rooms will be converted from double to single occupancy so that the total bed increase for the hospital will be 45, bringing total licensed beds to 568.

These days, private rooms are standard for new hospital construction. They make it easier to isolate patients with contagious diseases and alleviate the logistical difficulties of segregating patients based on age and gender. Private rooms also allow patients more privacy and family members greater comfort in being at the bedside for extended hours, even overnight.

The hospital also will gain a much-needed inpatient MRI unit. Currently, Loyola has three permanent MRI units on campus – one in a freestanding building, which is used only for outpatients, and two in the outpatient center. A fourth, temporary MRI unit attached to the Emergency Department

accommodates some hospital patients, but some must be transported to the outpatient center for MRI tests. The new MRI unit in the hospital will eliminate the need to transport hospitalized patients.

This medical center expansion also will provide more space for our Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine. After the expansion, patients will have a more convenient and spacious entrance and easier access to cardiac testing areas such as our extensive electrophysiology laboratories, 64-slice CT scanner and three catheterization suites.

The goal of the expansion project is to position Loyola for the future of medical care, according to Dr. Barbato. “Hundreds of people have been involved in planning this project from concept to detail. It represents a major new chapter for the medical center. The end result will have staying power to serve the needs of our patients for the long term.” ~

What a Difference a Gift Makes

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.

Each year, alumni and friends of Stritch help relieve a portion of the financial burden of some of its students through the Dean's Scholarship Fund. During FY 2006, students received approximately \$780,000 in financial assistance from the fund.

If you would like more information about Stritch School of Medicine Dean's Scholarship Fund or other opportunities to assist our students through scholarship support, please contact Shawn M. Vogen, PhD, assistant dean for development, Stritch School of Medicine, at (708) 216-5642. 

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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.

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