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Daniel J. Walsh Named Chair of Loyola University Health System Board of Directors

Daniel J. Walsh, president of the Walsh Group, has been named chairman of the Board of Directors of Loyola University Health System (Loyola) and Loyola University Medical Center. He has served as a board trustee since 2004. Mr. Walsh was elected chair when the board gathered for its meeting on Oct. 10.

“Dan is a builder, so it seems appropriate that he is taking the helm at a time when the health system is in the midst of a \$103 million medical center expansion and is working to broaden its reach as a leading-edge academic Catholic health sciences center,” said Anthony L. Barbato, MD, president and chief executive officer, Loyola University Health System.

“As a life trustee of St. Ignatius College Prep, Dan has a long-standing relationship with the Jesuits and will help continue our tradition of serving the community in a way that encourages innovation, embraces diversity, respects life and values human dignity,” Dr. Barbato added.



Mr. Walsh has more than 37 years of experience in the construction industry. The Walsh Group is now beginning its fourth generation as a family-owned firm in business since 1898. Recognized as one of the nation’s top builders, the Walsh Group has recently completed many high-profile projects across the country including Chicago’s Millennium Park.

He received a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1974 and his undergraduate degree from John Carroll University, Cleveland, in 1969.

Mr. Walsh’s personal commitment to the community is evidenced by his involvement in numerous organizations including Catholic Charities Housing, Misericordia, St. Vincent DePaul Center and St. Ignatius College Prep. The Walsh Group also has been recognized by minority contractors’ organizations for the firm’s support of affirmative action and equal opportunity employment. He and his brother, Matthew, have created the Walsh Foundation funded through corporate profits, which allows inner-city minority high-

school students to become summer interns in the construction industry and gain exposure to opportunities available through the construction and engineering fields.

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“I’m proud to be playing a greater role in the future of Loyola University Health System,” said Mr. Walsh. “It’s thrilling to be part of the vision and planning for tomorrow. I am humbled by the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Loyola’s

two outstanding leaders: Frank Considine and Dr. Anthony Barbato. Together, the two have formed a nationally respected leadership team and each has dedicated more than 25 years to Loyola. It will be a hard act to follow. The board will honor their hard work by ensuring that their hopes and plans for Loyola are seen through. We will strive to enhance their vision of the future of Loyola medicine,” he added. ~

Board Members Put Their Money Where Their Service Is

A popular saying maintains that charity begins at home, but several members of the Loyola University Health System (Loyola) Board of Directors have decided to raise their sights and state that philanthropy begins at Loyola. Board members have stepped forward to pledge their support for a variety of important projects throughout the health system. They have opted to make their dollars count at the institution they serve and where they know their money will make a difference in many lives.

Board members have seen firsthand the benefits to patient care, education and research Loyola has gained through donor gifts. They realize they can best ask others to donate when they lead by example.

Board members have become a part of the Loyola family through different paths: as faculty members, business contacts and patients. They have various priorities for their gifts, from helping medical students with their finances and investing in capital improvements to providing health care and programs for children. The one factor they all have in

common is loyalty to the health system that treats the whole patient.

Michael Leyden has served on the Loyola Board of Directors since 1995. An alumnus of Loyola University Chicago (LUC) School of Law, Mr. Leyden joined the health system’s board when it formed. He also is a member of the LUC Board of Trustees.

Since his time on the board, Mr. Leyden has been most impressed with the health system’s tremendous growth. “The results, from the addition of the Loyola Outpatient Center and the John & Herta Cuneo Center to the current medical center expansion, are quality improvements that enhance Loyola’s patient care.”

Mr. Leyden believes that philanthropic donations to medicine are necessary. “Loyola can not afford to make the type of capital improvements we need or provide services to all patients without donations,”



he said. “This is especially true since Loyola is an academic medical center and part of our mission is to educate students.”

Mr. Leyden supports Loyola in its educational mission. He and his wife, **Mary Lou**, recently pledged \$250,000 to the Ralph P. Leischner Jr., MD, Institute for Medical Education, which develops faculty as exemplary medical educators, designs and implements innovative curricula and advances knowledge by measuring educational outcomes and researching medical education techniques.

Donating to Loyola is something Mr. Leyden feels strongly about because he has experienced Loyola’s tradition of treating the whole patient. “My wife and I have been patients at Loyola. The caring and pleasant nature of the staff members resonates throughout the health system. They are as concerned with your spiritual and emotional health as they are with your physical health.”

Loyola Board of Directors member **Jordan Hadelman**, and his wife, **Deborah**, have come to trust Loyola in caring for their children. So when *See Board, page 2*

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they decided to give \$100,000 to Loyola, they specified that the money should be put in a child advocacy fund that enables children in uninsured



and underinsured families to receive treatment. "Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau found that there were 46.6 million uninsured people in the United States in 2005," said Mr. Hadelman. "Our

donation was a very easy check to write because we believe other children should have the same outstanding medical services at Loyola that our children received."

Mr. Hadelman is a relatively new board member, having served for approximately two years. He became involved with Loyola through Witt/Keiffer, a national executive search firm specializing in health care and higher education, where he is the chief executive officer and chairman of the Chicago-based company.

During Mr. Hadelman's time on the board he has been most impressed with its leadership team including Anthony Barbato, MD, president and CEO of Loyola. "The board has tremendous leadership in Dr. Barbato; I've found being a part of this team very intellectually stimulating and educational," Mr. Hadelman said. "Loyola is a wonderful blend of academic medicine coupled with a strong value-based culture, and I believe this culture comes from its leadership and employees."

Nancy Knowles has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1995. She often has expressed her satisfaction and enthusiasm for being involved with Loyola and its outstanding team put together and led by

Anthony Barbato, MD. She said: "It is exciting watching the development and growth of the hospital, its leadership and staff enter into the 21st century."

Mrs. Knowles also is excited to see high technology and the practice of medicine commingle with patient care. She has pledged a \$10 million unrestricted bequest to the medical center.

Unrestricted gifts allow the health system to use the funds where they are most needed.

The connection between Mrs. Knowles and Loyola began with her late husband, Hugh S. Knowles; their family doctor was on staff at the medical center. Between 1960 and 1999, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles' company, Knowles Electronics, Inc., consistently supported Loyola with various gifts. Mrs. Knowles is the president of The Knowles Foundation, an organization that supports education, health-care and arts and culture programs.



Stephen Slogoff, MD, dean emeritus of Stritch, is familiar with the financial challenges facing medical students; so he and his wife, **Bobbie**, have designated a \$1.5 million bequest to Stritch to be used for student scholarships. Dr. Slogoff is happy to help medical students obtain an education at a school where he holds such strong ties.



"Being a faith-based medical school allows faculty members to teach students a set of values that are consistent with Jesuit ideals," he said. "Those values also are acted upon in the hospital, outpatient centers and through all caregivers, which makes Loyola an important and unique asset to medicine."

Dr. Slogoff joined the board because he saw it as an opportunity to influence both health-care delivery and physician opportunities. He believes a major accomplishment of the board has been its ability to cement a close relationship between the Loyola University Physician Foundation and the health system. He also is impressed with the board's commitment to completing capital improvements that make Loyola a first-rate health provider.

Dr. Slogoff's wish is that his and other board members' donations will inspire others to follow suit. "I hope these donations will be a message for the entire faculty to reflect on what Loyola means to them and to respond to the call for support."

Richard Gamelli, MD, and his wife, **Mary**, pledged \$100,000 to the Department of Surgery's Surgical Education & Research Endowment Fund.

Dr. Gamelli is the Robert J. Freeark, MD, Professor of Trauma Surgery, and chair of the Department of Surgery. Throughout his tenure at Loyola, Dr. Gamelli has been involved in philanthropy,



specifically for the Department of Surgery. The Surgical Education & Research Endowment Fund aims to provide support for education and research opportunities for residents, fellows and junior faculty in the department.

Dr. Gamelli has been a board member since 1999, and a faculty member since 1990. In addition to being chair of the Department of Surgery, he is director of Loyola's Burn & Shock Trauma Institute and the Burn Center.

This article is the second in a series highlighting gifts from members of the Loyola Board of Directors. The first article featured Frank and Nancy Considine and appeared in the Fall 2006 issue of Vision. ~

56th Annual Stritch Dinner Honors Urologist, Ethicist

A physician who helped raise Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine's (Stritch) Department of Urology to national visibility, and a medical ethicist concerned with preserving physician-patient relationships were honored at the 56th Stritch School of Medicine Annual Award Dinner on Nov. 10.

The dinner, held at the Hilton Chicago, is the city's oldest and largest black-tie gala. Since 1950, it has raised more than \$27 million for educational programs and medical student scholarships at Stritch. Funds from the dinner also support service initiatives at community clinics and overseas medical missions.

More than 1,500 leaders of Chicago's business, religious, medical and social communities attended the dinner including Francis Cardinal George, the eighth archbishop of Chicago. The highlight of the dinner was the presentation of two prestigious awards: the Sword of Loyola, recognizing outstanding achievements in service by a community member, and the Stritch Medal, recognizing outstanding achievements by a Stritch graduate or faculty member.

Urologist Takes the Medal

Robert C. Flanigan, MD, chair of the Department of Urology and the Albert J. Speh Jr. and Claire R. Speh Professor of Urology, received the Stritch Medal. Dr. Flanigan was in the spotlight last summer after he successfully performed Cardinal George's cancer surgery in July. Although he was honored to take care of this special patient, Dr. Flanigan said he feels

the same responsibility for all of his patients. "I feel honored to care for every patient who trusts me with his or her treatment," he said.



Robert C. Flanigan, MD, and his wife, Joan

Since joining Loyola in 1986, Dr. Flanigan has built a nationally recognized Department of Urology and plays critically important leadership roles in the cancer program at Loyola's Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center. He recently was elected Secretary of the American Urological Association, an international association with more than 15,000 members including 5,000 from overseas.

During his 20-year tenure, Dr. Flanigan is most proud of the development of his department's residency program; it has grown from one resident a year to three, a substantial number in terms of urology residency positions. He also is proud of the quality of physicians trained through the program and the fact that one-third have remained in academic urology.

Dr. Flanigan was very flattered to receive the Stritch Medal from his colleagues. "Of all the awards I've received, the Stritch Medal is the most meaningful one of all," he said. "It symbolizes appreciation for the work I do every day."

Medical Ethicist Makes his Point

The recipient of the 2006 Sword of Loyola, Edmund D. Pellegrino, MD, was gratified to receive the honor because it comes from an institution he holds in high regard. "It's very nice to be recognized for the work I've done over the years by an institution I respect as highly as Loyola," he said.



Edmund D. Pellegrino, MD, and his wife, Clementine

A popular guest lecturer at Stritch, Dr. Pellegrino is the chair of the President's Council on Bioethics in Washington, D.C., and is widely considered to be the father of the

American bioethics movement. Dr. Pellegrino is a renowned physician, educator and philosopher with a special research interest in the physician-patient relationship. "Changes have occurred in the world that have commercialized medicine and health care, making them commodities," he said. "Medicine is not just a service, it's a moral enterprise."

Dr. Pellegrino is a professor emeritus of medicine and medical ethics at Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington, DC. He is the recipient of 46 honorary doctoral degrees including one from Loyola University Chicago. ~



Front Row (left to right): Bill Mullins, Joan and Jack Mullins, Ed Mullins. Back Row (left to right): Tom Mullins, Judy Lucas, Marianne Vivirito, Mike Mullins, Jeanne Gannon, Jim Mullins, Shannon Smith, Jackie Stent, Katie Burke.

Family in Condiment Business Adds Spice to Student Scholarships

The Mullins family of Chicago's western suburbs has two strengths binding it together: a family business inspired by barbecue sauce and a respect for Loyola University Chicago (LUC), LUC Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch) and Loyola University Health System (Loyola).

To show its support for an institution at which some family members have received their college educations and many receive their medical treatments, the family provides scholarships to Stritch students every year through the Jack and Joan Mullins Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship fund is named after the late Jack Mullins and his wife Joan, the former owners of Mullins Food Products in Broadview, Ill. Mrs. Mullins said the inspiration for the fund was the knowledgeable and compassionate care Mr. Mullins received at Loyola throughout his lifetime, including two triple bypass surgeries and prostate cancer treatment.

"Jack became friends with every Loyola doctor who treated him," said Mrs. Mullins, adding that her husband believed it was the physicians who make a difference in health care at Loyola. "He credited Loyola physicians for saving his life."

Funding Future Physicians

Jeannie Gannon, one of the Mullins' six daughters and president of Mullins Food Products, said her father wanted to ensure other people would receive the exceptional health care he enjoyed. The best way he knew to accomplish this goal was to provide financial help for future physicians. Realizing the high tuition costs facing Stritch students, not to mention future costs of building a practice and paying medical malpractice insurance, Mr. Mullins decided to start the scholarship fund. "He felt that if people don't take it upon themselves to help medical students, there will be a huge shortage of physicians in the future," Mrs. Gannon explained.

The Jack and Joan Mullins Scholarship Fund is an endowment, and Stritch uses the interest from the principal balance for scholarships. From original gifts of approximately \$770,000, the fund has grown to more than \$1.4 million while providing scholarships totaling \$489,904 to more than 116 Stritch students.

Jill Veselik, MD, a first-year resident in pediatrics at Loyola who received a scholarship from the

Mullins fund for the 2005 - 2006 school year, said the money has been a help in lessening her debt. "When you're on a tight budget, a scholarship donor's generosity is highly appreciated," she said.

Although many scholarship recipients never get the chance to meet their benefactors, Dr. Veselik had the privilege of meeting members of the Mullins family through several of her siblings, who grew up with the family. "I only have good things to say of the Mullins family," she said. "Their generosity to Stritch speaks to the type of people they are."

The First Family of Sauce

The Mullins family has humble beginnings and strong ties to its community and business. Mullins Food Products manufactures and packages sauces and condiments for quick-serve restaurants. The company was started in 1934 by Jack Mullins' father, Harry J. Mullins.

The family's experience with condiments began when Harry Mullins created his own barbecue sauce to serve with meals in his tavern on Chicago's West Side. The family later sold the sauce to local grocery stores. They manufactured the first sauce in the basement of their Chicago home before purchasing a factory in the city.

Jack Mullins started working in the family's factory when he was 17 years old and, later that year, began taking classes at Loyola University Chicago. His education was interrupted when he served as a fighter pilot during World War II. When his military commitment ended, he returned to Loyola and graduated in 1948 with a business degree.

Jack and Joan Mullins were married in 1952 and moved into a one-bedroom attic apartment in Mr. Mullins' parents' home. They raised five children in this apartment until 1957, when they bought their first home, a split level in Westchester, Ill. Six more children joined the family, the last born in 1971.

All 11 Mullins children work at Mullins Food Products in different positions, from managing the company's pricing and customer relations functions to assisting with accounting and personnel tasks. Daughter Marianne Vivirito is the company nurse, running weight loss clinics, cholesterol audits and blood pressure screenings, along with teaching cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid to employees.

She received her nursing degree from the LUC Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing and previously worked at Loyola University Medical Center.

A Family Tradition in Gift Giving

With such a large family, holidays and gift giving can be a hassle. Mr. Mullins had an easy remedy to this dilemma. Whether it was Father's Day, Christmas or his birthday he always requested the same gift: donations to the Stritch scholarship fund. "Donations are the only gifts he ever wanted," said Mrs. Mullins, adding that when her husband died in 2004 his family requested donations to the fund in lieu of flowers.

This tradition has spread to Mullins Food Products' 350 employees, who make donations every year at Christmas. "We wanted to show our gratitude to Jack and Joan," said Mike Mazur, plant manager. "Jack Mullins was a very honest and ethical man so I put my trust in anything he was involved in."

Mr. Mazur, who has worked at the Mullins Food Products for 24 years, was also a patient at Loyola. He was treated for tongue cancer in 1993 and 2000. "I believe Jack Mullins helped save my life by recommending the cancer specialists at Loyola," he said. Mrs. Gannon added "I think my dad was the best public relations person for Loyola. He would do everything to help people see the best doctors."

Physicians who treated Mr. Mazur's cancer reconstructed his tongue using skin from his arm. "Loyola is definitely a cutting-edge hospital. The physicians work as a team to get the best results for patients," he said. "I feel I'm making a good investment whenever I donate to Loyola."

Endowments funds, such as the one started by the Mullins Family, are a great way to make a gift to Loyola because their balance is always growing. For information on starting an endowment for Loyola, contact the Office of Development at development@lumc.edu or (708) 216-3201.

Joan Mullins recently donated \$25,000 to both the Robert C. Flanigan, MD, Endowed Professorship in Urology and the James Del and Ruth Shea Resident Research Endowment in Neurological Surgery. Mullins Food Products also made \$10,000 gifts to each of the above endowments. 

Faculty Members Appointed to Professorial Chairs

In separate ceremonies, two faculty members received named professorship honors: Donald M. Bers, PhD, chair and professor, Department of Physiology, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch), was named the James R. DePauw Professor of Physiology; and Myles Sheehan, SJ, MD, senior associate dean, Education Program, Stritch, was

named the Ralph P. Leischner Jr., MD, Professor of Medical Education. The investiture ceremonies gave Stritch the opportunity to celebrate these gifts and recognize the accomplishments of two nationally acclaimed faculty members.

A professorial chair at Stritch is considered to be the most prestigious honor that can be conferred upon a faculty member. The small portion of our

faculty who have been so honored are expected to maintain excellence in teaching, research and service. Those appointed to chairs are expected to bring added distinction to themselves as well as to the medical school.

James R. DePauw, Professor of Physiology

James R. DePauw recognized the importance of medical research, and he thought highly of the physiology research program at Stritch. Because of his foresight and interest, Mr. DePauw left a \$3.2 million bequest to support Stritch research.

The James R. DePauw Professor of Physiology and James R. DePauw Laboratories were established to provide a continuous source of research funding to search for new and more effective treatments for patients with cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Bers' research focuses on cardiac muscle contraction and electrical activity. "We are grateful for every generous donation that invests in the research enterprise because these allow us to explore new research approaches to help our understanding of how the human body works," said Dr. Bers.

The connection between the DePauw family and Loyola goes beyond the endowed professorship. John DePauw, James' brother, has a grand daughter who was a 2006 Stritch Junior Service League member. Mary Kate McDonnell partici-

pated in the league this summer and helped with a number of community service activities. In addition, John's daughter, Kathryn Graham, delivered triplets at Loyola who were cared for in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



From left: John M. Lee, MD, PhD, dean, Stritch; Kathy Graham and Susan McDonnell, John DePauw's daughters; Mary DePauw, John's wife; John DePauw, James' brother; and Donald M. Bers, PhD.

Ralph P. Leischner, Endowed Professor of Medicine

Ralph P. Leischner Jr., MD, spent more than 30 years as a Stritch educator. Dr. Leischner spearheaded the development of a new Stritch curriculum designed to better shape medical students into competent, compassionate and socially responsible physicians.

The Ralph P. Leischner Jr., MD, Institute for Medical Education (Leischner Institute) was created in his memory through a \$1.5 million gift from Stritch alumnus John York II, MD, ('74), his wife, Denise, and their family.

As part of the institute, the Ralph P. Leischner Jr., MD, Professor of Medical Education was created, and Myles Sheehan, SJ, MD, received the professorship and director title of the Leischner Institute.

"My goal is to continue to maintain the superb medical education that defines Stritch," said Dr. Sheehan. Through the professorship, Dr. Sheehan plans to add to the intense interactions between faculty and students and continue clinical

excellence. "With the York family's generous contribution, I hope to build a culture of educational scholarship so that Stritch is a national leader in medical education that it should be." 



From left: Michael Leyden, member, Board of Directors; Anthony Barbato, MD, president and CEO; Gloria Leischner, Jennifer Leischner Litowitz (LUC JD '94); Holly, Lillianne (infant), Matthew Leischner, MD ('98), Nicole and Mark Leischner, MD ('01); Myles Sheehan, SJ, MD; John M. Lee, MD, PhD, dean, Stritch.

News in Brief

Loyola Celebrates Milestone With 500th Lung Transplant

A 58-year-old man who received a double-lung transplant in August became the 500th person to undergo this life-saving procedure at Loyola University Health System (Loyola) since its lung transplant program began in 1988. Jerry Poch, of Joliet, Ill., who has pulmonary fibrosis, said he felt “wonderful” about a month after his surgery. “To be able to sit in a room without an oxygen tank is an amazing thing, something that most people take for granted,” he said.

Loyola is one of seven U.S. medical centers that have performed 500 or more lung transplants. Loyola’s expert team of specialists perform approximately 30 lung transplants a year and more than 87 percent of the lung transplantations in Illinois. In 1995, Loyola became the first medical center in the state to garner Medicare approval for this procedure.

Loyola’s Mamdouh Bakhos, MD, chair of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, performed Illinois’ first lung transplant in 1988. Lung transplant

patients at Loyola have a 76 percent three-year survival rate compared to the national expected survival rate of 66 percent. Patients come from across Illinois and more than 12 surrounding states to participate in Loyola’s lung transplant program. Physicians also come to Loyola to be part of the program. In 2006, Robert Love, MD, a recognized leader in the field of lung transplantation, joined Loyola’s staff as the vice chair of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery.

“We believe we have found just the right combination of talent, technique and teamwork,” said Charles Alex, MD, Loyola’s transplant program director. “We have the most experienced team in the region.”

Laptop Gift Helps Hospitalized Youths Stay Connected

The Starlight Starbright™ Children’s Foundation has committed to donating three new laptop computers to the Ronald McDonald® Children’s Hospital of Loyola University Medical Center. The PC Pals laptops, which have parental controls, will enable young patients to e-mail friends and

family, play computer games, use preloaded educational software and surf the Web. “These laptops will help us achieve our goal of normalizing these young patients’ days and lessening the anxiety they feel from being in a hospital,” said Julia Ziman, coordinator of the Child Life program at the children’s hospital.

Two of the laptops will be set up in the teen room, a recreation area where patients 10 years of age and older can play foosball, listen to music, socialize and do their homework. The third laptop will circulate among the bedsides of patients who cannot leave their rooms.

The laptops, which are worth \$5,000 each, come in sturdy carrying cases for safe and easy transporting. The cases also can be locked down to surfaces for security reasons, assuring they will always be available to pediatric patients.

Starlight Starbright Children’s Foundation is a nonprofit organization that works to transform the lives of seriously ill children by offering them in-hospital, outpatient, school and home-based programs and services. 

Leadership Society Dinner Highlights Innovations in Pediatric Care

From family-friendly hospital rooms to child health care on wheels, innovations to Loyola University Health System’s (Loyola) pediatric care were the toast of the 2006 Leadership Society Dinner.

Established in 1996, the Leadership Society of Loyola and Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch) recognizes alumni, physicians, staff and grateful patients and friends who contribute \$1,000 or more in a fiscal year to Loyola or Stritch. More than 300 Leadership Society members attended the most recent dinner, held Sept. 11 at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago. The purpose of the annual dinner is to thank honored guests for their gifts that help support Loyola’s priorities: patient care, education and research. Leadership Society members gave more than \$8.5 million to Loyola and Stritch in the past fiscal year.

The dinner provided the opportunity for guests to meet and mingle with other philanthropic-minded individuals. They also watched a short video presentation highlighting several of Loyola’s innovative programs for pediatric patients and their families that were made possible by generous gifts.



Members of the Schaumburg Professional Firefighters Benevolent Association at the Leadership Society Dinner. The association holds an annual softball tournament that raises funds for Loyola’s Burn Center. With its tournament in October, the association has contributed more than \$200,000 to the Burn Center.

A \$10 million donation from Ronald McDonald® Children’s Charities in 1996 led to renaming the children’s hospital the Ronald McDonald Children’s Hospital of Loyola University Medical Center. The state-of-the-art yet family-friendly hospital allows Loyola’s pediatric experts to provide specialty care in a less intimidating setting than conventional hospitals.

The Pediatric Mobile Health Unit is a health clinic on wheels that travels to communities in Chicago and the western suburbs. The unit’s medical staff has made more than 1,600 missions, providing preventive and basic health care to more than 70,000 children since the program began in 1998. All of the Pediatric Mobile Health Unit’s funding comes from philanthropic donors, including the Children’s Care Foundation, an organization dedicated to funding programs that help solve the problems of poor children.

The Small Miracles program fulfills pediatric patients’ special requests and provides small grants to lessen families’ financial burdens. This program was created in a joint effort between child-life specialists and social workers at Loyola and the Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation. Bear Necessities’ most recent gift is a \$40,000 grant that will be used to renovate the family room in the children’s hospital, providing comfortable new furnishings and internet access, so families can keep in touch with their friends and loved ones during their children’s long hospitalization.

These and other gifts allow Loyola to continue to create the services and programs that improve the health and well-being of children. Donors for these programs recognize that supporting Loyola’s pediatric initiatives is an investment in the future of medicine.

For more information about the Leadership Society, contact DeAnthony King, associate director, Annual Fund, at dking@lumc.edu or (708) 216-5075. 



From left: Elizabeth Grady and Mary Anne Kirschsclager at the Leadership Society Dinner.

Volunteering is a Family Affair for Stritch Junior Service League Teens

On a hot and humid July evening, cousins Sarah Croghan and Kate Detjen waited tables at Inspiration Café in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood, serving food and smiles to their customers. The young ladies were not earning spending money at a summer job in a trendy North Side eatery but providing meals to Chicago's homeless.

Inspiration Café serves free dinners four days and breakfast seven days a week. All the food is provided by food depositories or private donations or purchased by café staff using grant money. The meals are prepared and served by staff and 800 – 900 rotating volunteers who are members of community organizations, schools and service groups such as Stritch Junior Service League (SJS�).

Sarah and Kate were among 34 teens in the 2006 SJS�, a group of high school juniors and seniors from throughout the Chicago area who participate in a diverse range of community service activities. Sarah, a student at New Trier High School in Winnetka, said she enjoyed the atmosphere of the café. "I like how we wait on people like they're customers at a regular restaurant," she said. "It is much more dignified than the typical soup kitchen."

Kate, a student at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, said interacting with different people at the café will help prepare her for college and career life. "This experience will help strengthen my ability to communicate with a diverse group of people," she said.

Many of Inspiration Café's customers are homeless and need a referral from the Illinois Department of Social Services. They must not take drugs or alcohol to be eligible for meals from the café, which is a part of Inspiration Corporation, a non-profit organization working to end homelessness. Several of the clients have taken culinary classes through the corporation and have obtained food



Some members of the Stritch Junior Service League, pictured with Fr. John Reilly, SJ, assistant vice president of Special Projects for Loyola University Chicago, served food to the homeless at St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen. The teens are: (back row, left to right) Grace Porter, Shannon Weigel, Laurel Javors, Christine Frymire (front row, left to right) Katherine O'Brien, Kate Detjen, Sarah Croghan, Annie Hartman, Caroline Hennessy, Megan Diamond, Brian DeMaio, Charlie Rodriguez and Bill Seyfarth.

service jobs at the café and elsewhere. Once they obtain housing and a regular source of income, they become alums of the program and remain eligible for meals if they volunteer with the café.

"Inspiration Corporation gives you the foundation to start a new life," said one of the clients. Another added, "Inspiration Café helped me get my life back on track."

In addition to distributing food at Inspiration Café and St. Thomas of Canterbury Soup Kitchen, SJS� members spent the summer playing sports with children and adults with development disabilities who live at Misericordia Heart of Mercy in Chicago, and preparing snacks for families staying at the Ronald McDonald® House Near Loyola, a temporary home for families whose children are receiving treatment at the Ronald McDonald® Children's Hospital of Loyola University Medical Center.

The teens' activities culminated on Nov. 10 at the 56th Stritch School of Medicine Annual Awards

Dinner at the Hilton Chicago. (See article on page 2.) Attending the dinner has become a tradition among Sarah and Kate's families; their grandparents, John and Rosemary Croghan, were honored in 2003 at the 53rd Stritch School of Medicine Annual Awards Dinner as recipients of the Sword of Loyola, an award that recognizes outstanding achievements by individuals making lasting and significant changes to society.

Family involvement has played a large role in inspiring the Detjens, Croghans and other families in supporting Loyola through donations and volunteer work. "I heard a lot of great things about the SJS� from my older sister, who was a member," said Sarah. "I was eager to join and have enjoyed the experience. I would encourage other teens to get involved with the league."

To learn how your family can be involved in the 2007 SJS� contact the Stritch School of Medicine Office of Development & Alumni Relations at (708) 216-3204. 

2006 Stritch Junior Service League

Mr. Charles Dederick Alter, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Alter

Miss Elizabeth Ann Aranha, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gerard V. Aranha

Miss Catherine Frances Borders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Borders

Miss Jennifer Lauren Buddig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Buddig

Mr. Michael Casey Cahill, son of Dr. and Mrs. John M. Cahill

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Chance Meeting at Fundraiser Brings Two Former War Heroes Together

More than 60 years after Jack Schwartz and Milton Williams Jr. served their country as U.S. Army Air men over the perilous skies of Nazi-occupied Europe, intervention by the chair of Loyola University Health System's (Loyola) Board of Directors brought them together to relive their memories.

Mr. Schwartz, 84, father of the late Charles M. Schwartz, MD, an orthopaedic surgeon at Loyola, served as a navigator on a B-24 Liberator bomber during World War II. Mr. Williams, 83, was a fighter pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen, who were the first group of black military airmen and are renowned for not losing a single bomber to enemy fire in more than 200 combat missions during World War II. As the two embraced when they met for lunch last fall, Board of Directors Chair Daniel Walsh looked on in silent satisfaction. "I couldn't resist the urge to put two and two together and have them meet," he said.

The idea for the meeting began with a casual dinner conversation between Mr. Walsh, Mr. Schwartz and Anthony Barbato, MD, president and CEO of Loyola University Health System. The three were seated together at a Loyola event when Dr. Barbato congratulated Mr. Schwartz on a French Legion of Honor award he recently received. Mr. Walsh prodded the older man to speak of his wartime exploits. Among the memories Mr. Schwartz related that evening was the story of how the Tuskegee Airmen saved his life and the lives of his fellow crewmen.

That tale jogged Mr. Walsh's memory and he recalled stories he had heard from a longtime business associate, James Miller, of his grandfather's adventures as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen. That airman was 2nd Lt. Milton Williams Jr. "The story that Jack Schwartz told about his flights over Germany in the B-24s just



From left: Jack Schwartz and Milton Williams Jr.

was too good not to put these two people together all these years later and give them a chance to share old war stories," Mr. Walsh said.

And swap old war stories is what the pair did for the better part of an afternoon.

Mr. Williams told Mr. Schwartz, who held the rank of first lieutenant during the war, about the strict color line that kept black and white soldiers in the U.S. military separated throughout the conflict.

"It was a long time before you boys knew that there were black pilots over there," Mr. Williams said. "We weren't allowed to fraternize."

Mr. Schwartz shared his memory of traveling in a large bomber with a damaged engine. The pilot was attempting to fly over the Alps and into Italy when pilots in ME-109s, German fighter planes, spotted the damaged bomber. Mr. Schwartz and the rest of the crew were preparing to bail when a flight of Tuskegee Airmen arrived in their P-51 Mustangs.

"When we saw the Tuskegee Airmen, everybody applauded, everybody screamed. We knew we'd get home," he said. "They circled us and the ME-109s wouldn't come down to engage them."

The Tuskegee Airmen kept the enemy at bay as they escorted the crippled bomber back through the Alps. Mr. Schwartz and his crew arrived back at base three hours late, just in time to discover that their command had given them up for lost. "My mother got a telegram that reported us missing in action," he said. "They had already packed up our clothes because everybody had seen us go down. That was my first encounter with the Tuskegee Airmen. Then they flew over our tents a few weeks later."

But that's another old war story.

Besides telling war stories, another passion Mr. Schwartz pursues is philanthropy to Loyola in memory of his son. In 2003 he helped found The Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Memorial Foundation, which has provided funding for various projects including:

- ☞ Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Annual Lectureship: Conducted by a leading orthopaedic physician or academician specializing in joint replacement surgery, the lecture promotes research and education in the field of total joint replacement.
- ☞ Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Traveling Fellowship: This fellowship provides an annual stipend, which enables an orthopaedic fellow to travel to other medical institutions and collaborate with internationally renowned surgeons.
- ☞ Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Medical Student Scholarship: This annual scholarship is granted to medical students based on financial need.

Visit www.LoyolaMedicine.org/giving to read more about Charles M. Schwartz, MD, and the foundation. ☞

Stritch Medalist Winners Reunite

A few days before the 56th Stritch School of Medicine Annual Award Dinner, the medical school hosted a reunion of past Stritch medal winners. The event was a chance for the medalists and their families to reunite and celebrate having received Stritch's highest honor. Here are a few photographs from the event. ☞



Harry L. Messmore Jr., MD, winner of the 1994 Stritch Medal, and his wife, Marilyn.



The year following the name indicates the year that the medalist was honored. From left: James R. Kennedy, MD, (2000); Robert J. Freeark, MD, (1981); Leon Love, MD, (1991); Paul J. Hering, MD, (2002); John F. Shea, MD, (2003); Robert C. Flanigan, MD, (2006); Harry L. Messmore Jr., MD, (1994); J. Paul O'Keefe, MD, (2004); Walter S. Wood, MD, (1990); Rolf M. Gunnar, MD, (1986); Leonard L. Vertuno, MD, (2001).



From left: Mary Wood, Gloria Leischner, Walter Wood, MD. Dr. Wood was the 1990 Stritch Medalist. Mrs. Leischner's late husband, Ralph P. Leischner, MD, was the 1995 Stritch medalist.

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