

'Twas a Gala to Remember



Drs. Jennifer Hosmer, Lonnie Thomas, John Moran, Ellen Gurney, Stanley Hoyt Block, Maggie Lespinasse (not pictured Bachu Niak and Gwyneth Granton)

Joe Cardello Recognized on National Philanthropy Day®

National Philanthropy Day is the special day set aside to recognize and pay tribute to the great contributions that philanthropy – and those people active in the philanthropic community – have made to our lives, our communities and our world. This year marks the 22nd anniversary of this special day.



Joseph E. Cardello, Principal, Cornerstone Group and recipient of 2007 National Philanthropy Award.

On November 20, the Association for Fundraising Professionals gathered at the Rhode Island Convention Center for National Philanthropy Day. PCHC was happy to recognize Joseph E. Cardello, Principal of benefits advisory firm Cornerstone Group for his contributions to the Health Centers over the past three years.

Joe has been generous with financial gifts as well as being a trusted advisor to PCHC. Thank you, Joe, for all that you do to help Providence Community Health Centers and their patients.



Sponsor Harry Calderone, Senior VP of Marketing, East Side Clinical Labs (ESCL); Marie Ghazal, VP Patient Care, PCHC; Dennis Bell, Director of Business Development, ESCL; Dennis Lund, Branch Supervisor, ESCL

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Dr. Beth Toolan celebrates her birthday with her husband Neath at the PCHC 2007 Gala

November 2, 2007 was PCHC's fourth fundraising gala. This year's event raised over \$86,000 for PCHC patient care, and also honored six of our long-term doctors. These doctors were recognized for their dedication to PCHC and for their caring support of our patients. In total, they have provided almost 200 years of health care to PCHC patients.

We wish to thank and honor them again in this issue of The Bridge:

15 Years Service

Jennifer Hosmer, M. D., M. P. H., Obstetrics and Gynecology and OB/GYN Coordinator
 Maggy Lespinasse, M. D., Pediatrician

19 Years Service

Gwyneth Granton, M. D., Internal Medicine

22 Years Service

Lonice M. Thomas, M. D., FAAP, Pediatrician

25 Years Service

Ellen L. Gurney, M. D., FAAP Pediatrician

30 Years Service

Bachu Naik, M. D., Internist

30 Years Service

Stanley Hoyt Block, M. D., FAAAAI, Asthma/Allergy Specialist, Pediatrician, and PCHC Medical Director,

34 Years Service

John Moran, M. D., FAAP, Pediatrician

PCHC Mission Statement

"Provide neighborhood-based, high quality and accessible primary medical care to improve the health status of the residents of Providence and surrounding communities, regardless of their ability to pay."





Jeannie Suzor, Colposcopy Nurse, PCHC Reproductive Services

Highlight on OB/GYN Services

Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure (LEEP)

Thanks to a grant provided to PCHC from the Ida Ballou Littlefield Memorial Trust, many of our female patients will be fortunate enough to choose a minor procedure that can help to prevent cervical cancer.

If a Pap test shows abnormal growth, this can be an indication of cervical cancer. The LEEP is a way to quickly remove (5 – 10 minutes) the abnormal tissue, and preserve it for laboratory examination. This early elimination of the abnormal tissues means that potential cancer cells do not have a chance to grow. Because the procedure preserves the removed cells, further lab tests can confirm the presence or absence of cancer.

Colposcopy (follow-up for abnormal pap smears) Nurse, Jeannine Suzor works very closely with the PCHC physicians to perform the procedure. She also educates patients about the process and helps them to prepare for it.

PCHC is one of a very few Community Health Centers in the nation with access to this new technology, and with certified technicians to perform the procedure. The LEEP machine allows the procedure to be done in our Health Center under local anesthesia, thus saving patients from the cost and inconvenience of going to the hospital. In addition to having the procedure done in-office, patients do not have to make multiple appointments, pay significant hospital rates for the procedure, or spend a night at the hospital in preparation or recovery.

We wish to again thank the Ida Ballou Littlefield Memorial Trust for making this possible for our patients.

For more information on this procedure or other Ob/Gyn services, contact PCHC at 401-444-0400. Our Reproductive Services Department includes five Ob/Gyn physicians, plus several Certified Nurse Midwives and specialized Nurse Practitioners.

PCHC Legacy Society

Creating a will is an important part of living. Among other important decisions, it allows you to leave property to family and friends, name a guardian for your children, choose an executor, and create a life-long legacy of helping others through a charitable gift.



Stanley Hoyt Block, M.D.

Stanley Hoyt Block, M.D. and Medical Director for PCHC recently created a will, and named PCHC part of the trust.

“There are many things to think about when creating a will: what to leave, to whom, and how to do it so that everyone makes out the best,” says Dr. Block. “I knew that part of what I wanted to do was to leave something to Providence Community Health Centers.”

You are probably asking why he would want to do that. “I did it for many reasons,” continues Dr. Block. “Foremost, I included PCHC because I believe in the wonderful work the organization does to provide good health care to less advantaged, more vulnerable Rhode Islanders, and I want to further that mission after I’m gone. I also did it because it has tax benefits, it is flexible and even revocable. I feel that charitable giving is the most enjoyable part of estate planning, after taking care of immediate family and loved ones. What better way than to share what one has been given through the years to those people who truly need it?”

When Dr. Block mentioned his generous act to the PCHC Development Director, Loretta Tharp, she thought it worthwhile to recognize those individuals who have designated PCHC in their wills and trusts. Thus the *PCHC Legacy Society* was started.

Other members who have made PCHC a beneficiary in their wills or part of their charitable trusts include:

- Ernest Kilcup, a graduate of Brown University and head of Davol Rubber Company
- Samuel Cate, a prominent architect in Providence, Board Chair of the VNA, and Board Member of PCHC

Support from The Samuel M. Cate Fund and the Ernest I. Kilcup Trust has helped many of our patients. We believe that Mr. Cate and Mr. Kilcup would be very proud of the impact that their charitable giving has had.

“Of course, unlike my fellow members I am still here and hoping to be around for a long time to come,” continues Dr. Block. “I wanted to share the knowledge of my gift so that

others who may be thinking of donating to an organization will consider PCHC when doing their estate planning or reviewing their will.

“It makes me feel good to know I will continue to provide good care to patients even when I am no longer practicing.”

If you have named Providence Community Health Centers in your will, designated us as beneficiary in a charitable trust, or would like more information, please contact us so that you can be honored as part of the PCHC Legacy Society. Contact Loretta Tharp, Development Director, 401-444-0400.

Open Access Program Expands

PCHC will soon be launching the successful Open Access appointment-booking program at our Chafee Health Center at One Warren Way. Chafee patients are the fourth to benefit from this program, which was launched in October 2005 and now includes Capital Hill, Central, Chafee and Olneyville Health Centers.

With Open Access booking, a patient calls the day s/he wants to be seen by the doctor. Whether they call to come in for an annual physical or if they are sick and want their personal doctor to check them, Open Access means that they will be seen the day that they call, by their own doctor.

This type of scheduling is convenient for patients, allowing them to be seen when they need or want services. Patients are particularly appreciative that it allows for sick visits without waiting for days for an appointment or having the expense of an emergency room visit, where they are seen by a physician who is not familiar with their history.

Unlike a walk-in clinic, patients still need to book an appointment. Calling for an appointment assures that your doctor is available and eliminates long waits.

PCHC strives to have all of the Health Centers operating on Open Access scheduling by 2009.



New PCHC Board Members: Erin Fox, Melahi Briggs, Linda Dziobek

End of Year Charitable Donations

As you make your gift-giving lists and prepare for tax planning, we ask that you consider making a donation to Providence Community Health Centers in support of our work for the under-served citizens of Providence. All donations are deeply appreciated and are tax deductible. To make a donation, please contact Loretta Tharp, Development Director, 401-444-0400.

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