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Harlem Hospital Center-Generations+/Northern Manhattan Network
June 26, 2009-----

2ND ANNUAL RESIDENTS' GRADUATION CEREMONY

The 2nd Annual Residents' Graduation Ceremony took place on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium. The ceremony marks a milestone for the 57 graduates, who have put in countless hours of study and a tremendous amount of hard work. Our residents are at the front gate of our delivery of first-rate patient care. Graduating residents shared this special occasion with many individuals that contributed to their education, training and success; Dr. John M. Palmer, Executive Director, Senior Leadership, Program Directors, Fellows, Nurses, Patients, and family and friends.

2009 ANNUAL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

On Friday, June 26, 2009, Dr. John M. Palmer invites All Employees to the Annual Employee Appreciation Celebration. There's something special for every Tour:

Breakfast for Tour I Employees
6:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
MLKP Cafeteria, 2nd Floor

Barbeque for Tour II Employees
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Howard Bennett Park (135th Street
between Lenox and Fifth Avenues)

Barbeque for Tour III Employees
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
MLKP Cafeteria, 2nd Floor
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URBAN HEALTH CONFERENCE

"Communities of color, the poor, the uninsured, the under-insured, and recent immigrants tend to suffer disproportionately from preventable illnesses," said HHC President Alan D. Aviles. "It is crucial that physicians, nurses, social workers and other health care providers gather to share best clinical practices and develop strategies to better care for these

vulnerable populations and improve the overall health of the community."

The 8th Annual Conference on Urban Health took place on June 11 and June 12, 2009 at the Jumeirah Essex House with much acclaim and success.

The Reception and Awards Ceremony on Thursday featured Paul Begala, political strategist for CNN. Also addressing the conference, Caya B. Lewis, MPH, Director of Outreach and Public Health Policy with the Office of Health Reform at the United States Dept of Health and Human Services, discussed the health policy priorities of the Obama administration and the progress that has been accomplished in the President's first 140 days, advancing health proposals that impact access and quality of care. She said, "President [Barack] Obama is committed to supporting health care reform that reduces costs for families, businesses and government; protects people's choice of doctors, hospitals and health plans; and assures affordable, quality health care for all Americans."

In photo on page one: Jose R. Sanchez, Sr. V. P. and Executive Director, Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center; Iris Jimenez-Hernandez, Sr. V. P., North Brooklyn Healthcare Network and Executive Director of Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center. Front row: Keynote speakers Robert O. Valdez, PhD, Executive Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy; and Caya B. Lewis, MPH, Director of Outreach and Public Health Policy, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services.

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HANDS THAT SERVE, HEARTS THAT CARE - VOLUNTEERS

On Wednesday, June 10, 2009, Volunteers were honored and recognized for their commitment and contribution to improving the lives of our patients in some of the most trying times. Our Volunteers selflessly devote their time to touch the lives of many here at Harlem Hospital Center. The work and service of our Volunteers exemplifies this year's theme, "*Volunteers...Hands That Serve, Hearts That Care.*"

WHERE THERE'S A NEED INC.

"Where There's a Need, Inc is a non profit charitable organization that provides support and resources for women and children with cancer by donating hair and head garments for those who experience hair loss from cancer and other medical conditions.

On Friday, May 1, 2009, the organization led by its President/CEO and Founder, Ms. Cheryl Y. James, along with several Officers of the Board: Jared McCallister (Executive Board Chair), Mary Gaines (Executive Board Member) and Nasia James (Youth Advisory Board Member) visited Harlem Hospital Center and presented to the children admitted to the Pediatric Unit, greeting cards designed and donated by Mazuru, to create their own individualized Mothers Day and Fathers Day messages. In addition, the organization contributed a generous donation of toys, books and handmade clothing items which the children

adored. The family of Ms. Valerie Jean Garrett (who succumbed to breast cancer) also donated "Care Bears" with personalized hand written messages of inspiration to the children.

The visit included a tour of the Pediatric Play Room and Art Studio. The group was visibly impressed and amazed at the creativity and skills of the art work displayed. The children along with the parents in attendance were greatly appreciative of the generosity displayed by the organization and thanked them for their donations.



Where There's A Need Inc., Staff: Ms. Cheryl Y. James, President/CEO & Founder, Mr. Jared McCallister, Executive Board Member, Ms. Mary Gaines, Executive Board Member, Ms. Nasia James, Youth Advisory Board Member. **Harlem Hospital Center - Staff:** Ms. Ednie Revolus, Associate Director, Nursing, Ms. Stephanie M. Harewood, Associate Director, Ms. Delores Robinson, Radiology Technician and Dr. Ameer Hassoun

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION CELEBRATION.....cont'd

There will be lots of Food, Fun, Games and Prizes. Competitive? Come test your skills at the Tour II BBQ in the Hoop Dreams Basketball Competition and the Harlem Hospital Center's *So You Think You Can Sing?* Karaoke Contest and the *So You Think You Can*

Dance? Freestyle Dance Contest. Every Winner will receive a \$75 Gift Card.

Are you in the Minor or Major League? Shahnawaz Khan (Pharmacy), Sean Shivers (Food and Nutritional Services) and Rick Walker (Finance) are determined to stay dry during the *Dunk The Men of Harlem*. Major Leaguers, lets prove them wrong!

Call (212) 939-1390 to purchase your tickets at \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go to The Modernization Capital Campaign. For more information call the Office of Special Events at ext. 4599. Valid Harlem Hospital ID is Required.



Left: Victoria Acheampong, Dietary Worker, and Donna Rowe, Institutional Aide.

HARLEM DIETARY DEPARTMENT HONORS ITS EMPLOYEES

During the week of June 15, 2009, the management team of the Food and Nutrition Dept celebrated "Employee Appreciation Day" by honoring its employees in three days of activities. On the first day, the staff was treated to a Pizza and Soda Party. The second day was a Fancy Luncheon,

where the employees celebrated with Dr. Palmer, Dr. Lawrence and Laureen Goodridge who each expressed their thanks and gratitude. All staff was given a "Certificate of Appreciation" by the department's director, Mr. **Sean Shivers**, who thanked everyone for "continuing to go above and beyond the call of duty in helping to improve and enhance the patient's overall dining experience." The final day of festivities ended with an ice cream social.



CONGRATULATIONS

William Hall, Program Director of the School of Radiologic Technology and **Cynthia C. Lee**, Program Administrator for the Co-Factors Program and the Treat Adherence Program within the Division of Infectious Disease, HIV Services both recently received a Masters in Health Education from Teachers College at Columbia University. Congratulation graduates!

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) will begin on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. If you would like to have one of our summer youth work in your department please contact the Volunteer Office at ext. 3516 or visit at MLKP 3-62.

We look forward to having another successful work year with the SYEP.

MEDINA CLINIC CULTURAL SENSITIVITY TRAINING

Friday, June 26

Friday, July 17

Friday, July 24

Ronald H. Brown Pavilion, 4th Floor

Conference Room #4083

Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Please call Extension 8044 to confirm your attendance.

GENERAL STAFF MEETING

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

The next General Staff Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium. On that date, there will be three staff meetings covering all tours:

Tour I - 5:45 a.m.

Tour II - 9:30 a.m.

Tour III - 5:30 p.m.

All staff is encouraged to attend.

REMINDER...

Hospital-issued Identification Cards are to be worn by all Employees and Volunteers at all times. The badges provide an important level of security to our patients, our colleagues and our community.

ANESTHESIOLOGY NEWS

Dr. **John Herbert**, Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology and Director of Anesthesiology will end his 16 year tenure here at Harlem Hospital Center in June. Dr. Herbert leaves us to take the leadership position as the Chairman and Professor of Anesthesiology at Howard University and Howard University Hospital. We appreciate the many years of service Dr. Herbert has provided and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

JUST A THOUGHT...

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. *Winston Churchill*

URBAN HEALTH cont'd....

In his keynote address, Dr. Robert Otto Valdez, PhD, Executive Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, underscored the health professional's role in improving the public's health by identifying the role of social, economic and political environmental stressors that exacerbate the risks of illness and disease. "Preventing premature death and disabling chronic illnesses in low income urban populations require health care professionals to build meaningful partnerships with underserved communities."

The conference was attended by more than 250 physicians, nurses, other providers and advocates.

UHC SCHOLARSHIPS

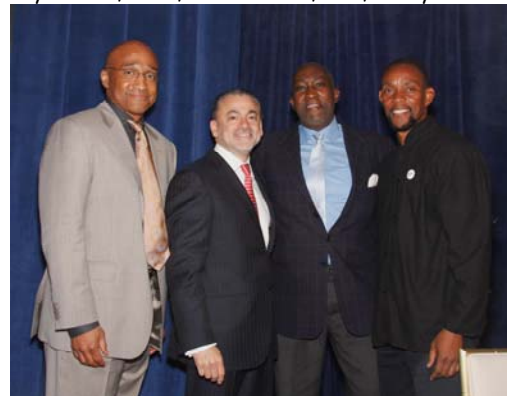
Three high school students received a \$2,000 scholarship and the Lincoln Affiliate, the Downtown Bronx Medical Associates, awarded 2 high school students with coveted internships and scholarships.



Left: John Palmer, PhD, Harlem Hospital Executive Director; José R. Sánchez, Sr. Vice President of Generations Northern Manhattan Health Network and Executive Director of Lincoln Hospital; Seniors Braulio J. Acuria, Christina Johnson and Gerlyne Paul with Lincoln Medical Director Melissa Schori.



Caya Lewis, HHS, John Palmer, PhD, LaRay Brown



"Engaging Community Leaders", John Palmer, Moderator, Panelists Lloyd Williams, Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce, Robert Woodbine, San Boa Holistic Center, Jose R. Sanchez



Christina Johnson, awarded a \$2,000 Urban Health scholarship. She comes from Renaissance High School in the Bronx. She met former South African President and freedom fighter, Nelson Mandela earlier this year.



Caya Lewis, John Palmer and LaRay Brown discuss important HHC issues at the conference



Keynotes, Caya B. Lewis, MPH and Robert O. Valdez, PhD



Dr. Luis Marcos received the HHC President's Award, now the John B. Corser Service Excellence Award. It was presented by Joe Schick, Chief of Staff to the HHC President, and received by Dr. Paula Eggle, wife of Dr. Marcos.



Jose R. Sanchez, Paul Begala and Raphael Miranda, WNBC anchor, emcee for Thursday evening's program