United Way Beanie Bears Are Back for 2003!!!

American Bear, Casual Friday Bear Sleeping Bear (boy or girl) Country Bunnies (boy or girl)

“The response to those cute, cuddly beanie bears was so great last year that we just had to bring them back again,” explains Robert Bartosz, Chair of Jefferson’s 2003 United Way Campaign. You can both support the Campaign and take home your choice of a new selection of beanie bears identified above.

For a donation of $2 per pay or $48, you can receive one of these lovable beanie bears – or two bears for $4 per pay or $44, and so on up to $12 per pay or $288 or more to receive all six.

Supplies are limited so please return your Pledge Form and Beanie Bear Selection Form as soon as possible.

Hie-Won L. Hann, MD Honored as Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania

Hie-Won L. Hann, MD, Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Jefferson Medical College, and Director, Liver Disease Prevention Center, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, has been selected as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania for 2003.

Dr. Hann earned the distinguished award because of her years of service to the Asian American community and her research and clinical efforts in preventing liver disease including liver cancer in all populations.

The coveted honor is awarded to only a handful of nominees each year. Dr. Hann is one of eight women chosen for 2003 and was formally honored October 22 at the Governor’s Residence by Governor Edward G. Rendell and the First Lady, Judge Marjorie O. Rendell.

In congratulating Dr. Hann, Mrs. Rendell wrote, “As a fellow distinguished daughter, I recognize what an honor it is to be chosen, your leadership and contributions to Pennsylvania will set a strong example for future generations of women to emulate.”

Dr. Hann was honored for her selection by Mrs. John L. Abruzzo, President of the hospital’s Women’s Board.

Says Anthony J. DiMarino, MD, William Rorer Professor of Medicine and Director, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, JMC: “We are extremely proud to have Dr. Hie-Won Hann as a member of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Jefferson. She has a national as well as international reputation for excellence in the care of patients with hepatitis. Her commitment to her patients and the Asian community is outstanding. We are pleased that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania would honor a member of our division with this most prestigious award.”

The Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania recognition program was established in 1948 to honor women for outstanding contributions to their local, state and/or national communities. Women proposed to receive the honor must be nominated by organizations within the Commonwealth in recognition of outstanding accomplishments of state and national importance.

Since the awards were first given in 1949, 386 women have been acknowledged as Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania, and 154 are still living. Previous honorees include Pearl S. Buck, Grace Kelly, Marnie Eisenhower, Marian Anderson, Lisa Richette, Julia Nixon Eisenhower and Virginia Thornburgh.

Visit the United Way’s website, www.jefferson.edu/unitedway for more about the campaign and the bears. To order, contact Mr. Bartosz at 215-665-3878 or robert.bartosz@jefferson.edu.

‘Big Walk’ Keeps Getting Bigger

Showing just how big the “Big Walk for Little Feet” is getting, this group of South Jersey police officers and their families and friends gather to show support for Glassboro, NJ, Police Corporal Ray Giordano, holding son Anthony, now 18 months, and his wife, Tracey, with their son Sam, 4. They thank Jefferson’s NICU for saving Anthony’s life when newborn. See story, Page 3

Hospital Celebrating Employee Appreciation Days November 4, 5, 6

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital will celebrate Employee Appreciation Day on November 4, 5 and 6, Thomas J. Lewis, President and Hospital CEO, has announced. A new feature this year will be a “Midnight Madness” session for night shift employees. Special events are planned as follows:

• Tuesday, November 4 – Ford Road, Woodside Café, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
• Wednesday, November 5 – Center City, “Midnight Madness,” midnight to 1 a.m.; Atrium (10th St.), 2 to 4 p.m.
• Thursday, November 6 – Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience, Café (first floor), 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Raffles, massages, food, beverages and fun will highlight this year’s “Autumn” theme. “While I recognize that not everyone will be able to join us in the festivities at each location, I hope that department heads and managers will do all you can to allow your staff to participate,” adds Mr. Lewis.

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Christopher L. Hansen, MD, FACC, Named Director, Nuclear Cardiology, Heart Institute

Christopher L. Hansen, MD, FACC, has been named Director of Nuclear Cardiology, Jefferson Heart Institute, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and Professor of Medicine, Jefferson Medical College.

Dr. Hansen joins Jefferson from Temple University Hospital and School of Medicine where he was also director of Nuclear Cardiology and Professor of Medicine.

A Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, Dr. Hansen is a member of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, where he was a founding member. He also serves as president of the Nuclear Cardiology Working Group of the Delaware Valley.

He serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Nuclear Cardiology, is a manuscript reviewer for numerous other journals and has published extensively in such journals as Circulation, Journal of American College of Cardiology, Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Journal of Nuclear Cardiology.

Dr. Hansen received a BS sum laude in 1977 from Harvard University, and an MD with honors in 1981 from Temple University School of Medicine. He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at Parkland Memorial Hospital, University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas, in 1984 and a fellowship in cardiology there in 1987. Dr. Hansen can be reached at 215-955-6050.

Zvi Grunwald, MD, Named Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology

Zvi Grunwald, MD, has been named Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at both Jefferson Medical College (JMC) of Thomas Jefferson University and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Thomas J. Nasca, MD, Dean, Jefferson Medical College, and Thomas J. Lewis, President and CEO, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, made the announcement.

An internationally renowned anesthesiologist, Dr. Grunwald is the James D. Wentzler, MD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology. He is the first to hold an endowed chair in Anesthesiology at Jefferson.

In 1989 Dr. Grunwald joined the Department of Anesthesiology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital as an Assistant Professor. In 1990 he returned to Israel as the first dually specialized pediatric anesthesiologist and laid the foundations for the development of this specialty. Dr. Grunwald has left his mark on the field of Anesthesiology in Israel.

He is one of that country’s founding fathers of pediatric anesthesia, and has raised a younger generation into the profession. He has helped to design the operating suites in the first children’s hospital in Israel, and participated in developing a major center treating pediatric patients affected with complex congenital heart anomalies.

He participated in the anesthesia for the first liver transplants at the University of Pennsylvania, and he directed the anesthesia for transplants at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia as well as for the first successful pediatric and adult liver transplants in loading medical centers in Israel.

In 1997 he returned to JMC, was appointed Executive Vice Chair of Anesthesiology, took on numerous departmental leadership roles, and was appointed Acting Chair in July 2002.

Dr. Grunwald is author of many articles appearing in journals such as Anesthesiology, The Lancet, International Pediatrics, Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, The Breast Journal and Israel Journal of Medical Sciences.

He received his MD from the Hebrew University Medical School in Jerusalem, Israel, and is Board certified in Pediatrics in Israel and in Anesthesiology in both Israel and the United States.

He is a member of numerous professional societies including Israeli Medical Association, International Anesthesiology Research Society; American Society of Anesthesiologists; Society of Pediatric Anesthesia; American Association of Clinical Directors; American College of Medical Directors’ Education Committee.

Dr. Grunwald’s office is located at 8490 Gibbon Building, and he may be reached at 215-955-5848.

Free Flu Shots Now Available at University Health Services

Free flu shots are now available to Jefferson employees and students at University Health Services (UHS), 6230 Gibbon, 215-955-6835. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, plus 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8.

“As opposed to past years, there is no shortage in the supply of the vaccine,” says Ellen O’Connor, MD, Medical Director, UHS. “The staff of UHS will be happy to answer any questions regarding the vaccine and its potential side effects.”

“We’d like to increase our vaccinated population this year,” Dr. O’Connor adds. “Last year we vaccinated about 2,200, and we think we can do better.”

An annual flu shot is recommended for all healthcare workers, and for persons with lung, heart, kidney disease, any metabolic disease such as diabetes, a weakened immune system, and blood disorders such as anemia, and for anyone over 50 and for pregnant women in their second or third trimester.

Aetna Foundation Gift Supports Asthma Bus Program

The Aetna Foundation, through its Regional Community Grants Program, has awarded $30,000 to Thomas Jefferson University to advance the initiatives of the Asthma Bus program. The grant will connect children, who have been identified as being at-risk for asthma, with medical providers.

“This gift is wonderful because it is critical that, once we evaluate these children, we go to the next step, providing case management and linking them to treatment,” says Salvatore Mangione, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Jefferson Medical College, and consultant to the Asthma Bus program and its affiliate AsthmaBUSters. “We are very grateful to the Aetna Foundation for seeing his need and collaborating with us to fill it. Without foundation support, we could not move ahead in this way.”

The Asthma Bus has been a familiar sight in the Philadelphia area since the distinctive red double-decker British bus began making rounds to public schools in 2000. A grant from GlaxoSmithKline made the project possible. Since that time, Wawa, the School District of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Department of Health have supported the program. The program’s motto – “See it, treat it, beat it” – exemplifies its mission to inform children and their families about an often misunderstood disease.

Dr. Mangione hopes to create a model that will be replicated in other parts of the country.

Recent statistics show an alarming increase in childhood asthma, particularly among inner-city children from low-income families. According to Dr. Mangione, children with untreated asthma, in addition to having an unattended medical condition, experience poor school performance as a result of absenteeism. The Aetna Foundation grant will assess the extent of this related issue while connecting vulnerable children and their families to treatment and monitoring. Parents will also receive education about preventive measures and available resources to help them deal with this chronic, potentially debilitating disease.

The Aetna Foundation’s 2003 community grants focus on reducing racial and ethnic disparities in health care. Since this funding program was begun in 2001, the Foundation, which celebrated its 30th anniversary this year, has awarded more than $3 million to improve the quality of life in communities across the nation. The grant to Jefferson was attained with the assistance of the Jefferson Office of Institutional Advancement. For information, contact Bobbi Cohen, Director of Corporate and Foundation Giving, 215-955-7790.


Go Online Now to Find Any Jefferson Doctor

Jefferson Hospital’s Physician Directory is now online and can be downloaded in PDF. To find any Jefferson physician, visit www.doctorfinder.org and click on “Find a Doctor,” leading you to the online Physician Directory listing Jefferson Hospital and Methodist physicians by specialty, with their office addresses, phone numbers and URIN numbers.
New Jefferson Wound Care Center Opens

The newly opened Jefferson Wound Care Center offers state-of-the-art therapies and services to promote healing of chronic wounds.

The Center is located at 6350 Gibbon Building. R. Anthony Carabasi, MD, Director of Vascular Surgery, is its Medical Director and Christopher L. Barrett, DPM, is Administrative Director.

In announcing the Center’s opening to referring physicians, Dr. Carabasi wrote that the new hospital-based service is designed “to help you with patients who experience chronic wounds caused by diabetes, peripheral vascular diseases, or other conditions” and for patients with wounds that refuse to heal.

“The Center’s proven wound care practices and advanced clinical approaches, including Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HbOT) to help heal wounds of patients whose lifestyle has been seriously curtailed by chronic wounds, are available to your patients on an outpatient basis,” says Dr. Carabasi.

HbOT is a simple, non-invasive, painless treatment that enhances the body’s natural healing and strengthens the immune system resulting in more rapid and complete healing, he explains. Delivered by trained specialists, HbOT is an effective treatment for most chronic wounds.

“The Center offers high healing rates and reduced healing time for patients whose wounds have previously resisted healing – with outcomes that far exceed the national average,” says Dr. Carabasi.

The Center’s physical design was planned with patient comfort in mind, and a free transport service is available to patients within a 20-mile radius.

Referring physicians should call 215-955-1084 or 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

‘Big Walk’ Keeps Getting Bigger

The “Big Walk for Little Feet” is getting bigger every year.

More people are joining each year as everybody takes bigger strides toward the goal of saving the lives of at-risk newborn babies at Jefferson.

The event returned this fall for a fourth year (the third under its present name) as a special feature of the 2005 Jefferson Hospital Philadelphia Distance Run – the 26th anniversary of the annual world-famed half-marathon run. This was the sixth straight year Jefferson Hospital was the run’s title sponsor.

With many pushing strollers, “Big Walkers” stepped out from 12th and Market right behind the nearly 9,000 half-marathon runners.

More than 400 adults and youngsters then power-walked through three miles of cordoned-off Center City streets to raise more than $45,000 in life-saving funds for Jefferson University Hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Transitional Nursery and Labor and Delivery units.

Congratulations to 935 Jefferson Employees Celebrating Their Milestone Anniversaries!

A total of 935 employees were honored for celebrating milestone anniversaries in 5-year increments of service from 5 to 40 years. Nearly 700 honorees and their supervisors filled The Ballroom at the Benjamin Franklin House for the gala celebration. Pictured are employees recognized for 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. Included with those honored for 30 years service is Paul C. Brucker, MD, University President. Congratulating the group of 40-year honorees is Thomas J. Lewis, Hospital President and CEO.

For Women with Uterine Fibroid Symptoms – Be Sure to View Webcast Starting November 14

From the convenience of home, office or laptop computer, physicians and consumers can view a new procedure called uterine fibroid embolization (UFE).

The outpatient procedure avoids surgery and allows women to get at the cause of fibroid growths of significant size in their uterus, a problem causing hundreds of thousands of women to receive hysterectomies or other surgery. Uterine fibroids cause excessive menstrual bleeding, pressure and bloating and urinary symptoms, often resulting in work loss.

The UFE procedure can be viewed by Jefferson employees beginning November 14 by going to www.JeffersonHospital.org/webcast or www.discoveryhealth.com

This will be a replay version of a live webcast at 4:30 p.m. November 13.

Narrator will be Joseph Bonn, MD, Director of the Division of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology, Jefferson Medical College (JMC) and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Performing the procedure will be Carin Gonsalves, MD, Assistant Professor of Radiology, Division of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology, JMC, and the hospital.

You will need a current version of RealNetworks to view the webcast. Go to www.JeffersonHospital.org/webcast or www.discoveryhealth.com to determine whether you have this software or to download it free.

Physicians may sign up at www.JeffersonHospital.org/webcast to receive CME credits for viewing this webcast.

For more information, physicians can call 215-955-0215 and consumers or all other callers, 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

ComplyLine

ComplyLine, Jefferson’s confidential telephone service (available 24 hours a day, seven days a week) is in its 6th year of operation. This reporting mechanism is perhaps the most visible evidence of Jefferson’s commitment to “Do the Right Thing.”

The primary purpose of ComplyLine is to provide our staff with an avenue for confidentially communicating their concerns about the organization’s compliance with government regulations. A secondary goal is to encourage employees to make us aware of issues related to conformance with our internal policies and procedures, and accounting, internal control and auditing issues.

While callers sometimes use ComplyLine to raise concerns related to Human Resources issues, we want to stress the primary purpose of ComplyLine – to provide an avenue for staff to communicate concerns about the organization’s compliance with government regulations. ComplyLine is particularly useful for reporting HIPAA-related privacy concerns and for getting answers to questions about the privacy regulations.

So, remember: ComplyLine is available to anyone with a need to confidentially voice concerns over any work-related situation. It is a valuable resource to anyone who may be reluctant to speak directly to management, the Compliance Officer or Human Resources. ComplyLine can also be used to obtain guidance or clarification regarding a legal or ethical concern.

The number to call to access ComplyLine is 1-888-SOCOMPLY (5526-6759).
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