



The Children's Health Fund *News*

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Q&A

*With CHF's New Vice
President of Medical Affairs*



As Vice President for Medical Affairs, David Krol, M.D., provides senior guidance to the development and monitoring of overall health programs, new clinical protocols and other special initiatives. He also collaborates on setting CHF's advocacy and policy agenda.

Prior to joining CHF in 2004, Dr. Krol was an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Health Policy & Management (in Dentistry) at Columbia University and a 2002–2004 recipient of a Soros Advocacy Fellowship for Physicians. He has provided pediatric primary care to underserved communities in New York City, testified before state and local legislative bodies on behalf of children, and had articles published in scientific journals on topics as diverse as children's oral health, health workforce policy, medical errors and labor-pain management.

Dr. Krol was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and Bush Fellow in Child Development and Social Policy at Yale University from 1999–2001. He received his pediatric (continued on page 11)

From Patient to Advocate

*A Children's Health Fund Success Story in Brooklyn, NY
by Katherine Beltran*

A lyric from a rap song comes to mind when I think about all the obstacles I have faced over the past 14 years: "To live is to suffer; to survive is to find meaning in the suffering."

My mother died when I was 16. At the time, I was pregnant with my first child. I delivered my daughter at 31 weeks and she was diagnosed with mental retardation and necrotizing enterocolitis [a serious gastrointestinal disease of unknown cause that predominately affects premature infants]. I had to fight to keep my mother's apartment and apply for my own public-assistance case. When I was 18, I gave birth to my second daughter. Despite being a young, single mother of two, I managed to return to high school and get my diploma, enroll in classes at Audrey Cohen College, work part-time and have my own apartment. I was 21 years old.

Shortly after my third daughter was born, I was raped by someone I thought was a friend. The following year, my uncle died from cancer. Physically, I existed. Mentally, nobody was home. I dropped out of college, stopped going to work and struggled doing all my duties as a mother. As a result, my three children were removed from my care by the Administration for Children's Services.

Four months after the kids were taken, I found myself homeless and pregnant. I went to the Emergency Assistance Unit (EAU) and was found ineligible five times for temporary housing, even though my pregnancy was high risk. After the birth of my son, I moved to the Prospect Family Inn, a homeless shelter for families in the Bronx.

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Author Katherine Beltran with her children



Letter from the President



The political discourse in the past year of presidential campaigning, has been dominated by issues of war, peace and the economy, with the occasional focus on a vision of the nation's future. Electoral rhetoric aside, however, it is certainly true that policies and priorities in Washington affect the lives and opportunities for children in America. Income support for poor families, affordable housing programs, improved public schools, secure health care access for disadvantaged children and the like all contribute to an environment that makes it easier for all children to be successful. And, over the past decade, bipartisan support has produced and sustained health insurance programs for underserved children as well as significant expansion of the capacity and availability of community health centers around the U.S.

On the other hand, the history of the past eight years has been less than inspiring for the nation's most at risk children. Other than the 1997 passage of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, there hasn't been much to celebrate if you are in a family struggling to provide a livable income, to send your children to a quality school or find affordable housing. In New York City, the number of children living in the homeless shelter system has risen steadily. (This year, the number

of children in the shelters averages about 18,000 at any given time – up from about 11,000 when we started our programs in 1987). And in spite of a seven year national effort to enroll children in health insurance programs, we still have about 8 million kids without medical insurance coverage.

That said, now is probably a good time to think about what this all means for The Children's Health Fund and our core mission to develop and support health care programs serving needy and at risk families. First of all, the mission of the Fund will not fundamentally change. Our major focus has always been working to create, support and enhance programs that provide health care to very medically underserved children. We remain committed, in fact, to a concept known as "the medical home," reflecting a long-term relationship between a family and a comprehensive, high quality health care provider.

With the 2004 elections in the books, CHF's goals remain as they have been since the Fund was established. We will seek innovative, reality-based strategies that will help us fulfill the mission we began with: quality health care for every child. And we will continue to strengthen our "voice of advocacy" on behalf of underserved children and families, speaking out on behalf of policies that will improve access to and quality of services for all children. ☀

New & Noteworthy

Dynamic New Website To Launch in January 2005

CHF's expanded and updated website will focus on our clinical and advocacy work by presenting an in-depth look at the 17 programs in CHF's National Network. The site will also feature CHF's policy briefings, abstracts and presentations, health-education publications and news about current events in health care.

Gearing Up for the Annual Gift Drive



Last year, CHF's New York programs and NBC's *Today Show* provided over 5,000 patients with gifts of clothing, toys and books for the holidays. The *Today Show* generously gave electronic goods to patients at CHF's South Bronx Health Center for Children and Families, as well as toys for the children treated at the Mississippi and Arkansas Children's Health Projects. This year, CHF and The *Today Show* will continue the holiday gift-giving tradition by donating hundreds of toys and clothes to patients in the New York, Orlando and South Florida Children's Health Projects.

We need volunteers to help gift wrap packages. See page 12 for more information.



Harlem Children's Health Project on its Way

In the spring, CHF will launch the Harlem Children's Health Project (HCHP) in collaboration with the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ) and the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. The HCZ provides comprehensive educational, social and health resources to children and families residing in Central Harlem. The HCHP will provide comprehensive primary care for students attending the HCZ's new charter school; medical assessments, referrals, education and outreach services will also be available to the 6,500 children and who live in the 60-block radius of the Zone. Leadership support has been provided by the Picower Foundation, Starr Foundation, The Tomorrow Foundation, and Altman Foundation.

Are You Ready for College?



The ASPIRA of New York Inc. hosts college-readiness programs at CHF's South Bronx Health Center for Children and Families (SBHCCF) on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Students and families learn about the college-application process, financial aid and scholarship opportunities and fee waivers; the program also offers SAT prep and essay-writing courses and more. Contact Marielis Rivera, MPH, Health Educator from the SBHCCF, at 718-991-0605 for more information.

Medical Director of D.C. Project Honored

Dr. Gloria WilderBrathwaite, Medical Director of CHF's D.C. Children's Health Project, was honored by *Redbook Magazine* with a Mother's and Shaker's award.

Friend-Raising in Connecticut

CHF held its first benefit polo luncheon on Sunday, September 19, 2004, at the Greenwich Polo Club in Greenwich, Connecticut. The event was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the day's activities, which included a fashion show featuring the Versace fall/winter 2004/2005 collection, live and silent auctions, a character appearance by Sesame Street's Elmo, a polo demonstration and a tour of one of CHF's mobile medical units. Philanthropic and business leaders from throughout the tristate area, as well as more than 50 children, attended the luncheon.

In the luncheon tent, elegantly designed by Versace, Gary E. Knell, President & CEO of the Sesame Workshop, and Elmo accepted CHF's 2004 Humanitarian Award on behalf of the Sesame Workshop. The organization was honored for its commitment to enriching the lives of children all over the globe.

Paul Shaffer, Musical Director of the CBS Orchestra, was Master of Ceremonies, and Bill Evans, WABC-TV's Eyewitness News Meteorologist, served as auctioneer. CHF co-founder Paul Simon presented winning bidder Cathy Shaffer [Paul Shaffer's wife] with a signed guitar he donated to the auction.

During the Gold Cup Award ceremony, title sponsor DIAGEO's Vice President of External Affairs, Guy Smith, presented the Best Playing Pony blanket to the Gold Cup's best playing pony.

Title sponsors were Dr. Carl and Aviva Saphier, DIAGEO, Sisley, and Versace. ✨



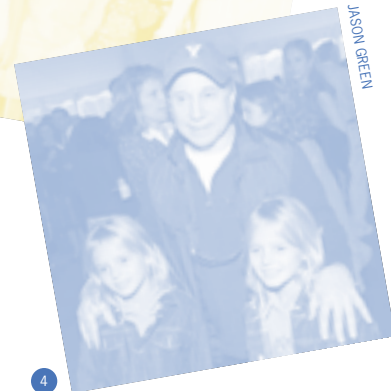
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- 1 Guy Smith, VP External Affairs, DIAGEO presenting DIAGEO's Best Playing Pony Blanket Award
- 2 Guests with Elmo
- 3 Gary Knell, Paul Shaffer, Elmo, Irwin Redlener, M.D., and Karen Redlener with young guests
- 4 West twins and Paul Simon



New Vice President for Development



The Children's Health Fund is pleased to introduce Carol Sumkin, our new Vice President of Development. As

Vice President, Sumkin will oversee all aspects of CHF's fund-raising and fund development. She'll also lead CHF's efforts to broaden its community of supporters and help develop a long-term strategic plan.

Prior to joining CHF in June 2004, Sumkin was the Associate Vice President for Corporate Relations at The New York Botanical Garden, where she spearheaded the effort to raise funds from leading corporations in support of the Garden's \$300 million capital campaign. During her long career, she's raised millions of dollars for local and national health and human service organizations, including the Coalition for the Homeless, Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the capital campaign to build The Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center.

Sumkin received an MS in Nonprofit Management from The New School for Social Research's Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy, and she holds a BS in Journalism from Ohio University.

She can be reached at 212-452-3340 or via e-mail at csumkin@chfund.org. 🌟

Longtime Supporters Invest in CHF's Future

More than a decade ago, Lou and Doris Lombardi wanted to make a difference in children's lives. They began supporting The Children's Health Fund in a variety of ways – by attending the annual gala and other special events, and joining the Home Run Club, which involves pledging a dollar amount for every home run the Yankees hit.

Lou Lombardi's commitment to CHF deepened after he visited a mobile medical unit and CHF's South Bronx Health Center for Children and Families. "I was impressed with how the health center was serving the children and families, and how dedicated and devoted the staff was," says Lombardi.

As a result, Lombardi decided he wanted to make a long-term investment in CHF's work and he established a Charitable Lead Trust. "It is really simple to set up and



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monitor," explains Lombardi. This popular form of giving is a trust agreement in which the income from the trust flows to a charitable organization, such as The Children's Health Fund, for a stated number of years. After that period, the assets in the trust are redistributed to the donor or his or her family; the program also offers donors significant tax advantages.

If you are interested in learning more about a Charitable Lead Trust, making a bequest or other planned-giving opportunities, please contact Carol Sumkin at 212-452-3340. 🌟

Recent Gifts from Corporations and Foundations

We thank the following organizations for donating gifts of \$25,000 and more to The Children's Health Fund between January 1, 2004, and June 30, 2004.

The Louis and Anne Abrons Foundation supports the New York Children's Health Project, which provides care to more than 3,500 children and parents each year. The foundation has been a dedicated supporter of CHF since 1993.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company and **Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation Inc.** continues its leadership support of the Starting Right initiative, which addresses pediatric overweight and obesity, conditions that pose a risk for an epidemic increase in Type 2 Diabetes.

Committee to Encourage Corporate Philanthropy honored The Children's Health Fund with its first ever Director's Award, for building effective and innovative corporate partnerships with companies like GlaxoSmithKline.



Gala Raises More Than \$1.2 Million



JASON GREEN

Host AI Roker, of NBC TV, with Art Garfunkel, Co-Founder Paul Simon, Executive Director Karen Redlener and board member The Honorable David N. Dinkins with patients from CHF's New York Programs.



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Gala Chair Bob Essner, Chairman, President and CEO of Wyeth, with honoree Peter Dolan, Chairman and CEO, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Irwin Redlener, M.D., President and Co-Founder of The Children's Health Fund.



Edie Brickell played songs from Volcano, her newest album, as well as some old favorites.

SAVE THE DATE June 1, 2005

CHF's 2005 gala dinner will take place on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at the Hilton New York. Honoring Jean-Pierre Garnier, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of GlaxoSmithKline. The evening will include cocktails, dinner, and spectacular entertainment.

The Children's Health Fund held its annual gala on May 19, 2004, at the New York Hilton. The highly successful event honored Peter Dolan, Chairman and CEO of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

CHF Co-Founder Paul Simon and longtime friend Art Garfunkel received special awards for their generous support. Edie Brickell and her band entertained beneficiaries with an extraordinary musical performance. 🌟



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The Bernard F. & Alva B. Gimbel Foundation supports the comprehensive pediatric care being provided to homeless children and families through the New York Children's Health Project. The foundation has been a consistent supporter of CHF since 1991.

GlaxoSmithKline continues its leadership support of the Referral Management Initiative, ensuring that children with complex medical needs receive necessary specialty care and follow-up services.

The Oprah's Angel Network awarded CHF's Dr. Gloria WilderBrathwaite a "Use Your Life Award" to continue and expand health care services for children in the Anacostia neighborhood of Washington, D.C., one of the area's most disadvantaged communities.

The Toy Industry Foundation supports CHF's Power of Play Initiative, which brings joy to the lives of homeless children in New York, Dallas and Los Angeles by teaching parents how to foster their children's physical and cognitive development through play.

The Robin Hood Foundation supports CHF's New York Programs, which provide quality medical care to more than 10,000 homeless and disadvantaged children and parents throughout New York City each year.



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CHF Continues Pioneering Work in Electronic Health Record Technology

In 1989, The Children's Health Fund created the first electronic patient-record system for homeless and medically underserved children in order to solve the problem health care providers experienced when they needed to refer to complete, accurate patient records within the confined space of a mobile medical unit. In the 15 years since then, those early efforts have grown to represent one of the most sophisticated electronic health record (EHR) systems in the United States. Today, 10 of CHF's National Network sites, from New York to Los Angeles and from Dallas to West Virginia, use the EHR system – more installations are scheduled for other sites in the network.

Multifaceted Benefits

The EHR system allows health care providers and other staff to gain access to vital patient information anytime, anywhere. Physicians and clinical staff can consult comprehensive patient medical data with the aid of a specially designed computer. This extraordinary technology is invaluable in its ability

to help health care providers manage referrals, provide patient education materials and prevent prescription errors.

Advocacy

Over the years, members of CHF's National Network have collected and generated a wealth of data, which will now be organized and used to support CHF's advocacy work on behalf of the nation's medically underserved children and their families. CHF

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is in the vanguard of a national movement of health care providers, elected officials, policymakers and the advocacy community in making the implementation of electronic health records possible in clinical settings nationwide. Today, less

than 10 percent of physicians in the country use EHR technology, and the technology is even rarer in areas serving low-income children and families. CHF plans to showcase its EHR system, created by CHF staff and clinical providers from the National Network, and have it serve as a model for systems that meet the needs of others providing care to homeless and other medically underserved children.

In April 2004, CHF staff traveled to Washington, D.C., to offer members of Congress and their staffs an opportunity to see the EHR system in action. Jeb Weisman, CHF's Chief Information Officer, gave a real-time demonstration of the system. Susan Spalding, MD, Medical Director of the Dallas Children's Health Project, and Aurelia Jones-Taylor, Chief Executive Officer of the Aaron E. Henry Community Health Center (the home base of the Mississippi Children's Health Project), both attested to the efficacy



of the EHR system in improving direct care to patients and managing the care of those patients with complex or chronic conditions. The demonstration was well-attended and generated significant bipartisan interest.

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In response to the federal government's introduction of a National Health Information Infrastructure (NHII) plan, CHF is embarking on a new generation EHR system. This new health



record system will perform all of the clinical functions we use today and will add new functions available to children and their families: to refer to their own medical information directly, increase their access to health-education materials and create new ways to leverage the power of computers in service to health care and advocacy. ☀

CHF, Columbia University and UnitedHealth Foundation Evaluate Health Care Outcomes

The Children's Health Fund is committed to providing high quality, effective, culturally appropriate and compassionate health services to the patients it serves. With this commitment in mind, CHF has joined with a team from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health to evaluate two innovative programs at CHF's South Bronx Health Center for Children and Families (SBHCCF). With UnitedHealth Foundation's generous support to the CHF community-based Centers of Excellence project, spearheading a major initiative to expand access and implement best practices, this experienced team of researchers and evaluators will initially focus on the Starting Right

and Centering Pregnancy programs.

The Columbia team will work with SBHCCF and CHF staff to further develop and evaluate the Starting Right obesity and Type 2 Diabetes interventions and Electronic Health Records systems in order to improve both prevention and treatment. In the Centering Pregnancy program, a group prenatal care model, the Columbia team, in collaboration with SBHCCF staff, will evaluate both maternal and child health and the process of delivering prenatal care.

These evaluation efforts are intended to promote safe and effective health services to underserved populations in and out of the CHF network. ☀

Patient Expresses Thanks to Orlando Teen Xpress

Thank you to all our providers! Below is a letter from Harmony (her name has been changed), a 17-year-old patient of Judi Babula, LCSW, a clinical therapist at Teen Xpress (CHF's Orlando, FL Children's Health Project). The letter is a heartwarming example of how the services we provide can positively impact the lives of the patients we serve, thanks to our dedicated providers. Judi has certainly brightened the future of this young adult.

Dear Ms. Judi,
The past three years you've not only been my therapist but also a great friend. Having a person like you to turn to makes everything in my life a blessing. You've blessed my heart in a way no other has. You've been

such an inspiration to me and I want you to know that without your guidance and support I don't know what I would do. You will forever be in my heart.

– Harmony, Age 17

"I met Harmony in 2001 when we were visiting her middle school in our mobile unit. She was being examined by one of our medical staff and mentioned the stress in her life," Judi said. "Every week, Harmony and I worked on coping and relaxation skills and by the time she was in high school, we were talking about concerns like peer pressure. Harmony said that it felt good to have someone to talk to. She shared things with me that she had never talked about with anyone."
– Judi Babula



Putting Teeth in the National Network

CHF Addresses the Lifelong Impact of Oral Health Care



GABRIELLE SHANG

When left untreated, tooth decay can lead to problems with eating, speaking, chewing and swallowing, loss of self-esteem, missed school days and in extreme cases, severe infection and hospitalization.

Tooth decay is one of the most common childhood diseases. Twenty percent of preschoolers, fifty percent of second graders and 75 percent of 15-year-olds have teeth that have been affected by decay. By age 17, 78 percent of children have had some sort of dental decay. Children and adolescents living in poverty are twice as likely to suffer from dental decay and have twice the extent of disease as their more affluent counterparts; they're half as likely, however, to have received dental treatment.

For many children in The Children's Health Fund's (CHF) National Network, transportation, language and insurance barriers, geographic isolation and lack of knowledge about appropriate dental care affect the oral-health care – or lack of care – they receive. For many of these patients, tooth decay (dental caries) begins at an early age. When left untreated, tooth decay can lead to problems with eating, speaking, chewing and swallowing, loss of self-esteem, missed school days and in extreme cases, severe infection and hospitalization.

Oral Health Expands Within National Network

The Children's Health Fund, with six of its national children's health projects, including those in Mississippi, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Idaho, Arkansas, and its flagship program in New York, have begun to address the oral-health needs of the medically underserved population it serves.

Dentists and dental hygienists at these six National Network sites work to improve the oral health of their young patients by providing comprehensive dental care on mobile medical units and in fixed-site clinics. Referrals for subspecialty dental care are made when they're needed.

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Regular oral-health assessments and cleanings are important preventive measures and can help reduce decay and other problems from occurring. Applying sealants, which help prevent tooth decay on chewing surfaces, and taking X-rays, which help determine the internal well-being of teeth, are two such treatments. In cases in which restorative care is necessary, health care providers fill decayed teeth and conduct extractions if they're called for. In addition, oral health education plays a role; – staff educators advise patients about the importance of oral health, daily preventive care and routine visits to a dentist.

The Children's Health Fund will continue to support and expand its oral-health programs within its National Network as resources become available. ✨



Getting the Word Out: CHF at Health Presentations

CHF staff presented abstracts or poster presentations at the following conferences this fall:

September 2004

National Association of Community Health Centers Annual Conference: San Francisco

Presentation topic: Responding to the rise in pediatric overweight and Type 2 Diabetes in a primary-care setting.

Second Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health University of Puerto Rico

Presentation topic: A curriculum to increase patient and parent asthma education.

October 2004

Third International Conference on Urban Health: Boston

Presentation topics included:

- Prevalence of overweight and risk of overweight in an inner-city pediatric population.
- Screening for maternal depression as part of comprehensive asthma care for homeless pediatric patients.
- Urgent needs for specialist referral in a homeless pediatric population.

CHF Annual Conference: Huntington, West Virginia

CHF's National Network convened from October 13 to 16, 2004, for its Annual Conference. In his keynote address, Congressman Nick Rahall (D-WV) spoke to the group – CHF medical directors and staff – about transportation barriers to health care. Other speakers discussed such topics as oral health, the childhood asthma initiative, and ongoing strategies for service delivery.

November 2004

American Public Health Association Annual Conference Washington, D.C.

Presentation topics included:

- Uncovering allergic sensitization among asthmatics at a South Bronx primary care clinic.
- Identifying and treating maternal depression as part of comprehensive asthma care for inner-city children.
- A coping and resilience curriculum for high-risk children: part of comprehensive disaster-preparedness.
- Clinical need for disenrollment from mandatory Medicaid managed care in a population of homeless families.
- Expanding primary-care pediatric overweight management to include community partnerships for activity: the foster-care connection.
- Urgent need for specialist care among homeless pediatric patients.
- Electronic Health Records: state-of-the-art wireless electronic health-record system
- A comprehensive primary care-based HIV model implemented at a South Bronx Health Center.

Americans Unprepared For Another Terrorist Attack

A new Marist College Institute of Public Opinion poll reveals that more than half of Americans feel that the government will not be able to protect them from another terrorist attack if one should occur. The poll, which included a survey of both a national and New York City representative sample of households contacted by phone, was commissioned by CHF and the National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP) at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. In addition, three out of four Americans indicated that they continue to be concerned about the possibility of future attacks and confidence in the government to protect them is at an all-time low.

Other findings from the survey include evidence that most families have not developed a readiness plan to help them in the event of another attack. Almost half the parents surveyed said they were unaware of emergency-preparedness plans at their children's schools, and a majority of those surveyed indicated that they would not evacuate their homes immediately, even if they were directed to do so by officials.

This most recent survey conducted by the Marist College Institute of Public Opinion is the fourth in a series conducted by CHF and the NCDP since the September 11 attacks. ☀



CHF to Benefit from *Star Wars Episode III* Premiere

We are thrilled to announce that Lucas Film, Ltd. has selected The Children's Health Fund to benefit from the exclusive New York City premiere of *Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith* on May 12, 2005.

T-Shirt Contest

In the months leading up to the long awaited premiere, CHF will sponsor several exciting and creative activities including a T-shirt design contest for the official New York *Star Wars* premiere. Anyone between the ages of 8-18 years of age is encouraged to submit designs. The winner will receive two tickets to the premiere.


Contest rules are as follows: Mail T-shirt designs to The Children's Health Fund, Star Wars T-shirt Contest, 317 East 64 Street, New York, NY 10021. Artwork can be created in pen, paint, colored pencils, or any medium you prefer. Designs should be in color and on paper no larger than 8 1/2" x 11". Please include your name, age, e-mail, mailing address and phone number on a separate piece of paper. Submissions must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2005.

Free Raffle for CHF's New York Patients

At least 25 children, chosen at random, accompanied by their parent or guardian will be given two tickets to the movie premiere.



Tickets

For information about tickets to the premiere and after party or details about any of the related events please contact starwars@chfund.org. 

From Patient to Advocate


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A health questionnaire that I filled out alerted the staff that my son needed to see a doctor. That was when I first met Amy Rowe, PNP, and Shawn Bowen, M.D.*, of the New York Children's Health Project (NYCHP).

My three-month-old son was quickly diagnosed with asthma. Dr. Bowen and Ms. Rowe taught me about the disease and how to deal with the day-to-day stress that goes along with being a parent of an asthmatic child. They treated me like a person and helped me find the services I needed to take care of my son, my family and myself.

I volunteer at all of my children's schools, I am the asthma educator at my son's school and I am five classes short of earning my bachelor's degree.

I got my own apartment before my son was 10 months old and have been there for almost four years. My daughters have been back with me for three years. I am co-chair of the NYCHP Community Advisory Board and a member of the National Health Care for the Homeless Consumer Advisory Board. I continue to stay in contact with staff from the NYCHP

and have become an advocate for the homeless. I volunteer at all of my children's schools, I am the asthma educator at my son's school and I am five classes short of earning my bachelor's degree. I love being an advocate and sharing my story. My gift is being able to speak for those who have lost their voice, never had a voice or have not found their voice. My reward is watching people regain their lives one day at a time. 

** Dr. Shawn Bowen is the Director of CHF's Childhood Asthma Initiative, which is funded by The Picower Foundation.*



Dr. David Krol

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training at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland and his medical education at the Yale School of Medicine.

We recently sat down with Dr. Krol to discover what makes him tick.

Do you have any heroes?

I don't think I've ever had one individual who I can say is my hero, but I've watched many people and found qualities that I wanted to emulate. I've been fortunate to have many role models in my life, and they've helped shape me, whether they know it or not. Those people have been friends, family, teachers, mentors and complete strangers.

What are your hobbies or hobby?

Baseball! I've been playing ball since I was five and I still play as often as I can. There's just not much better than going out there and playing. My team [McAleers] just won the championship in our Central Park league [Pancho Coimbre league] Just talking about it makes me want to go play.

What achievement are you most proud of?

I'm most proud of the fact that I was able to balance academics and athletics throughout my education and be successful at both. I think it's funny that some folks don't believe me when I say I played professional baseball [pitcher for the Minnesota Twins from 1989-1991] and went to Yale medical school. They usually believe one but not the other.



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Why do you do what you do?

I do it because it's fun. I do it because it's exciting. I do it because I enjoy the challenge. I do it because I feel as though I can and should – and I'm making a difference. I do it because I love kids. I do it because I'm pretty good at it.

Can you tell us about your most memorable encounter with a patient?

That's easy! I was walking through a mall, back in Cleveland, when I was a resident, when I heard someone calling, "Dr. Krol!" When I turned around, I saw the mom of one of my patients walking over to me and her almost three-year-old son running straight at me. He hugged one of my legs, and I picked him up. We talked and played a bit and when we split up it hit me that this was what pediatrics was all about. It was that relationship with a family and the bond that grew over the years that made it a great job.

What is your favorite quote?

"Genius, in truth, means little more than the faculty of perceiving in an unhabitual way." – William James

What book is on your bedside table right now?

I must admit that I'm a bit of a poor reader for pleasure. If you snuck into my bedroom, you'd see the latest issue of *Health Affairs* [a health policy journal] on my nightstand. The last two books I read that I really enjoyed were *Moneyball* by Michael Lewis and *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel.

What's your favorite movie?

Hmm, that's difficult. I'd have to say either *Caddyshack* or *Animal House*. I've seen both about 50 times each. I really enjoy all kinds of movies.

What are your goals as VP of Medical Affairs for CHF?

My main goal is to help CHF and its sites throughout the country provide quality care to the patients they serve. I can help to do this by using the valuable information in PENCHART to document the needs of our patients and the services we provide. Second, I can help evaluate and improve the quality of the programs and services we provide to our patients. Finally, I can help tell the story of their needs and the quality services we provide to them in the academic literature, the general press and the halls of local, state and federal legislatures. ☀

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Calendar of Events

December 2004: Wrap With Us!

Help us wrap holiday gifts donated to CHF's Annual Gift Drive. We'll distribute the gifts to children and families served by the New York Children's Health Project. To participate, contact Rachel Hanser at 212-452-3340 or rhanser@chfund.org.

December 2, 2004: Corporate Council for America's Children Annual Meeting

Tim Russert of NBC's *Meet the Press* will moderate a bipartisan panel discussing the challenge of access to health care and the role new technologies play in finding underserved children a medical home.

December 14, 2005: Child Health Forum

CHF will host *Access to Specialty Care: Building Successful Models for*

Referral Management. This symposium brings together professionals representing public policy, health care providers and advocates to discuss specialty for homeless children in New York City. The forum will showcase CHF's success with its Referral Management Initiative.

May 2, 2005: World Asthma Day

CHF will host an event to focus attention on the impact of asthma on the lives of children and families in the South Bronx. For more information, contact Betty Perez-Rivera, Associate Director of CHF's Childhood Asthma Initiative, at 212-535-9779.

May 12, 2005: Star Wars Movie Premiere

CHF has been selected as the benefiting charity of the exclusive New York screening of *Stars Wars:*



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Episode III. For information contact starwars@chfund.org.

June 1, 2005: Annual Gala

CHF's 2005 gala dinner will take place on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at the Hilton New York. Honoring Jean-Pierre Garnier, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of GlaxoSmithKline, the evening will include cocktails, dinner, and spectacular entertainment. ☀️



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