

JUNE 2012 UPDATE

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The Foundation has formed 14 partnerships and donated over \$6.5 million for the advancement of children's health in its six years! From giving access to safe drinking water in Uganda to creating a medical home for children in the South Bronx, this newsletter highlights the impact that our contributions have had on children's lives.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND

The Foundation's 2011 grant to the Children's Health Fund's (CHF) has been instrumental in expanding the capacity of the CHF's New York programs in two important ways. First, the Foundation played an important role in providing semi-restricted funding to support the operations of the New York Flagship Program which is comprised of two entities: 1) the South Bronx Health Center (SBHC), which includes the recently opened Center for Child Health and Resiliency (CCHR) and 2) the NY Children's Health Project, a mobile health care program that services residents of NYC family homeless shelters. In 2011, the Program served 10,383 unique patients through 55,032 health care visits. Specifically, in 2011, the South Bronx Health Center served

5,897 children and family members, representing a 13% increase over 2010 and provided 32,595 health care visits in 2011, compared to 27,894 in 2010, a 17% increase.

Second, the Foundation's grant continues to support the Deerfield Child and Family Health Clinic's operations as part of the NYCHP mobile clinics to serve patients from homeless shelters. In 2011, the Clinic served 1,506 patients, an increase of 58% compare to 2010. Health care visits increased to 2,817 compared to 2,315 in 2010, a nearly 22% increase. To increase

capacity in 2011, the Deerfield Clinic began providing services two Saturdays per month to accommodate the growing number of patients and expanded its visibility by working with new community partners, referral agencies and shelters.

Furthermore, the Foundation's grant helped launch the newly restructured Integrated Asthma Clinic (IAC) at CCHR and the Deerfield Clinic in October 2011. Providers now refer asthmatic patients, who are identified as needing more intense follow up and asthma education to the IAC. As a result of all these expansion efforts, NY Children's Health Project served 4,486 children and their family members, representing a 19% increase over 2010.



PARTNERS IN HEALTH: HEALTH CARE IN HAITI

Zanmi Beni is home to 60 children, mostly orphaned and many disabled, who were abandoned in Port-au-Prince's general hospital and left completely vulnerable when the hospital collapsed during the January 2010 earthquake. Deerfield Partnership Foundation's gift supported half of Zanmi Beni's total operating costs in FY12 – providing food, medicines, clothing, toys, books, school fees, and other fundamental needs for the children who live there. The 80 staff members at Zanmi Beni – including nurses, social workers, teachers, a pediatrician, and physical therapists – are able to provide for the unique medical and intellectual needs of each child; just as important, they are always available to hug, play, and interact with the children. The many visitors who pass through Zanmi Beni remark on the beautiful and peaceful environment that has been created for the children. PIH was also able to leverage Deerfield

Partnership Foundation's generous investment in Zanmi Beni in FY12 and attract additional gifts to fully fund the program.

The Mirebalais National Teaching Hospital is a joint effort by PIH and the Haitian Ministry of Health to build long-term public health care capacity in Haiti through the delivery of advanced medical services and the training of the

next generation of health care professionals. It will also provide medical services not available at any other public site in Haiti, such as advanced surgical care and acute care services. Deerfield Partnership Foundation's investment funded the construction of the hospital's Community Health building, which will provide primary care to thousands of children and their families each year once the hospital opens in Fall 2012. The Community Health building has been fully constructed, and includes five patient consult rooms; two administrative/doctor's offices; a large food depot for the distribution of food packages; and a patient waiting area. The consult rooms are all fully equipped; the large open spaces of the building (the food depot and waiting area) are currently housing equipment and supplies for other areas of the hospital, and will be furnished once the hospital's secure storage building is completed over the course of the coming weeks.



Deerfield Foundation Board Meeting

June 12th, 4:30PM

780 3rd Ave, 38th Fl
Large Conf Room

PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2011/2012—TOTAL \$1.95 MILLION

Organization	Project Name	Location	Amount
Children’s Health Fund	Deerfield Child & Family Health Clinic	South Bronx	\$350,000
	NY Flagship Program – Semi-restricted Funds	NYC	\$400,000
Partners In Health	Zanmi Beni Home for Kids	Haiti	\$350,000
	Mirebalais Hospital Community Health Dept		\$200,000
The NY Foundling	Mott Haven Academy Health & Wellness Program	South Bronx	\$130,000
The Family Center	Teen Share / Teen Teach & Bridges to Care	NYC	\$125,000
Little Sisters	Environmental Health Program – Asthma	East Harlem	\$120,000
Busoga Trust (The Water Trust)	Building Village Wells	Uganda	\$90,000
Coalition for the Homeless	Child Advocate in Crisis Intervention	NYC	\$65,000
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee	Surgeries in Ethiopia via Dr Hodes	Ethiopia	\$52,000
YMCA	Salsa, Sabor y Salud	Harlem	\$50,000
GOAL	Healthy Lifestyles Curriculum	East Harlem	\$13,860



THE WATER TRUST: WATER ACCESS IN UGANDA

Busoga Trust America is happy to report that they have finished another successful year along with several exciting announcements, including a name change to The Water Trust (TWT). Busoga Trust America has changed its name to The Water Trust, as this name better reflects the work they do and the more independent efforts relative to their long-standing partner, Busoga Trust. The Water Trust completed another 30 new water projects, with related sanitation and hygiene education investments. 29 were shallow hand dug wells and one was a protected spring in a community with challenging geology that thwarted numerous efforts to dig a well. In

total, The Water Trust has completed 99 projects in the Misindi region.

Marije van den Broek was recently hired to lead the production team in Misindi. Marije brings significant WASH (water sanitation hygiene) experience to Masindi from her prior 2 years working for ZOA refugee care in Pader, Uganda. Sarah Mendelsohn will also be joining the team as Executive Director and TWT's first U.S. based employee. Sarah brings international experience and a MSc in Water Resources to the team.

The 2011 Deerfield Grant was allocated for the construction of 15 village based WASH projects in

Uganda – all of which expect to be completed by the end of June 2012. The 30 wells completed this year by TWT are currently providing clean water and sanitation services to an estimated 9,000 people. The 15 projects from the 2011 Deerfield Foundation grant will supply clean water, improved sanitation and hygiene to an estimated 3,000 children and their families.

Cumulatively, with the completion of the 2011 Grant this June, the TWT will have implemented 45 village based wash programs and 4 school based programs with Deerfield funds.



JJDC / DR. HODES: SPINE SURGERY IN ETHIOPIA

Through Dr. Rick Hodes, Deerfield Foundation assisted in the funding of 3 life-saving spine surgeries for children in Ethiopia. This is one of the stories as told by Dr. Hodes:

Getasew is a 14 year old boy from the tiny village of Fiche Saminchiwa. Getasew has been suffering from severe kyphoscoliosis for years. He has lost 40% of his lung function. Getasew was brought to Addis Ababa and seen by an orthopedist at an American organization, who sent him to me with a note reading "this boy is suffering from progressive, adolescent onset, idiopathic scoliosis, please assess and manage appropriately." While there are 2 American orthopedists in this country, I am the only person who can help spine patients. I noted a significant curve, mostly below his diaphragm (breastbone). He was accepted to go to Ghana for surgery. I want to stress

that he is from one of the more remote places where we have ever received a patient from. It takes them 6 hours to get to us - 3 hours by foot, then 3 hours by minibus to the capital city of Addis Ababa. He lives hours from electricity. He had very torn, old clothes. He had not one ounce of body fat. He wore plastic shoes. He was post-puberty, into his growth spurt, and this is exactly the situation where his curve would rapidly worsen. We got him a passport. His dad bought him 1 used shirt which was really a girl's shirt to wear on the plane to Ghana. In Ghana, he underwent spinal fusion from T8 to L3, about 8 levels. He needed 1 unit of blood transfused, and developed a fever. In Ghana, one can develop malaria from a blood transfusion, but he tested negative for malaria. He recovered well, and just before coming back to Addis Ababa, was noted to have a bit of leakage from the middle of his wound. When he arrived back in Addis Ababa,

he had an infection, which cultured out staph aureus, luckily sensitive to common antibiotics. I put him on antibiotics and we did wound care daily. I was not comfortable with the situation, because if the infection progressed, he would have to return to Ghana for more surgery. Luckily, he responded well to treatment, and I stopped antibiotics after a few weeks.

With Getasew living in my home after surgery so that we could treat his infection and watch him carefully, I have gotten to know him well. He's a super kid - friendly, sincere, wanting to learn, helpful to other kids, and amazingly easy to have around. We will keep him for another month or so, and let him return home before Ethiopian Easter, so he can spend the holiday with his family.

Getasew will miss this school year, but I am hoping to be able to assist him in getting a good education in the future.

MEDICAL HOME AT THE HAVEN ACADEMY

As we approach the end of our second year working with the NY Foundling/Haven Academy we continue to be very excited about our Medical Home Program partnership. Since the start of our collaboration, we are seeing a direct and positive correlation on the health and wellbeing of the Mott Haven students that should have long term outcomes. During the first part of the school year there were about 2,500 visits to the pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP), primarily for stomach pain, throat pain and asthma related symptoms. Impressively, the number of visits to the PNP dropped to 1,020 during the second half of the year due to the introduc-

tion of Red Rabbit fresh snacks as well as increased awareness from the PNP and the Registered Dietician (RD). Visits to the PNP for stomach pain decreased 75% from the beginning of the school year owing to the addition of the Foundation funded fresh snack program. We hope to expand on this trend in 2012-2013 with the addition of the Food Service Wellness Program. The PNP also implemented a height, weight and body mass index (BMI) measurement program for students. Of the 165 students measured, twenty five were then identified and referred to the RD for nutritional consultation for obesity. In just a short period of time, 14

students demonstrated a decrease in their BMI. With continual support from the RD, we expect continued improvement in the wellness of these students. Finally, the Dentrust Dental program provided primary dental care to 100% of the kindergartners that did not have access to their own dentist. This program is an important building block for maintaining healthy oral hygiene. It is easy to see from the above positive results why we are excited about our work with NY Foundling/Haven Academy. We are hopeful to expand this relationship in the upcoming year by expanding the healthy snacks program to a full day of fresh and healthy foods.



Nurse Practitioner at the Mott Haven Academy shows members of the Foundation Executive Committee the new exam room. (2012)

LITTLE SISTERS: ASTHMA IN EAST HARLEM

Little Sisters of the Assumption continues to work to alleviate asthma symptoms in children in East Harlem. In 2011, LSA was named the co-recipient of a \$549,000 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant to formalize their asthma trigger relief model and bring it to families living in public housing. Never before has HUD funded programs to improve health hazards for asthmatic children living in public or assisted multifamily housing. But the need for help has been great – a grim reality LSA has been tackling for years. East Harlem children shoulder a disproportionately high burden of asthma, with 18.5% of East Harlem children ages 4–5 afflicted with asthma, more than double the NYC and national prevalence rate; 23% of children ages 5–

12 suffer from asthma, and rates for East Harlem students of Puerto Rican descent approach 35%. The hospitalization rate is the second highest in NYC and one of the highest in a nation where asthma is the number one cause of absenteeism in school (Source: EPA).

In 2011, the Environmental Program served 236 clients, including those needing bed-bug, housing advocacy and other related services as well as children participating in the Staying Healthy by Improving Nutrition and Exercise program. 66 of these clients were funded by the Deerfield Foundation. Deerfield's donation was aimed at helping individuals in emergency situations, those families that live in private housing, and support LSA's desire to

increase outreach efforts. LSA is working to develop close relationships with local agencies by establishing and maintaining ongoing communication with such referring agencies as East Harlem Asthma Center of Excellence and The Mount Sinai and Metropolitan Hospitals. Also, Ray Lopez, Director of the Family Asthma Program, increased awareness of this program through working with the Citywide Coalition to End Infant Mortality, the Institute of Family Health, and East Harlem Boys Club.

LSA will have detailed statistical data in two years upon the completion of the HUD grant. This data will be instrumental in how the United States government approaches cases of poor indoor air quality.



Little Sisters works with E. Harlem families to remove asthma triggers in the home, including peeling paint and mold.

COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS: CHILD ADVOCATE

The process for families to be placed in a homeless shelter has become increasingly difficult to navigate and requires applying through the lone New York City shelter intake center called PATH (the Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing) located in the Bronx. The Deerfield Foundation's grant in 2011 allowed the Coalition for the Homeless (CFTH) to hire a full-time Child Advocate in the Crisis Intervention department in October 2011. The role of the Child Advocate is to exclusively assist families with children whose health and safety are imminently endangered due to denied access to emergency shelter.

To date, the Child Advocate has helped over 150 families

challenge ineligibility rulings and effectively secure shelter placements for dozens of parents with vulnerable children. At least 15 households included a child with a severe physical disability and at least one-third had children with serious mental or physical health issues, including learning disabilities, autism, ADHD, temporary or chronic illness, allergies, asthma or dietary restrictions. More than half of the cases include families who could not return to their prior place of residence as a result of an imminent health risk, including infestation, lead poisoning, poor air quality, or mental, physical, or chronic illness among primary tenants. The remainder of cases involved families who could not

stay in housing due to extreme safety risk, usually severe overcrowding.

The cornerstone of the Child Advocate's work is assisting these families with gathering a myriad of evidence to successfully overturn wrongful PATH denials. The success of these efforts hinge on coordinating information from social workers, landlords, housing court lawyers, and medical providers to assemble the most cogent, verifiable history of the applicant family. The Foundation's funding for the Child Advocate has given vulnerable families the critical assistance they need to access life-saving, emergency shelter.



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THE FAMILY CENTER

Since 2008, Deerfield has helped The Family Center reach nearly 1,000 NYC HIV-affected children, youth and adults with life-sustaining social and medical case management services. Twenty-two year-old Maria and her two year-old daughter Celeste are just two of these New Yorkers. Infected with HIV in her teens, Maria was not on any HIV medications and had full-blown AIDS when she came to The Family Center for early childhood services for Celeste. Despite the fact that Maria was suffering from toxoplasmosis, a serious brain infection stemming from dangerously low CD4 counts, she was not immediately interested in receiving services

through The Family Center's Deerfield-funded Bridges to Care program. After a strategic-yet-informal conversation with a Family Center case manager, Maria changed her mind. Today, after a year of working with The Family Center, Maria is fully adherent to HIV medication and in regular touch with her medical providers. Because Maria and Celeste live in Brooklyn, they are eagerly anticipating the opening of The Family Center's mental health clinic where Celeste can receive play therapy interventions to address her developmental delays and behavioral issues in a therapy room specifically developed to meet the needs of young children

struggling with mental health challenges.

Thanks to Deerfield's support of The Family Center, Bridges to Care has served 56 HIV+ teens and young adults, and Teen SHARE/ TEACH has educated and trained 36 HIV-affected youth, who have reached over 100 of their peers to-date with safe sex and healthy lifestyle messages. Together, Deerfield and The Family Center not only keep teens healthy, but also teach them how to keep each other safe and healthy.

VANDERBILT Y: SALSA, SABOR Y SALUD



With Deerfield Foundation's grant, the Vanderbilt branch of the YMCA launched the Salsa, Sabor Y Salud program at the Amber Charter School in East Harlem.

After a slower than planned start, the program is now running at full speed, helping kids and their parents improve their understanding of nutrition and physical activity.

To improve enrollment and participation, in the second half of

the year, our partner expanded the program to another school in East Harlem, PS 83. To date, the program has served 85 participants and it is expected to meet its goal of 150 by September when the program concludes.

Parents are reporting that they are eating healthier, exercising more and doing it together as a family. Parents have experienced weight loss ranging from 5-8 pounds. Parents are reporting that their children are not requesting

trips to fast food restaurants and are more interested in physical activity. These few behavioral changes have led to more family time and an increase in their children's positive behavior in school. Progress was also made in how parents viewed healthful eating. The class taught people to eat portion size food and instead of frying food, to grill food.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES IN EAST HARLEM - G.O.A.L.

The teachers at PS 171 in East Harlem have implemented Cook-Shop (part of the New York City Food Bank) cooking curriculum into the Healthy Lifestyles 2011/2012 program in order to educate the students about healthy food options that taste great. The teachers and students have been researching, cooking, shopping at local grocery stores and reading labels, to learn about the importance of eating well. In addition to cooking each week with their GOAL teachers, the students also had the opportunity to cook with celebrity guest chef Katzie Guy-Hamilton, who has appeared on Bravo's *Top Chef*. Katzie is currently the Executive Pastry Chef at New York Central at the Grand Hyatt in New York. She has been visiting the school every other week and has been working side-by-side with the students in the school's kitchen. This was a great experience for the students to not

only work with a professional chef, but also to go behind the counter at their school's cafeteria kitchen to create healthy food options.

As a mid-year project, the student created their own versions of the popular book *Eat This, Not That!* Each student researched some popular unhealthy dishes and then created healthy alternatives for the rest of the students to try. They created a PowerPoint presentations to be shared with the other students within GOAL. They are currently in



the process of planning their annual Healthy Lifestyles Cooking Fair where they make some of their favorite recipes from throughout the year to share with the other students, parents and members of the East Harlem community.

One memorable experience for the students was the opportunity to give back to those in need by learning to bake bread through a program started by the King Arthur Flour Company based in Vermont. The VT based company provided all of the baking supplies and the students learned to bake the bread from scratch and then donated the bread to the Yorkville Common Pantry, a food kitchen in East Harlem. This was a powerful experience for the students who not only learned a new skill but also learned the importance of giving back to others in the community who are in need.