

DECEMBER 2011 UPDATE

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Deerfield Foundation Mid Year Update

December 15th,
2:30PM

780 3rd Ave, 38th Fl
Large Conf Room

The Foundation has formed 14 partnerships and donated over \$6.5 million for the advancement of children's health in its four 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

Deerfield Foundation has supported Children's Health Fund since its inception in 2007. This year, the Foundation gave two grants to CHF—the first to support the *New York Flagship Program* and the second one to support the operating costs of the *Deerfield Child and Family Health Clinic*.

The *Flagship Program* is made up of two entities—the South Bronx Health Center (SBHC) and the New York Children's Health Project (NYCHP). Approximately half of this portion of the grant is being allocated to the salaries of clinical staff at SBHC and NYCHP with remaining amounts going towards mobile medical clinic expenses, including maintenance.

With the Foundation's grant, *CHF NY Flagship* has been able to expand access to care substantially for homeless and

low-income families in New York City. In 2010, the Program served 8,981 patients through 40,587 visits, and is poised to surpass these numbers in 2011, having served 6,948 patients through 26,263 visits through June. The program achieved this through staff enhancements, increased services, expanded clinical hours and new facilities. At the SBHC,

the Center for Child Health and Resiliency (CCHR) which opened on September 12th with support from the Foundation in our last fiscal year, is expected to increase the overall capacity of the South Bronx Health Center by 50%.

The Foundation continues to support the operations of the *Deerfield Clinic* which was built with our support two years ago. The clinic is engaged in capacity-building activities, including opening on select Saturdays each month, and working with three new community partners, who will refer their residents to the Clinic. Through these efforts, the Clinic has served 1,334 patients through 3,356 medical and mental health visits during the first ten months of 2011. The goal for 2011 is 3,500, which they are on track to exceed by year-end.



Mom with baby at CCHR

PARTNERS IN HEALTH: HEALTH CARE IN HAITI

In July 2011, the Foundation awarded PIH two grants to support the *Community Health Department at Mirebalais Hospital* and *Zanmi Beni* children's home.

Once completed, *Mirebalais Hospital* will serve as a state-of-the-art national public referral and teaching hospital and will be a compelling example of what is possible within the public health care sector in Haiti. Currently, construction remains on target to open the first phase of the hospital in early Spring 2012, less than two years after

breaking ground. The remaining sections will be open over the course of the following months and the hospital is expected to be in full operation by the end of 2012. It is expected to serve approximately 500 patients per day in its 324 beds.

At *Zanmi Beni*, thanks to dedicated, supportive caregivers, a large group of children has been able to grow, learn, and thrive since the establishment of the

home for disabled and orphaned children after the 2010 earthquake. There are now 60 children supported at *Zanmi Beni*. The facility provides a home and supports nursing staff and other personnel who take care of the children, and also provides comprehensive support for each child, including medical needs, education fees, and basic needs such as clothing and toys. The facility is staffed with physical therapists,

occupational therapists, nurses, social workers, teachers, a pediatrician, and community health workers—a total of 84 staff.



Mirebalais Hospital Site, late October 2011

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	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

BUSOGA TRUST AMERICA: WATER ACCESS IN UGANDA

Busoga is on track to hit its goal of completing 30 new well projects for its fiscal year ending 3/31/12. They will have completed 22 of the 30 by the end of this month, bringing to 86 the number of projects completed to date, serving over 12,000 children and their families. So far Deerfield Foundation has funded 34 of these projects. In addition to its work on new projects, Busoga is close to completing an audit of its completed water projects to assess impact and durability of the work. While all the data

is not yet in, they draw a few early conclusions: 1) water quality and capacity remains high at over 95% of the projects (three wells were

rehabbed this year to improve output); 2) sanitation improvements (measured by latrine coverage and open defecation practice)

were consistent but modest. Busoga is experimenting with new methods to improve this impact; 3) water coverage is getting very high and demand for new wells is waning in Busoga’s current areas of focus. The team has identified a new territory with low coverage and favorable geology that can be served from the current office. They expect work to begin there in 2012.



Water before and after a well installation

New partner

JJDC / DR. HODES: SPINE SURGERY IN ETHIOPIA

Deerfield Foundation’s grant to the Joint Jewish Distribution Committee is intended to fund critical spinal surgeries in Ethiopia. In recent years, JDC has taken Ethiopian children desperately in need of spinal surgery to Ghana, where they undergo life-saving surgeries. These surgeries give some of the poorest and most vulnerable Ethiopians a renewed chance of life. Surgeries are supervised by JDC’s long-time Resident Medical Director

in Ethiopia, Dr. Rick Hodes. Initial screening and lab tests are performed in Addis Ababa under the supervision of Dr. Hodes. Dr. Hodes transmits the information to The Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine and a final choice of patients is made. Once passports and visas are arranged, patients are flown to Ghana, ac-

companied by JDC staff. The accompanying JDC staff assists the patients in their daily needs throughout their stay.

Thanks to Deerfield Foundation’s grant, 2 boys and 1 girl will soon be undergoing surgery. Unfortunately, due to 30% inflation in Ethiopia, the budget for the program has been negatively

impacted and the cost per spinal surgery has risen from \$13,000 to \$18,000. As such, the grant will cover 3 surgeries instead of the 4 surgeries envisioned in the original proposal.



Natnael, Eyerusalem and Getasew will benefit from spinal surgery

MEDICAL HOME AT THE HAVEN ACADEMY

With the help from the Foundation, the Medical Home aims to establish community-based nutrition initiative for foster children and families served by the NY Foundling in all five boroughs and to provide medical care for Haven Academy students in the Bronx. The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) provides primary care to all students, while a Registered Dietician (RD) will promote healthy eating habits and help families manage

nutrition-related disease by providing education and counseling.

To date, the PNP handled 92 visits for asthma, 68 visits for stomach pain, 47 visit for sore throat. 55 families have consented to primary care services by the PNP during school hours. The PNP also developed a range of programming, such as a running program in collaboration with the New York Road Runners organization.

After a comprehensive

search for a full time RD, the Foundling and Mott Haven hired Ms. Regina Hilton and she began her duties in early October. Ms. Hilton has visited each of the regional locations and going forward will spend a day a month in each region meeting children and parents referred for RD services. 60% of the Academy students have had a BMI assessment done. The Academy also launched a healthy snack initiative.

LITTLE SISTERS: ASTHMA IN EAST HARLEM

Thanks to Deerfield Foundation grant funding, LSA's Family Asthma Program provides vital environmental health services to families affected by asthma and living in East Harlem, New York.

Treatment is usually conducted and impact felt over a 12-15 month period. This time span also provides a sufficient number of assessments with which to compare outcomes. Generally, clients are assessed as often as possible during the first six months – usually about three times – and then again approximately six months later. The changes observed in the analyses are based on a comparison between the initial dataset

(self-reporting on the 12 months prior to enrollment) against a final dataset taken approximately at the end of service, 12-15 months after enrollment. The analysis presented in this figure is for 78 clients who completed the program over a period of 12-15 months. Most notably, there is little change from the previous reports, which shows consistency in the quality of the program.

Under director Ray Lopez's guidance this program continues to strengthen relations with area agencies and efforts to increase the number of referrals to this program, most notably various city agencies and health professionals.

Outcomes in May and November

	Last Analysis 5/11/2011 (n=83)	Current Analysis 11/11/11 (n=78)
Days Missed School due to Asthma		
Decrease	52%	50%
No Change	24%	28%
Increase	24%	22%
Urgent Care Visits Due to Asthma		
Decrease	42%	39%
No Change	42%	41%
Increase	16%	20%
ER Visits Due to Asthma		
Decrease	59%	60%
No Change	30%	28%
Increase	11%	12%

COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS: CHILD ADVOCATE

17,000 of the 41,000 people who sleep in shelters on a typical night are kids. In response to this crisis, the Coalition for the Homeless, with help from the Foundation, added a Child Advocate to their Crisis Intervention Services staff. The Child Advocate focuses on case management and advocacy efforts for families with children whose health and safety have been put at great risk because they have been deemed ineligible for emergency shelter, or have been forced to return to hazardous housing conditions.

The advocate defends vulnerable families, helping them navigate the shelter application

process and, when denied, gathering evidence to prepare an effective appeal, so parents can focus on their most immediate needs.

The Child Advocate, Ms. Jessica Horner, LMSW, has started tackling some challenging cases, and more mothers and fathers are arriving at her doors each day requesting help. For families with nowhere else to turn, the Coalition's Child Advocate provides the intensive case management support these vulnerable families need. Jessica has over six years of social work experience, and has focused on the development of adults and youth from different

socio-economic and demographic backgrounds.

Jessica balances her time between on-site case management and off-site advocacy and outreach. The Coalition's Crisis Services have long been a lifeline for struggling families, but given the specialized role of the Child Advocate, Jessica is focused on reaching out to the families with children through intensive outreach efforts and strengthening partnerships with other community advocates, including the Legal Aid Society.



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THE FAMILY CENTER

Thanks to the Deerfield Foundation, The Family Center is providing NYC teens, both HIV+ and those at-risk, with needed care. A total of 38 HIV+ youth entering adulthood have received individualized guidance and support to maintain medical care. Adolescence is risky for HIV+ youth as they leave pediatric care and take responsibility for their own medical care. Deerfield helped provide 20 parents of HIV+ teens with counseling to support their teens with this transition. Eight more families got support in how to disclose a minor's HIV status to them.

The Family Center is now

launching two groups for teens with HIV or at-risk. Teen SHARE (Safety, Health Awareness and REsponsibility) & Teen TEACH (Teen Educators And Community Healers) help teens learn about prevention and risk reduction, and then disseminate this information to peers through interactive, in-person presentations and through social media. A current teen group at The Family Center, *Stand Up! Speak Out!*, uses writing to engage teens in discussions about safety, risk, HIV-prevention and peer pressure. Look for blog entries posted from this group soon as we launch Teen SHARE/ Teen

TEACH.

In other news, in 2010 New York state met the CDC's goal of reducing mother to child transmission of HIV to less than 1%. When The Family Center was founded, 97 babies were born with HIV each year; last year there were three. Deerfield takes pride in this: funding a pre-natal and early childhood program for HIV+ mothers and their families at The Family Center contributed to this progress. Now, Deerfield and The Family Center have set another goal: to increase HIV knowledge among NYC teens and give them the skills to protect themselves.

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. Salsa, Sabor y Salud is a national program being implemented by YMCAs and other community organizations across the US to combat childhood obesity and related diseases among Latino-American families.

The aim of the program is to attack obesity and related conditions at an early age by engaging kids and their families by teaching them about healthy

nutrition and exercise. The goal is to measure pre- and post-program knowledge, attitudes and results (in terms of BMI changes) and thus gauge the impact of the program.

The program kicked off to a high level of interest from kids and parents at the school, however, once the program started, parents slowly withdrew due to work schedules or the change in their child's after school tutorial classes. Of the target 25 families, the current enrollment in the first session of the program is only 5 families and 10 kids and parents. For the

next cohort our partner is implementing changes to the program schedule to accommodate busy schedules. Additionally, they have reached out to principals in neighboring schools in East Harlem and they are scheduled to start a cohort of 25 families at PS 83/182, six blocks from the Amber School Location.

The families who are participating in the first cohort are reporting positive changes as a result: healthier eating, exercising more and doing it as a family. The parents in the group have seen weight loss ranging from 5 to 8 pounds.

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

The G.O.A.L. Healthy Lifestyles program at P.S. 171 in East Harlem is off to a strong start.

At the beginning of the year the student took a survey which assessed how often they ate fruits and vegetables, what their normal diet consisted of, and what they hoped to gain from the healthy cooking classes. The goal is to have the students retake the assessment at the end of the year and determine how their diets or attitudes about healthy foods have improved as a result of the healthy cooking classes.

This year, changes were made to the program as GOAL was forced to explore another alternative given that the Sylvan Center had increased their fees. GOAL has since implemented the Cook-

Shop into the program. Their guest chef, Katzie Guy-Hamilton, a *Bravo* Top Chef, has been to the school twice so far to work with the students creating Autumn Couscous with cranberries, squash, nuts and whole wheat couscous as well as a healthy apple crumble recipe she calls "Apple Brown Betty". Katzie is scheduled to visit GOAL 16 more

times throughout the year. The kids are really responding well to Katzie and having a great time!

Students in the healthy lifestyles cooking classes have also been learning about healthy food options and seasonal fruits and vegetables. GOAL's cooking teachers Marni and Maria have explored several healthy foods with the students including apples, dried fruits, and low-fat parfaits.

In addition to healthy cooking, GOAL instructors have also been educating the students about how to read nutrition labels and the importance of knowing what you are eating. They are in the process of planning their annual Healthy lifestyles Cooking Fair for the East Harlem community. The event takes place in late Spring.



GOAL cooking class at PS 171