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GOING GREEN WITH DEIRDRE IMUS

Following the advice of Deirdre Imus, president and founder of the Deirdre Imus Environmental Center for Pediatric Oncology, one of the nation’s environmental leaders protecting children’s health, New Jersey became the second to activate “Green Cleaning” at a statewide level to further the cause of indoor air quality. Governor Richard J. Codey signed Executive Order No. 76, requiring all state agencies and authorities to begin using environmentally friendly cleaning products free of harmful chemicals.

LEVERAGING RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION


BABY BOOM! RECORD NUMBER OF BABIES BORN IN 2006

Congratulations, it’s a boy! Congratulations, it’s a girl! Let’s be more exacting. Congratulations to the parents of the 2,647 boys and the 2,420 girls who were born at Hackensack University Medical Center in 2006. The stork visited the medical center a total of 5,067 times in 2006. Babies ranged in weight from 2 lbs. 12oz. to 11 lbs. 8oz. with 137 sets of twins and seven sets of triplets among them.

NATIONAL DOCTORS’ DAY

HUMC celebrated National Doctors’ Day. The medical center distributed gifts to members of its medical and dental staff as well as residents to commemorate the day.

SHARING THE WARMTH

The Evening Star Quilt Guild of Belvidere, NJ, donated 22 handmade quilts to The Pediatric Ambulatory Service at The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital. The quilts were created as part of The Evening Star Quilt Guild’s Community Quilt Project.

CANCER CENTER RESEARCH

Researchers at The Cancer Center at HUMC are among an elite group of scientists in the United States who are conducting clinical trials to test the effectiveness and safety of two promising new oral chemotherapeutic drugs to treat chronic myeloid leukemia (CML). The drugs – dasatinib and AMN107 – are the second generation of oral chemotherapeutic agents against CML. Both work by turning off the abnormal protein produced by the Philadelphia chromosome that causes the disease. Dasatinib and AMN107 are being studied in patients whose CML has not responded to Gleevec, the first-generation agent that has revolutionized the treatment of CML since it was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2001.
HUMC AND THE DAILY NEWS PROVIDED PROSTATE CANCER SCREENINGS
HUMC, in conjunction with The Daily News, provided nearly 2,700 men over age 40 with free prostate cancer testing. The medical center administered the Prostate Specific Antigen tests throughout Bergen, Hudson, and Essex counties as well as at The Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building in Harlem and Citicorp in Manhattan.

JOHN P. FERGUSON HONORED BY BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
John P. Ferguson, president and chief executive officer, was honored by Bergen Catholic High School as one of the leaders who has made significant contributions to the Bergen County community. Other honorees that day, associated with HUMC, included Douglas Avella, M.D., chief of Pediatric Orthopaedics, The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital; Mary Higgins Clark, member, Board of Governors; J. Fletcher Creamer, member, Board of Governors; Frank Hultle, III, Esq., member, Board of Governors; Edward J. Ludwig, member, Board of Governors; and Joseph M. Sanzari, second vice chairman, Board of Governors.

MANUAL ALVAREZ, M.D., RECOGNIZED AT CONFERENCE
Manuel Alvarez, M.D., chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Donna A. Sanzari Women’s Hospital and medical correspondent for FOXNews Channel, was honored along with former Governor and Senate President Richard J. and Mary Jo Codey at Postpartum Support International’s 20th Annual Conference, “Perinatal Mental Health: Community Solutions, Interventions, and Treatment Options.”

EPA RECOGNIZED THE DEIRDRE IMUS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
The regional office of The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognized The Deirdre Imus Environmental Center for Pediatric Oncology and HUMC for their contributions to environmental health with a Region 2 Quality Award. The EPA award highlighted recent “Green Building” efforts.

GOVERNOR SIGNED PRECEDENT-SETTING LEGISLATION AT HUMC
Governor Jon S. Corzine signed precedent-setting legislation (Senate Bill 213/Assembly Bill 1325) requiring healthcare professionals providing postnatal care to screen new mothers for postpartum depression and healthcare professionals providing prenatal care to educate women and their families about the disorder. The legislation will increase the likelihood that new mothers suffering from postpartum depression will get the appropriate treatment. The event encompassed two firsts—the governor’s first public bill signing as well as the legislation being the first of its kind in the United States.

MICHAEL E. SHAPIRO, M.D., APPOINTED TO ETHICS COMMITTEE
The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network announced the appointment of Michael E. Shapiro, M.D., chief of Transplantation and vice medical director of The NJ Organ and Tissue Sharing Network, as the vice chairman of its Ethics Committee. HUMC was honored by The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for substantially raising the organ donation rates of eligible donors from its facility.
Recognizing
NJ’S FIRST LAPAROSCOPIC ABDOMINAL CERVICAL CERCLAGE PROCEDURE

A 5-pound, 9.6-ounce miracle, named Nathaniel Norton-Ramirez, was delivered after a 34-weeks’ gestation period thanks to the first laparoscopic abdominal cervical cerclage procedure in New Jersey, performed by Abdulla Al-Khan, M.D., FACS, FACOG, assistant professor, director of Perinatal Diagnostics and Therapeutics, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health, a Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine.

Nathaniel’s mom, Angela Norton-Ramirez, is just delighted. “He is my little miracle. He’s just great and he is breathing on his own,” said Angela. She feels completely blessed especially when she recalls her daughter Kayla’s birth of little more than three years ago. “My daughter was born at five-and-a-half months and weighed 1.5 pounds. She spent four months in the intensive care unit,” said Angela.

THE SILVERBERG FAMILY DONATED SCHOLARSHIPS TO MAGNET NURSES

The HUMC Foundation and the Department of Patient Care held their Fifth Annual Silverberg Nursing Scholarship Award Program in The Margery S. and Charles J. Rothschild, Jr. Recognition Gallery. Working in conjunction with the medical center and NYU College of Nursing, the Silverberg family designates scholarship funds for medical center nurses who continue their education at NYU.

MEDICAL CENTER PARTICIPATED IN KICK BUTTS DAY

The Center for Allergy, Asthma, and Immune Disorders brought its Mobile Asthma Care Unit, AIR Express, to Hackensack High School, where more than 200 students participated in the day’s events. Students toured the bus, and took part in many related activities, such as carbon monoxide testing. Carbon monoxide levels can be elevated in the blood of heavy cigarette smokers.

PHYSICIANS JOINED SENATOR LAUTENBERG

United States Senator Frank R. Lautenberg spoke at HUMC in support of Gardasil, a new Food and Drug Administration approved immunization, against the human papilloma virus, which causes 70 percent of cervical cancer cases.

CORD BLOOD COLLECTION PROGRAM STARTED

New parents at The Sarkis and Siran Gabrellian Women’s and Children’s Pavilion now have a choice that could someday save their newborn’s life. Parents can opt to bank stem cells collected from their infant’s umbilical cord after delivery through the medical center’s new family cord blood collection and storage service. These stem cells could potentially be lifesaving if the child ever needed a stem cell transplant for a blood cancer, such as leukemia, lymphoma, or a genetic disease, such as sickle-cell anemia or thalassemia. The stem cells might also prove a match for a sibling, parent, or grandparent.
Celebrating
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL; and Mark, 24.

9; pediatric patient of The Joseph M. Sanzari
with Alex, 15; Gwendolyn, 11; Gerry, dad; Zachary,

The Wisz family at a Red Bulls New York game

HENDERSON FOUNDATION

Dacey, former county administrator, and James

coordinator of the MICU. Also pictured are Timothy

Chairman of the Department of Emergency

and chief nursing officer, presented Jo-Anne

with, with the 2006 Inpatient Nursing Excellence Award.

VOLUNTEER DINNER

Angela Altschuler, RN, retired director of the

ORDER OF GOLDEN CHAIN

Elizabeth Donald, director of Annual Giving for the

ADMISSION SERVICES CENTER NAMED IN HONOR OF JOHN APOVIAN, M.D.

HUMC dedicated its Admission Services Center in honor of John Apovian, M.D., director of the Ambulatory Care Center and a member of the Division of Cardiology in the Department of Internal Medicine. The doctor, who has been a member of the Board of Governors since 1983, has helped raise more than $25 million for the medical center during the course of his lengthy career, through his devotion to his patients, family, and friends.

SWAT TEAM PARTNERED WITH MEDICAL CENTER

The Section of Trauma and Injury Prevention of the Department of Surgery and the Mobile Intensive Care Unit/Emergency Trauma Response Team celebrated a 10-year re-signing of its agreement with the Bergen County Police Department to cooperate in providing emergency trauma and medical services and training to the Bergen County Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team.

CHRI S HENDERSON FOUNDATION TREATED FAMILY TO SOCCER OUTING

One lucky family from The Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital received 10 tickets to attend a soccer game at Giants Stadium between the New York Red Bulls vs. Chicago Fire.

IMPROVED CARE FOR ELDERLY PATIENTS

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) accepted an application on behalf of the Division of Geriatrics for the study, Improving Quality of Care for Elderly Patients in the Educational Setting. The medical center's application "was one of a select number of programs chosen from a total of 110 applications," said Eric Holmboe, M.D., vice president for evaluation and quality research, ABIM.

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MICHAEL B. HARRIS, M.D., CHosen for LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Michael B. Harris, M.D., director, Tomorrows Children’s Institute at the Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital, received the Alumni Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University at its commencement exercises. The award was presented in recognition of a life devoted to healing and reducing the suffering of our youngest cancer patients.

SCHNOLL NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Thirteen nurses representing a vast array of disciplines were awarded scholarships on behalf of the Constance R. and Bernard Schnoll Nursing Recognition Award Program. This recognition award program was established nearly five years ago, and is used to provide financial assistance to registered professional nurses who are on staff and are pursuing some form of educational endeavor in an accredited nursing program.

PLANETREE RECOGNIZED SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS

The Planetree Alliance Organization selected HUMC’s senior vice president of Operations, Doreen Santora, RN, as a recipient of the Individual Spirit of Caring National Award as the person within the hospital who best exemplifies humans caring for other human beings.

MEDICAL CENTER HOSTED HACKENSACK POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY

HUMC hosted its sixth annual Police Youth Academy Program for more than 70 young men and women in grades eight through 12. The objective of the program is to provide a week of education and fun through a Police Academy format.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK CELEBRATED

HUMC celebrated its 15th Annual National Emergency Medical Services Week and Awards Dinner, with the theme of “EMS-Serving On America’s Front Line.”

THE CANCER CENTER ESTABLISHED JOINT PROGRAM WITH NCI

The Cancer Center at HUMC has entered into a collaboration with the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to establish a joint clinical research program to develop innovative treatment approaches for a variety of cancers.

The collaboration, between The Cancer Center and the NCI’s Experimental Transplantation and Immunology Branch, grew out of and builds on the joint interests of both institutions to develop clinical research in stem cell transplantation and immunotherapy.

RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY LYMPHOMA CHIEF AT THE CANCER CENTER

World-renowned lymphoma specialist and researcher, Andre Goy, M.D., chief of the Division of Lymphoma at The Cancer Center, is the senior investigator of an international clinical research trial that was published in the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Cytopathology medical journal. Dr. Goy leads New Jersey’s largest cancer program offering diagnostic, treatment, and management services for patients with all types of lymphoma, including Hodgkin’s disease, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, and HIV-associated lymphoma. He has conducted clinical and translational research in France and the United States for the past 20 years.

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Seated, Mary Ann Donohue, Ph.D., administrative director of Nursing, Professional Practice, and Clinical Affairs; Constance R. Schnoll, Dianne Arab, RN, executive vice president and chief nursing officer; and Scott Crouquaig, RN, administrative director of Nursing, Standing, Veronica Betts, RN; Virginia Cuez, RN; Laura Cima, RN, vice president of Nursing; Melissa C. Alcivar, RN; Margaret Fleming Keane, RN; Nicole Díez, RN; Elisabeth Micich Otieno, RN; Kelly Briggs, RN; Carolina Apunte, RN; Geralyn Cardinale, RN; Deborah Shaw, RN; and Dalia Samuel.

SECOND ROW:

SPIRIT OF CARING AWARD
The Planetree Alliance Organization selected HUMC’s senior vice president of Operations, Doreen Santora, RN, as a recipient of its Individual Spirit of Caring National Award.

POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY
Donald Shepherd, EMT/Field Training Officer of Ambulance Services and Joe Castella, coordinator of Ambulance Services give Hackensack Police Department Youth Academy 2006 students a tour of the medical center’s ambulance.

SECOND ROW:

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
John J. LoCurto, M.D., chairman of The Medical Board for 2005, receives recognition for his service from Joseph Simunovich, chairman of The Board of Governors.

SUMMER SCHOLARS
Summer Scholars Program participants included Nicholas Boscamp, 17; Lia Cannarozzi, 21; Sue Salvatore, program coordinator for the Summer Scholars Program; Vicki Grossi, 21; and Nicholas Zimnick, 21.

BOTTOM ROW:

EMS WEEK
Philip Walden, M.D., medical director of the Mobile Intensive Care Unit of the Department of Emergency Medicine and master of ceremonies, congratulated Rosemary E. Hunt, RN, administrative director of Nursing, as she received an award at the 15th Annual EMS Excellence Awards Program. Also pictured are Edward Yamin, M.D., vice chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine; and Joseph Feldman, M.D., chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine.

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CARNIVAL TIME
A day at The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital was a day at the carnival for pediatric patient Shantall Shimomoto. Children undergoing bone marrow transplants or chemotherapy enjoyed games, popcorn, ice cream, and gift art, thanks to The Hope for Henry Foundation.

“IN THE KNOW”
Virgil Simons, founder and president of The Prostate Net; Janet Peters, board member of The Prostate Net; and Ihor Sawczuk, M.D., chairman of the Department of Urology and chief of Urologic Oncology at The Cancer Center, received The Prostate Net’s Knowledge Net “In The Know” Award for work that improved access to care for the medically underserved. HUMC was chosen for Medical Center Excellence.

NJ COUNCIL OF VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SKILLS RECOGNIZED PARTNERSHIP
Garth Ballantyne, M.D., director of the Minimally Invasive Surgery Institute of the Department of Surgery, and the medical center are recognized for its mentoring program between interactive robots, students, and pediatric patients at the New Jersey Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools’ Sixth Annual School-Business Partnership Awards Luncheon.

TENTH ANNUAL PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY/TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM
HUMC, a state-designated Level II Trauma Center, hosted its Tenth Annual Pediatric Emergency/Trauma Symposium. Physicians, nurses, and emergency medical service personnel from the tri-state area learned about treatment protocols and updates on the management of the critically ill or injured child.

HUMC HONORED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
HUMC was honored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for substantially raising the organ donation rates of eligible donors from its facility. HUMC has achieved the impressive goal of maintaining a 75 percent conversion rate of eligible organ donors over a 12-month period necessary to earn the award. HUMC’s conversion rate is at 86 percent. Michael Shapiro, M.D., chief of Organ Transplantation, and Ciaran Geraghty, RN, nurse manager of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit, together with 57 organ procurement organizations received the Department’s Medals of Honor for Organ Donation during a meeting of the Second National Learning Congress on Organ Donation and Transplantation. HUMC was among 371 of the nation’s largest hospitals honored by HHS for substantially raising the organ donation rates of eligible donors from their facilities.

BLOODLESS MEDICINE RECEIVED RE-ACCREDITATION
The Center for Bloodless Medicine and Surgery (CBMS) once again successfully met all the standards put forth by the Association for Blood Conservation (ABC). The ABC issued CBMS a glowing site survey report and granted its re-accreditation for another three years. CBMS established in 1997, received its first accreditation in 1999 and has remained the only accredited program on the east coast to this day.

NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION
The medical center’s donation allowed students in the Hackensack school district to receive curriculum materials and newspapers as part of the “Newspapers In Education” (NIE) program. More than 20 classes at seven schools participated in the NIE program through the generous donation. Students received 20,000 newspapers throughout the school year, as well as classroom workshops and in-service programs for teachers at no cost to the schools.
Believing
THREE ON ONE IS A SCORE FOR BOTH NJ DEVILS AND HUMC
New Jersey Devils defensemen, David Hale and Paul Martin, and center, Travis Zajac visited patients at The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital, and distributed team donated gifts. While all the children enjoyed the visit, Ryan Semus, 10, a hockey fan, and soccer player in his hometown for the Waldwick Warriors, left his bedside for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, a special “three-on-one” hockey session, and played hockey with Devils in The Mark Messier Skyway.

FOURTH ANNUAL LUNG CANCER SYMPOSIUM
The Thoracic Oncology Division of The Cancer Center hosted its Fourth Annual Symposium, “Lung Cancer 2006 – Experts Present Current Management Strategies for Lung Cancer.” The symposium was held at The David Joseph Jurist Research Center for Tomorrows Children.

JOHN P. FERGUSON SELECTED AS ONE OF THE 100 MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE IN HEALTHCARE BY MODERN HEALTHCARE MAGAZINE
For the third consecutive year, John P. Ferguson, president and chief executive officer earned the distinction of being selected as one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare magazine, an elite list of influential people who have a tremendous impact on the healthcare industry.

THE OCTOBERWOMAN FOUNDATION DONATED TO MEDICAL CENTER
During October, the lives of those women who have lost their fight against breast cancer is ever more present in the glimpse of a pink ribbon on the backpack of a school student or the lapel of someone walking on the street. It is not enough to honor those who lost their lives, earlier tools for diagnosis and less toxic vaccines and treatment plans must be found.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, HUMC received a contribution of $150,000 from Philip and Judy DiBella, along with their son, Michael DiBella, co-founders of The Octoberwoman Foundation. The funds will be used for breast cancer research by Richard J. Davies, M.D., chairman of the Department of Surgery.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Congressman Steve Rothman (D-9) and United States Senator Frank Lautenberg (D) announced the allocation of $3.2 million in federal funding to HUMC to develop the first-ever mobile hospital for use in responding to bioterror attacks and other mass casualty incidents in urban areas. Senator Robert Menendez (D) was instrumental in the allocation, but unable to participate in the announcement.

DIABETES RECOGNITION
The American Diabetes Association awarded HUMC and The MOLLY Diabetes Center for Adults and Children with its prestigious Education Recognition Award for quality care and education.
AUXILIARY HOSTED ANNUAL INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

The HUMC Auxiliary presented a check in the amount of $283,000 to John P. Ferguson, president and chief executive officer, during The Auxiliary’s Annual Installation Luncheon. Additional donations were made from the sale of The Audrey Hepburn Children’s House brick pavers and on behalf of The Cancer Research Branch of The Auxiliary.

WINES OF THE WORLD TASTING EVENT

The Tomorrows Children’s Fund benefited from a Wines of The World Tasting, sponsored by Inserra Supermarkets, Inc., The Sommelier Institute of New Jersey, and Lush Day Spa, held at The Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack.

DAVID BLAINE’S MAGICAL APPEARANCE

David Blaine, the magician renowned for his series of stunts that challenge the boundaries of human endurance, made a special appearance at The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital. Mr. Blaine visited patients on the oncology and epilepsy monitoring units and performed card tricks at the bedside. Mr. Blaine also appeared at the medical center’s annual holiday celebration hosted for 40 economically disadvantaged families. Mr. Blaine and Target donated $50 gift cards to each family attending the party.

MAGNET NURSE RECEIVED NY TIMES TRIBUTE

HUMC Magnet nurse Njoki Ng’ang’a, was selected for an honorable mention award for the fourth annual New York Times Job Market Tribute to Nurses Awards in recognition of her outstanding achievements as a professional nurse. More than 500 award nominations were collected through a print and online campaign that appeared in The Times. A panel of nurse professionals and The New York Times determined award winners.

“SOPRANOS” CAST MEMBER LORRAINE BRACCO ASKS “ARE YOU PREPARED?”

Actress Lorraine Bracco, a.k.a. Tony Soprano’s psychiatrist Dr. Jennifer Melfi in the HBO hit series, “The Sopranos,” was the keynote speaker at The Donna A. Sanzari Women’s Health Services, Education, Research, and Resource Center at the Fifth Annual “Just for Women, Just for You” Health Fair and Expo held in The Palm Court of the Hackensack University Medical Plaza. Ms. Bracco spoke about emergency preparedness in response to an act of terrorism, a pandemic, or a natural disaster.

MEDICAL CENTER PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL TRIALNET PROGRAM

Families of people with Type 1 Diabetes participated in a national research program called Type 1 Diabetes TrialNet hosted by the Department of Research and The MOLLY Diabetes Centers at HUMC. The screening is part of an effort to understand more about the development of diabetes as well as ways to delay or prevent it. Through a blood test, doctors can determine if an individual may be at risk for diabetes years before symptoms appear.
Two hundred family, friends, and employees of Richard and Mary Ann Hubschman gathered at The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital during a dedication of a children’s library as a result of their donation in their honor.

HUMC hosted its seventh annual prevention-focused conference for high school students on World AIDS Day, entitled “Save The Children, Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise.” More than 300 area high school students, accompanied by their teachers, school nurses, guidance counselors, and the high school staff of Bergen, Passaic, and Hudson counties attended the very engaging but sobering program which focused on ways young people can be proactive in ending the AIDS epidemic.

Ed Malillo, aka Mascal, a central processing technician who works in the Department of Central Processing and has been an employee for more than 30 years, won a contest – and painted a mural which evolved into a two-year project that had him painting with a mixture of water-based, oil and acrylics-based paints, a 70- x 5-foot wall of Central Park in all four seasons. At a reception held to unveil the masterpiece, Ed called the mural “a labor of love” and described his goal of wanting viewers to feel as though they were actually walking through the park. The mural is on permanent display and graces the Second Street Café.

Yukiko Kimura, M.D., section chief of Pediatric Rheumatology at The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital, was honored with two prestigious awards from the American College of Rheumatology (ACR). The first award was the ACR Clinician Scholar Educator Award for 2007–08. This year the award was given to only three rheumatologists in the country, and Dr. Kimura was the only pediatric rheumatologist. In addition, Dr. Kimura was one of five pediatric rheumatologists to be awarded the ACR Pediatric Rheumatology Visiting Professorship Award for 2006–07.

“A before and after” picture of Paul Evan Kovatis, M.D., orthopaedic surgeon in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and patient, Fran Kasturas, owner of Spectrum Art Studio, with the original portrait of the “young” Paul Kovatis.
MOTORCYCLE RALLY RAISED MORE THAN $200,000
More than 1,200 motorcycle enthusiasts rallied together at Giants Stadium and Ross Dock in Fort Lee and raised more than $200,000 for The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital.

THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS
In the spirit of the holidays, J. Fletcher Creamer, Jr., aka “Santa Claus,” first vice chairman of HUMC’s Board of Governors and his wife, Edie LiButti Creamer, aka “Mrs. Claus,” and their daughter, Kelly, along with elves, Board of Governors member, Rosemarie J. Sorce, and Shirley Diaz, visit The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital. The group merrily distributes musical snowman and snowball toys to patients at the children’s hospital to provide them with some holiday joy.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP
The Hackensack University Medical Center family recognized John P. Ferguson for his 20 years of outstanding leadership and dedicated service. As president and chief executive officer, his vision has not only transformed our own institution, but has contributed to the improvement of healthcare nationwide.

PBA LOCALS’ TOY DRIVE DELIVERED WITH THE HELP OF THE NY METS
The Tomorrows Children’s Institute (TCI) benefits from a massive toy drive assembled by The Policeman’s Benevolent Association’s (PBA) combined efforts of Locals 180, 233, and 350. The PBA locals have been brightening the holiday season for the pediatric patients at TCI for the past 15 years. More than 150 policemen from Alpine, Closter, Cresskill, Demarest, Harrington Park, Haworth, Northvale, Norwood, Paramus, and Westwood participated.

Omar Minaya, general manager of The New York Mets, and his wife, Rachel, came along to lend a hand, along with their friend, Willie Randolph, manager of The New York Mets since 2004. Both the Minaya’s children, Teddy, 13, and Justin, 7, were born at the medical center.

KNEE SHAPED TO FIT A WOMAN’S ANATOMY
HUMC announced it is one of only a few select hospitals in the nation and the only one in New Jersey to introduce the Zimmer® Gender Solutions™ High-Flex Knee, the first knee replacement shaped to fit a woman’s anatomy. Zimmer, a worldwide leader in orthopaedics, unveiled the new implant that received 510(k) clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Michael Kelly, M.D., chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Mark Hartzband, M.D., director of Total Joint Replacement Service were members of the Gender Solutions Knee Surgeon Development Team.
CONSUMER ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOGNIZED
A recognition dinner was held for members of The Consumer Advisory Council. The council, established in 2001, is a forum where patients and caregivers can provide input to enhance the patient experience. It is a direct exchange of ideas and suggestions between patients and representatives from the medical center.

PATIENT SAFETY INITIATIVES SHARED
Sutter Health team members traveled the country in an effort to improve patient safety focusing on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Performance Measures. Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC) hosted a site visit during the spring for Sutter. HUMC’s key administrators, clinical coordinators, quality physicians and disease specific certification teams shared interdisciplinary practices and initiatives.

STUDENTS DONATED BOOKS
Oakland high school students, who attend The Pond’s Reformed Church in Oakland, collected more than 560 children’s books for The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital. The teenagers delivered the books and stocked the bookshelves in the waiting areas of the DON IMUS – WFAN Pediatric Center for Tomorrows Children at The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital.

EARLY CAREER AWARD
Thomas Flynn, CHE, chief compliance officer, is the recipient of The 2006 American College of Healthcare Executives Early Career Award.

BEAR DRIVE SPREAD HOLIDAY JOY
HUMC employees, wearing Santa hats and reindeer ears, conducted a “Bear Walk” through the medical center, ensuring that every patient hospitalized on Christmas Day received a stuffed teddy bear in recognition of the holiday season.

OPERATION CHILL OUT
Hackensack University Medical Center employees and family members donated more than 1,000 duffle bags filled with clothing, toiletries, rain and snow gear, gift certificates, phone cards, and more to homeless men, women, and children in the community as its special holiday project. The bags were hand delivered to the shelters by employees who also spent time celebrating the holidays with those less fortunate than themselves.

TOP HEART HOSPITAL
Hackensack University Medical Center was named one of the nation’s 100 Top Hospitals® for cardiovascular care by Solucient®, a Thomson healthcare business. The annual Solucient award for cardiovascular services objectively measures performance on key criteria at the nation’s top performing acute-care hospitals. This is the fourth time HUMC has been recognized with this honor.