



SERVICE BEYOND DUTY: From left, McField-Avila, González and Santana

The essence of service

2010 González Award recognizes outstanding service

NAMED IN HONOR OF Ernesto González, MD – an MGH dermatologist, director of the MGH International Training Program and one who has dedicated much of his life to serving those in need – the Ernesto González Award for Outstanding Service to the Latino Community is presented each year as part of Latino Heritage Month at the MGH.

Magaly Valentin, a generalist in Human Resources, provided a bilingual welcome for guests at the Oct. 8 award breakfast in the Thier Conference Room. Following remarks by Jeff Davis, senior vice president for Human Resources, the award was presented to Ernesto González. (Continued on page 2)

Portrait presentation commemorates Fuller Albright, MD

THE LATE FULLER ALBRIGHT, MD, founder of the MGH Endocrine Unit, is a legendary figure in his field at the MGH and around the world. In recognition of his legacy, on Sept. 22 the Albright family donated a portrait of the renowned physician to the MGH during a ceremony in the Trustees Room.

John Potts Jr., MD, director of Research and physician-in-chief emeritus, welcomed attendees – including current MGH staff members; several of Albright's former colleagues; more than a dozen members of multiple generations of the Albright family; and Patricia Austen, chair of

the Ladies Visiting Committee's Archives and History Project, and her husband W. Gerald Austen, MD, chair of the MGH Chiefs' Council.

"I am so impressed with what this man represents, what he accomplished, and how his memory lives on at the MGH in a very vibrant way," said Potts in his remarks.

Offering additional remarks were Steven Krane, MD, former chief of the Arthritis Unit and currently a physician in the Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology Division/Rheumatology Unit; and Daniel Federman, MD, former dean for Education at Harvard Medical School, both of whom knew Albright personally early in

their careers. Henry Kronenberg, MD, current chief of the Endocrine Unit, and Read Albright, Albright's son, also spoke. Read shared several of his fondest memories of his father and described his father's dedication to his work.

At the close of the ceremony, Albright's 7-year-old great grandson, also named Fuller, shared his thoughts and unveiled the portrait with the help of his father Robert Albright. The portrait, painted by Fritz Talbot, MD, the first chief of the MGH Children's Medical Service from 1910 to 1931, will be displayed in the Potts Conference Room, located on Bigelow 8.

PICTURE PERFECT: Guests at the Sept. 22 portrait presentation



– González

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Resources, Carmen Vega-Barachowitz, MS, CCC-SLP, the 2009 González Award recipient and director of Speech, Language, Swallowing and Reading Disorders, spoke about the importance of meaningful contributions to the community. She also shared the names of the 12 nominees and the reasons each was nominated.

González then presented the awards to this year's winners, Bernice McField-Avila, a primary care access coordinator for the Emergency Department, and Mayra Santana, RN, a staff nurse at the Chelsea HealthCare Center.

"It is humbling to see what all of the nominees have done over the years," said González. "Their efforts are the essence of service beyond duty."

McField-Avila was recognized for her work with patients, many of whom don't speak English. Trained as a physician in her native Honduras, she educates those visiting the Emergency Department about the importance of having a primary care physician. She also co-chairs the Hausman Fellowship, which is aimed at enhancing diversity among the nursing staff at the MGH.

Santana was honored for continually creating a superior care experience for all patients – specifically those who are members of an underserved population. During her 10 years at the health center, Santana has established support groups for patients experiencing various medical and emotional issues.

"I think our patients feel a special bond with her because she has a true understanding of where they have come from and the obstacles they sometimes face," said Eneida Barreto, a patient service coordinator at Chelsea HealthCare Center, in her nomination of Santana.

This year's event featured two lively performances of Latino songs and dances. Aristeo Amaro, an MGH surgical technician, delighted the audience by playing guitar and singing three traditional Mexican songs, and dance group Ballet Monte Albán de Veronica Robles performed traditional Puerto Rican and Columbian dances. ■



FOOTBALL FANS: From left, pediatric patient Samuel Norris and his mother Amy join Timmy Jacques and pet therapy dog Duffy as Gostkowski visits MGHfC patients.

A special "kick" at MGHfC

DESPITE RECENT CHANGES in the New England Patriots lineup, MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHfC) patients remain faithful fans. On Sept. 28, several of them excitedly welcomed Patriots kicker Stephen Gostkowski when he paid a visit to the hospital. Gostkowski's visit was part of the MGH Cancer Center's initiative with the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation's "Kick Cancer" campaign, which aims to raise cancer awareness throughout the 2010-2011 season.

Gostkowski arrived on Ellison 18 armed with children's books and Patriots programs to autograph. His first stop was the children's playroom, where a beaming 8-year-old MGHfC patient Timmy Jacques was waiting. "This is great," said Timmy, whose mother Jennifer sat close by smiling. Pet therapy dog Duffy also enjoyed meeting the football star.

"To help put a smile on a sick kid's face and give them motivation is rewarding," Gostkowski said. "I think it's important to use our status as pro athletes in a positive way. All too often we hear negative news of athletes behaving badly."

Assisted by child life specialists Anne Pizzano, CCLS, and Sasha Field, MS, CCLS, Gostkowski visited approximately 12 children at MGHfC from ages 6 to 17.

As part of the agreement with the Patriots Charitable Foundation, the MGH already has started taking part in educational and awareness projects on designated game days at Gillette Stadium and in the community. BWH and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute also are partnering on this important initiative.

For more information on Kick Cancer, visit www.patriots.com/community. ■



DALY

New unit focuses on understanding using genomic data

AS SCIENTISTS have increased access to human genetic information, the interpretation of this information as it relates to human disease and clinical decision-making becomes more feasible. In light of this, the MGH Department of Medicine recently created the Analytic and Translational

Genetics Unit (ATGU). Under the leadership of Mark Daly, PhD, of the Department of Medicine, the ATGU will focus on the interpretation of individual genome sequence data. Researchers will seek to identify the genetic basis of human diseases and to develop models by which a genome

Fall for the Arts brings fun to MGHfC patients

NOT ONLY DO PEDIATRIC CANCER PATIENTS at MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHfC) receive care and attention for their medical needs, but recently they and their siblings and parents received special whole-family care and attention at the annual “Fall for the Arts” event on Sept. 26 in the mezzanine of the Yawkey Center for Outpatient Care. More than 125 guests, including patients and their families, enjoyed a full day of arts and crafts, salsa dancing and even a bit of gardening.

Now in its sixth year, the event is hosted by the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Unit. “This was a wonderful community-building festival where families could gather and celebrate the artistic expression of their children – those undergoing cancer treatment and their brothers and sisters, too,” says Elyse Levin-Russman, LICSW, MSW, clinical social worker. “This year we added a special opportunity for parents and grandparents, who were invited to plant amaryllis bulbs in honor of their child or grandchild and write their name or a message to the child and place it next to the bloom.”

The display of planted bulbs, which were donated by Winston Flowers, is called “Blooms of Hope” and is located outside the Yawkey 8 Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Clinic. They are expected to be in full bloom by late November.

The families also had an opportunity to see the newest installation of Kaleidoscope, a program that displays the artwork of pediatric patients and their siblings in the clinic. In addition, there were vocal and instrumental performances by the MGH Starz, which included some well-rehearsed and some impromptu appearances by the patients and their siblings. The guests also had the opportunity to hear a performance by Tufts University’s acapella group, “The Beelzebubs.” ■

BLOOMS OF HOPE: Parents and grandparents planted amaryllis bulbs in honor of their child or grandchild.



sequence can be integrated into clinical decision-making.

“At a time when the availability of human genetic information is increasingly robust, it is particularly appropriate to develop such a program,” says Dennis A. Ausiello, MD, chief of the Department of Medicine. “The unit will focus on near-term efforts in large-scale medical resequencing studies in human disease and pharmacogenetic response

and will develop partnerships across the hospital to both identify new opportunities for the use of genetics in the clinic and address the challenges of the rapidly changing science of genetics and genomics. We welcome Mark to his new role as we launch this exciting era where the durable wisdom obtained from human genetic information will make a difference in the health and lives of our patients.”

MGH researchers elected to Institute of Medicine

TWO MGH PHYSICIAN-RESEARCHERS were elected to the prestigious Institute of Medicine (IOM) during its 40th annual meeting on Oct. 11. Membership in the IOM is one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service.

The two new MGH members are David M. Altshuler, MD, PhD, of the Center for Human Genetic Research, the Diabetes Unit in the Department of Medicine and the Department of Molecular Biology, and Bruce Rosen, MD, PhD, of the Department of Imaging and director of the Athinoula A. Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging. Gary Gottlieb, MD, MBA, president and chief executive officer of Partners HealthCare, was also among the 65 new members and five foreign associates named as new members this year. The IOM’s total membership is 1,817.

Founded in 1970, the IOM is a source for independent, scientifically informed analysis and recommendations on health issues. Topics addressed by the IOM in the past year include the cardiovascular effects of secondhand smoke, nutrition standards for the federal school meals program, prevention and control of viral hepatitis, and strategies to decrease Americans’ sodium intake and reduce rates of hypertension.

IOM membership recognizes individuals who have made major contributions to the advancement of the medical sciences, health care and public health.

“I’m tremendously grateful to the MGH for its support over the last 16 years,” says Altshuler. “My work has only been possible because of the MGH’s unique combination of excellence in clinical medicine, commitment to letting each investigator follow his or her own nose, and amazing colleagues and trainees.” Altshuler’s research focuses on studies of human genome sequence variation to understand the inherited basis of common human diseases, such as type 2 diabetes.

Rosen’s research addresses how advanced imaging tools, such as functional MRI, can be applied to solve specific biological and clinical problems. “It is certainly a great honor to have been nominated, let alone elected to the IOM,” says Rosen. “It is an opportunity to put forward perspectives on the importance of the kind of translational research the MGH is famous for facilitating and in using those advances to improve health.”



ALTSHULER



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PHOTO BY LEN RUBINSTEIN

WHAT'S HAPPENING**National Physical Therapy Month**

In honor of National Physical Therapy Month, MGH Physical Therapy Services will host "Got Exercise?" in the Main Corridor Oct. 21 from 11 am to 2 pm. Physical therapists will be available to answer questions about exercise and discuss exercise for weight management. For more information, contact Susan Sannella Fleming at 617-887-3586.

Dancers needed for PIE video

MGH employees are invited to participate in filming a dance scene for the annual Partners in Excellence (PIE) video. Filming will take place Oct. 22 from 11 am to 12:30 pm on the Bulfinch Lawn. In case of inclement weather, filming will



take place on the Upper Yawkey Mezzanine at the same time. No prior dance experience is necessary. This year's songs will come from the film "Dirty Dancing." Participants are welcome to bring clothes and/or props that fit the theme. The video will be shown at the annual PIE awards ceremony in April. Cookies will be provided. For more information or to participate, contact Emily Lemiska at elemiska@partners.org or 617-724-2753 by Oct. 20.

Computer classes available

Partners IS Training is offering free Microsoft Office 2003 "Info-Byte" computer classes at the MGH on Oct. 27. A course schedule is available at http://sharepoint.partners.org/phs/training/Marketing/InfoBytes_MGHFall2010.pdf. To attend one of the sessions, register via PeopleSoft using course code "ISM." Approval of the registration request by a manager is required. For more information, visit <http://lis.partners.org/training>.

Mass General Marathon Team

The Mass General Marathon Team, "Fighting Kids' Cancer ... One Step at a Time" has begun to recruit for the 2011 Boston Marathon. To learn more about joining the team to help raise money for the childhood cancer program at MassGeneral Hospital for Children, visit www.massgeneral.org/marathon. An application to register for the team can be found in the "Join the Team" section.

MGH Senior HealthWISE

MGH Senior HealthWISE will offer the following free events for seniors ages 60 years and older: "Healthcare

at Home," a lecture by Heather Kros of Partners Private Home Care, Oct. 21 from 11 am to noon in the Haber Conference Room; a book club discussion of "March" by Geraldine Brooks Oct. 21 from 3 to 4 pm at the West End Library, 151 Cambridge St.; and hypertension screenings Oct. 25 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm also at the West End Library. For more information, call 617-724-6756.

Connected Health Symposium

The Partners Center for Connected Health will host its annual Connected Health Symposium Oct. 21 and 22 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. This year's symposium, "The Way Forward: Reform's New Focus on Health and Wellness, Independent Aging, Chronic Condition Self-Care and the Tools That Support Them," will feature keynotes, breakout sessions, product demonstrations, book-signings and networking opportunities. A reduced rate of \$475 is available to MGH attendees. For more information or to register, visit www.connected-health.org.

Pastoral Care Week

MGH Chaplaincy will host several events to celebrate Pastoral Care Week 2010: an information table in the Main Corridor Oct. 19 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm; an open labyrinth walk in the Chapel on Ellison I Oct. 21 from 6:30 am to 3 pm; and blessings of the hands for staff and visitors Oct. 21 from 6:30 am to 5 pm also in the Chapel. For more information, call 617-726-2220.

Genetics and genetic research seminar

The MGH Clinical Research Program is sponsoring "Nuts and Bolts of

Genetics and Genetic Research" on Wednesdays, Oct. 27 through Nov. 17, from 1:30 to 3 pm in the Simches Research Center, Room 3.120. This class, which will focus on the basic principles of genetics and genetic research, is geared toward clinical research study staff and taught by genetic counselors who are experienced in clinical research. To register, access <http://hub.partners.org>. For more information, contact Suzanne Powell at 617-724-2900.

IN GENERAL

Enrico Cagliero, MD, of the Diabetes Unit and Transplant Center, was one of four individuals honored by the BWH Center for Clinical Investigation for teaching excellence at a Sept. 21 recognition breakfast. Cagliero received an award in the category of general research education for his lecture, "Research Participant Education: Resources, Techniques and Tools. The Role of Subject Advocacy."

Two members of MGH Pathology, **David Wilbur, MD, FCAP**, and **Stephen Black-Schaffer, MD, FCAP**, recently were recognized by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) during CAP's annual meeting in Chicago. Wilbur was one of eight individuals to receive the 2010 CAP Lifetime Achievement Award for his broad and positive impact on the pathology profession over an extended period of time. Black-Schaffer received the Resident Advocate Award in honor of his outstanding contributions to and support of pathology residents.

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