

News In Brief

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Oklahaven Children's Center Asks DCs to "Have a Heart"

For more than 40 years, Oklahaven Children's Chiropractic Center has worked with sick and developmentally challenged children all over the world, providing chiropractic treatments and promoting the benefits of wellness and natural health care. This year, Oklahaven is urging chiropractors to participate in the center's "Have a Heart 2005" campaign, which will take place Feb. 9-15, and will help raise funds for the organization.

Chiropractors interested in participating in the campaign will receive a nine-minute video about Oklahaven, pamphlets describing the center, information sheets that detail the "Have a Heart" program, and small hearts that DCs can display in waiting rooms, front desks or hallways. Participating DCs are asked to show the video while patients are in the waiting room, ask them to sponsor a heart (which the patients can write on for display purposes), keep a log of those who donate (and the amount of the donation), and send Oklahaven a final report.

To participate in the "Have a Heart 2005" campaign, visit Oklahaven's Web site (www.chiropractic4kids.com) and click the "Have a Heart" link.

Cleveland College Receives \$75,000 Technology Grant

Cleveland Chiropractic College-Kansas City has received a grant of \$75,000 for additional technology equipment from the Higher Education Wireless Access Consortium and WiSE Technologies, a national wireless Internet service provider. The grant will be used to establish a high-speed wireless local area network (LAN) on the school's campus.

"I am excited at the possibilities that wireless technology will give our faculty and students for supporting the educational environment of the college," said Sheri Barrett, Cleveland's chief information officer. Barrett, along with the college's webmaster, Sara Smith, was responsible for submitting the college's grant request to the consortium. Cleveland was one of 10 schools chosen to receive the network, out of more than 160 applicants.

The \$75,000 grant will cover the cost of the equipment used to establish the wireless network. (WiSE Technologies will install the equipment on campus.) The grant will also cover the design, implementation, training and research necessary to establishing the network. Once in place, it will allow students with wireless-enabled notebook computers to access the Internet at several "hot spots" across campus.

"This award represents another advancement in the college's increasing and expanding on-campus

technology that benefits both students and faculty," remarked Cleveland President Carl S. Cleveland III, DC. "The Information Technology department is to be commended for securing this grant."

Northwestern Unveils New Scholarship Program for Chiropractic Students

Beginning with the winter 2005 term, students entering Northwestern Health Sciences University will be eligible to apply for a diversity scholarship that provides for a significant reduction in tuition fees. The scholarship is open to students attending Northwestern College of Chiropractic, as well as students in the university's acupuncture and massage programs.

A total of four scholarships are available, with two students from Northwestern's chiropractic programs and one each from the acupuncture and massage therapy programs to be selected. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be from minority groups that are under-represented in the program. Students who are not from racial or ethnic minorities may also qualify for the scholarship if they can demonstrate evidence of strong participation in, and commitment to, minority communities.

"We want to see people who show a strong commitment to working in communities of color after graduation," said Tolu Oyelowo, DC, chair of Northwestern's Diversity Commission. "Someone who may not be a minority, but who shows a strong interest in serving minority populations, would be eligible for the scholarship."

Students must also provide evidence of financial need and high academic achievement. Students entering the acupuncture and Oriental medicine program must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in undergraduate work; students entering the chiropractic and massage programs must meet similar requirements. In addition, candidates must complete an application essay, and must have a letter of recommendation from an advisor or mentor who has worked with the student in a diversity program.

Should the scholarship program prove successful in attracting students from diverse backgrounds, Dr. Oyelowo hinted that the school would launch a campaign to offer more scholarships to a greater number of students.

"We are hoping that once we get started, we can build funding through donations and broaden both the requirements of eligibility and the number of students who will be accepted," he said.

For more information on the diversity scholarship, contact Northwestern's Office of Financial Aid at (952) 888-4777.

Life West Annual Toy Drive Another Success

Last November, Life Chiropractic College West began its annual Holiday Toy Drive for children of low-income families in the Hayward, Calif. area. Thanks to the efforts of Life West's students, staff and faculty, the school exceeded its own expectations in 2004, collecting 150 toys and several hundred dollars worth of gift cards and certificates for needy children.

"This is the fourth year that I've worked on this project," said Life West's Director of Student Services, Jackie Biron. "I really appreciate all of the faculty, staff and students who have given so generously

and have exemplified the mission statement of the college as they have given to this service project."

The donations were taken to the Hayward Senior Center and distributed on Dec. 18, helping to make the Christmas season a little bit happier for dozens of local children and their families. "We've always been able to count on Life West to come through, but this is incredible," noted Donna Fitzwater, a member of Volunteer Hayward, a local volunteer program. She added that "there will be a lot of happy children" as a result of the toy drive.

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