

Our community reaches out to help the health center

Red Jacket Resorts has supported WMCHC's Emergency Medication Fund for the past several years. Ken Smith and Steve Lambert of the Red Jacket Resorts once again presented a check for \$1,000.00 to WMCHC in support of this vital fund.

The Kiwanis Club of Mount Washington Valley presented a check for \$1,500.00 to White Mountain Community Health Center's children's dental program. Kiwanis and the health center work together to provide free dental screenings and education to local elementary school children each year. This donation serves to offset the cost of these screenings and oral health education at the schools.

2011 champion of the annual Settler's Green food drive for WMCHC was **April Cornell**

The Rotary Club of North Conway presented a check to the health center in the amount of \$2,500.00. When the Rotary learned of the deep budget cuts to the health center, they pledged this amount each year for three years. Executive Director of WMCHC, Patricia McMurry, points out "Multiyear support such as this is important as we recover from a major decline in state and federal financial support. Recovery is a process and will take upward to two years. We are so appreciative that the Rotarians support our efforts."

Thank You!

Zeb's General Store Charitable Fund provided a grant of \$3,000 to assist WMCHC with education of youth at Kennett High School surrounding teen health issues. Due to funding cuts it has been necessary to eliminate some of the educational programs that have traditionally been provided to teens, as well as other important health care services. "This grant will go a long way toward restoring our outreach education program, which is so very important in helping kids build developmental assets and connecting youth and families to community resources," commented Trisha Jacobson, Community Outreach Educator at WMCHC.

Julie Everett Hill promoted to Director of Clinical Services. WMCHC is proud to announce the promotion of Registered Nurse Julie Everett Hill to Director of Clinical Services. A



graduate of New Hampshire Community Technical College and a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, Julie brings exceptional clinical, organizational and managerial skills to her new position. Patricia McMurry, Executive Director of the health center says, "This position is critical to the health center. Julie brings all the right skills and education to the position. She's thoroughly dedicated to our mission, our patients and our future. We're honored that she accepted the position."

Thank you to our recent donors!

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In the Spotlight

WMCHC welcomes Dr. Keith Buzzell as Medical Director

Dr. Buzzell graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. After his fellowship



at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine he became chairman of the Department of Osteopathic Theory and Methods for three years. Dr. Buzzell established his private practice in Fryeburg, Maine in 1969 which he continues to operate in addition to his new duties at the health center.

In addition, he has functioned as the Medical Director at Fryeburg Health Care Center for the past seventeen years.

Buzzell has received multiple awards for his notable service and patient centered focus including the Distinguished Service Award and Physician of the Year both from the Maine Osteopathic Association and the John B. Thurlow Award for Advocacy for the Aged by the Maine Area Agency on Aging.

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Executive Director's Notebook

I'm going to take this opportunity to thank some very special people who, with loyalty and dedication, continue to stand by the health center and our mission.

First, I would like to thank the staff of WMCHC. They've remained flexible, positive and supportive through all the changes we've had to make. The staff here believes in what we do and that belief has been a guiding light as we make our way to a more stable future.

Fay Melendy is another person I'd like to thank. Fay's served on our board of directors since nearly its inception. For the past year, she's stepped up to fill the position of president. Fay brought her legal expertise to the board and helped in many critical areas such as bylaws and contracts. In the next few weeks, Fay is retiring from the board. To say she'll be missed would be an understatement for sure.

Stepping in to fill the position of president is Brenda Leavitt. Brenda is dedicated to the health center's mission and has an intricate understanding of not only what we do, but why we do it. The Miranda Leavitt Diabetes Fund, administered by the health center, is funded through her and her family's efforts. As the incoming board president, Brenda is sure to bring fresh ideas to the table.

Somehow, saying "thank you" to all the people who work behind the scenes to make our mission a reality...well, it just doesn't seem like enough. Our employees, volunteers and board members are the people who make the health center what it is to our community. So, with deep appreciation and admiration, I'd like to say "thank you". I sincerely hope you all know how much you're appreciated and admired.

Patricia McMurry, Executive Director



Major Fundraiser Planned



This fundraiser will be a talent show to be held on March 31, 2012 at the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center in Fryeburg, Maine. This family-friendly event will help the health center defray the impact of dramatic cuts to state and federal funding.

Audition applications and more information are online at www.whitemountainhealth.org and available at local Northway Bank locations, Music Shop in North Conway and at the health center. 10 finalists will be picked by local judges to perform in the show on 3/31/12. Prizes include a \$500 first place award, \$250 for second place and a \$100 gift basket to the "Fan Fave" winner. Tickets to the event are \$10 in advance at the above locations or \$15 at the door the night of the performance.

Help support the health center and show the world how much talent our valley has!