

CHANCELLOR'S Notes

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Breast cancer outreach funded by Avon

For the second year in a row, the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Fund has awarded the Health Sciences Center a \$50,000 grant to enhance breast cancer outreach at the River Region Cancer Screening and Early Detection Center in Sorrento. A freestanding cancer screening clinic staffed by our Cancer Center, it serves the rural communities between Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

The funding will support providing education and information about breast cancer screening and breast health issues to under-served women throughout the river parishes, emphasizing minorities and women who are forty years and older.

Within the first six months of the first round of funding, the number of women receiving mammograms increased by 69%, the number receiving clinical breast examinations by 60%, the percentage of minority clients increased from 40% to 51%. This year's goal is to further increase the number of women screened and also to increase the percentage of clients who are of African American descent and/or 65 years of age and older.

With this funding we are also expanding the lay health educator program by partnering with the Baton Rouge chapter of the Sisters Network.



LSUHSC program recognized by National Cancer Institute

At a national meeting this week in Bethesda, MD, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) recognized the Health Sciences Center with the Harry Hynes award, which honors outstanding commitment to clinical oncology research in communities.

Specifically, the award recognizes our Minority Based Community Clinical Oncology Program (MB-

CCOP) for its efforts after Hurricane Katrina, on behalf of patients with cancer and for its cancer prevention and control efforts. This program is funded by the NCI and our School of Medicine, and is housed at the Stanley S Scott Cancer Center.

The MB-CCOP is led by Robert Veith, MD, Director and Augusto Ochoa, MD, Associate Director.

Ours is one of only two programs nationally so honored this year.



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Dental School reaches out to kids in CENLA

Dr. Mohammed Chowdhury, a General Practice fellow at the Dental School, taught five kindergarten classes and four first grade classes from two schools in Alexandria all about good oral health recently. The kids, 180 in all, attend North Bayou Rapides Elementary and Phoenix Magnet Elementary schools.

Dr. Chowdhury talked to the children about why teeth are important and the impact of food choices on your teeth. The event included a video and a live, interactive demonstration of how to brush your teeth. Each child went home with a gift bag including a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, a mirror, and books for their parents about sealants and oral health.



New partnership brings new resource to St. Bernard



Michele Many, LCSW, and Dr. Charles Coleman discuss cases at the St. Bernard Project Mental Health Clinic. Staffed by our psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers, this new clinic expands resources offered by the St. Bernard Project as well as our outreach in the parish.