



Mid-West Representative Attends HFMD GALA

On Saturday, January 21, 2006, Jim Brown and his wife Barbara attended the 6th Annual Hearts of Hope Gala held by the Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota/Dakotas in Bloomington, MN. Jim is Managed Care Representative for Mid-West Cornerstone Healthcare Services in the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and North & South Dakota.



The event is the largest annual fundraiser for HFMD to support its many family educational retreats, summer camp for kids, informational and legislative activities and the Patient Assistance Fund. It was an elegant and enjoyable evening including a delightful meal for all who attended. Live music was provided by Bozo Allegro.

The Gala was the biggest ever with over 300 people attending the black tie event. Over 116 items were donated and the total funds raised were \$125,000. Items donated for the auction included a trip to Disney World, tour of the Hawaiian Islands, six skybox seats at Lambeau Field for a Green Bay Packers NFL football game, a ski vacation, weekend getaways and many more.

The Minnesota State Auctioneer of the Year auctioned off the various donated items, while local television news anchor and National Television Academy Award winner Joe Schmit was the Emcee for the event. Joining the Browns as a guest at their Mid-West Cornerstone sponsored table was Joanne Aanes, a 3M retiree who volunteers with Jim each December to sell poinsettias as part of another fundraiser for Hemophilia Federation of Minnesota/Dakotas.

Mid-West Cornerstone is pleased to be a strong supporter of HFMD and other state hemophilia organizations as part of its efforts to continue to improve the quality of life for persons with bleeding disorders.

H.A.W.C.

Hemophilia Adult Weekend Camp
2006

We will be holding our 2nd annual Camp H.A.W.C. on September 2nd - 4th, 2006 at beautiful Camp Lakewood YMCA in Potosi, Missouri. Camp H.A.W.C. is a (501c3) non-for-profit camp, designed specifically for adults with bleeding disorders (ages 18 and over). It's a free, fun, educational weekend for people transferring from pediatric care to adult care and for adults who have bleeding disorders. The weekend is filled with swimming, fishing, boating, art and crafts, horseback riding, hiking, and many more outdoor



activities. We also pride ourselves on professional guest speakers and group support sessions.

We had a wonderful weekend last year, and we are looking forward to new campers this year!

If you would like to attend camp H.A.W.C. 2006, you can check out our website at www.CAMPHAWC.com or call us at 618-667-1864 to request an application.

Camp H.A.W.C
527 Wren Hill
Troy, IL 62294

Christmas in St. Louis 2005

Pam Doell

December is a very busy month for everyone, but in the Midwest the Christmas celebration for the Gateway Hemophilia Chapter was not forgotten. Over the years, through our community, things have changed a lot but this is one project that there has always been a

lot of participation. The difference this year, however, was organized in a shorter period of time but as always many (about 100 adults and children) came.

Being a daughter of a hemophiliac, a mother, person with and now a grandparent of those with bleeding disorders, I see how important these functions are for the families. The place the celebration was held looked like a WINTER WONDERLAND. The Joy and Goodwill and information these functions pass along is so important. As I watched the families come into the Christmas setting it was more and more obvious how much it was needed. Many of the families were new and just wanted to meet others in a setting that was not clinical. The children's room was set up with people to watch as they played games, colored and made projects. This environment was inviting for everyone to get to know each other and pass along upcoming event information such as camp. However, Santa made his appearance and the floor was taken with gifts and goodies to take home. The adults, in the mean time gratified to see the kids with grins, were content with socializing.

Without the help and support of so many, this would not have been possible. Although, time of giving for the Christmas Celebration 2005 is over, I hope many of you see how much these functions mean and how you can help your chapters to make these events possible in the future. What a wonderful way to end the year.

To many more!

Resident Resources

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
www.ahrq.gov
 Center for Health Care Strategies
www.chcs.org
 Center for Budget and Policy Priorities
www.cbpp.org
 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) – www.cms.gov
 Families USA
www.familiesusa.org
 Health Affairs
www.healthaffairs.org
 Heritage Foundation

www.heritage.org/Research/HealthCare

The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured

www.kff.org/kcmu

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

www.dhss.state.mo.us

Missouri Department of Social Services

www.dss.mo.gov

National Association of State Medicaid Directors

www.nasmd.org

National Center for Health Statistics

www.cdc.gov/nchs

The Urban Institute

www.urban.org

Patient Services Inc.

Every year Mid-West Cornerstone attends a representative meeting with NCHS (National Cornerstone Healthcare Services) to help everyone better serve the community. One of our guest speakers, Randi Paltrow, from Patient Services Inc (PSI) was exceptional. She shared valuable information to pass on to you.

What is PSI?

PSI is a National non-profit service organization. They help patients with specific chronic illnesses They help patients locate health insurance policies (they are NOT an insurance company) They help patients pay for health insurance premiums They help patients pay for expensive pharmacy co-payments and treatments They help patients seek co-payment waiver solutions They help patients with medically necessary items not covered by insurance.

Who is eligible for assistance?

Middle class persons
 Undocumented persons
 Indigent persons
 Uninsured and underinsured persons

If you feel you may need any of these services please call PSI directly (800) 366-7741 or sign on to www.uneedpsi.org



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