



Foundation News

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WBAL Kids Campaign and Amerigroup support the Breathmobile® at the University of Maryland Hospital for Children

The University of Maryland's Breathmobile recently received two generous gifts from the WBAL Kids Campaign and from Amerigroup Foundation. The Breathmobile is a custom-built pediatric asthma and allergy clinic that travels to almost two dozen schools, providing free ongoing asthma and allergy care to children.

The Breathmobile has been in operation since 2002, when the University of Maryland Hospital for Children created the East Coast's first Breathmobile.

"We are so grateful to Amerigroup and WBAL for their ongoing generous support. Gifts like this enable us to reach out to children who otherwise may not have access to good asthma care," says Dr. Mary Beth Bollinger, Medical Director of the Breathmobile.

Comcast Commits \$30,000 to benefit "Reach Out and Read"

Comcast has recently pledged \$30,000 over three years to purchase over 3,500 books per year for the University of Maryland Medical Center's "Reach Out and Read" program.

Reach Out and Read is a program that gives children access to books early in their lives. Pediatricians who participate in the Reach Out and Read program advise parents on the importance of preschool reading. Children in the program receive brand new, age and culturally appropriate books each time their parents bring them in for an appointment.



"Woodpeckers" Club Donates Handmade Toys for the Holidays

The holidays will be a little bit more fun for children at the University of Maryland Hospital for Children, thanks to a gift of handmade wooden toys from the Woodpeckers Woodworking Guild.

Their handmade toys include crayon holders, stools, trucks, doll cradles and trinket boxes.



Woodpeckers members, pictured here with Dr. Alice Ackerman (second from right), who is the Interim Chair of Pediatrics.

For more information on how to support the University of Maryland Hospital for Children, please email pminsk@umm.edu .

Upcoming Events...

April 1, 2006

April 22, 2006

Beating Cancer Bash

A Night for Heroes – Shock Trauma Gala

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