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Farewell to Cornell Scott

In 2008, the Foundation lost one of its most influential founding members. Cornell Scott, the longtime Chief Executive Officer of the Hill Health Corporation, died August 25, 2008 after a long illness. He was 73 years old.

Born on April 11, 1935, Mr. Scott was the son of the late Thomas and Leola Thomas Scott. Mr. Scott grew up in Holly Grove, Arkansas and obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas. He went on to complete graduate studies at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Wisconsin before obtaining a master's degree in public health from the Yale University School of

Medicine in 1968. Mr. Scott joined the Hill Health Center at its inception in 1968 as its Director of Training and Education. In 1972, he was appointed its Executive Director. He maintained that position until his passing. Mr. Scott's 40-year tenure at the Hill Health Center was marked by a steady development of services, sites and programs aimed at the New Haven area's low-income population. Mr. Scott earned a national reputation for his work with the National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc. Mr. Scott was president of the Association in the 1980s when the country's health center program faced extinction in the U.S. Congress. His work is attributed with helping to preserve national funding, which led to the growth of community health centers across the nation.

Mr. Scott was a founding member and the first president of the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut and remained on its board until his passing. He was also a founder of Community Health Network of Connecticut, Inc. and most recently served as its board chairman. Lastly, he was a founder and board member of the Community Health Network of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. In 2002, Mr. Scott received the National Association of Community Health Center, Inc. Lifetime Achievement Award for his "lifelong dedication and exceptional service to the American people." With his long litany of lifetime accomplishments, "Scotty," as he preferred to be called, will perhaps be best remembered for his graciousness, his ability to bring people together in order to address the needs of community health and his passionate advocacy for the health care needs of the poor.

To honor Mr. Scott's memory and his many accomplishments, the Foundation has renamed its annual golf tournament to the Cornell Scott Memorial Golf Classic.



CHNCT Employee Contributions

At CHNCT, we believe in making a difference in our community. This means giving a little of ourselves to improve the quality of life for all of us. CHNCT employees pledged a total of \$6,000 in 2008 to the Foundation. These funds will be utilized to support the different health care initiatives throughout the state. Donors to the CHNCT Employee Giving Program are:

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**Thank you for helping the
Foundation continue the
tradition of caring!**

Tournament Raises More Than \$25,000

One hundred and eight players converged on the TPC River Highlands golf course in Cromwell August 25, 2008, for the third annual CHNCT Foundation Golf Classic. More than \$25,000 was raised for the Foundation. Next year's event, which has been renamed the Cornell Scott Memorial Golf Classic in honor of the Foundation's late founder and board member, is scheduled for August 24, 2009. For more information on the event, please contact Tressa Spears Jackson at (203) 949-4101 or at tspears@chnct.org.



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KHAIR

Continues to Help Children One Head at a Time Program Grows Immensely in 2008; Expands into Hartford County

The **KHAIR** program made significant strides in 2008 with its expansion into Hartford County following two successful years in the New Haven area.

KHAIR (pronounced "care") began as a partnership between the CHNCT Foundation, CHNCT and New Haven's Clifford Beers Clinic. **KHAIR**, which stands for Kids' Hair, is a program aimed to boost self-esteem levels in at-risk youth by pairing a child with a hairstylist or barber. That hairstylist or barber in turn commits to providing monthly appointments for the child for a period of one year. They also provide product and direction for routine hair maintenance at no charge to the child.

Because of **KHAIR's** tremendous success in the New Haven area, CHNCT deemed it important to branch out to other areas of the state, so that youths statewide could benefit from the program's positive effects. CHNCT subsequently partnered with the Village for Families and Children in Hartford. A kickoff event was held in August at the Gallery Salon in Farmington, the first salon in the area to sign on. To date, more than 20 salons and barbershops have partnered with CHNCT for this important initiative.

Being an adolescent is tough enough. Many people don't recognize the impact of positive self-esteem and the role it plays in the development of young people. The **KHAIR** program gives these children an opportunity to feel valued and nurtured by stylists and barbers who recognize the importance of this need.

To learn more about the **KHAIR** program, please contact Bianca Miranda at (203) 949-4028 or bmiranda@chnct.org.



Gallery Salon, Farmington, CT



Blaze Barbershop, Hartford, CT

A Modern Tea ~ Feb. 7, 2009

A Time To Love Your Heart

A Modern Tea is an initiative that coincides with the American Heart Association's "Go Red For Women" campaign. It is not your typical tea party, however, but rather an afternoon tea that aims to delight the five senses.

The fourth annual A Modern Tea will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009 at the New Haven Lawn Club. Some of the activities to be showcased at A Modern Tea include the following:

- ♥ Registration begins at 11 a.m.
- ♥ Anti-Aging Workshop for the Heart and Body
- ♥ Aromatherapy
- ♥ Oxygen Bar
- ♥ Red Dress Fashion Show
- ♥ Heart Boutique
- ♥ Live Jazz
- ♥ Hearts and Crafts
- ♥ Heart Healthy Lunch; served at noon
- ♥ Massage
- ♥ Skin Care
- ♥ Raffle
- ♥ Salsa Lessons
- ♥ Organic Red Wine Tasting
- ♥ Teas from Around the World



Tickets for A Modern Tea cost \$25 and can be purchased via check or through Paypal at chnctfoundation.org. For more information or to be added to the invitation list, please contact the Foundation at (203) 949-4100 or foundation@chnct.org.



Reiki



Back Massage



Red dress fashion show



Raffle



The Community Health Network of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. has awarded grants in the amount of \$3,200 to the following Federally Qualified Health Centers:

Charter Oak, Hartford, CT – The Charter Oak Health Center will use a portion of the grant to add funds to its Families Against Cancer (FAC) program. The program was inspired by the work of a seven-year-old Simsbury boy who wanted to help those living with cancer. A portion of the grant will be used specifically to produce and distribute brochures explaining the FAC fund, its purpose and how to contribute. Those materials will be distributed to schools in the Greater Hartford area. The remaining grant money will be used to subsidize its Health Care for the Homeless program. The program enables the Charter Oak Health Center to become acutely aware of the needs among this population for the assistance in the purchase of medication.

Fair Haven Community Health Center, New Haven, CT – The Fair Haven Community Health Center will use a portion of its grant award to implement its Access and Redesign project. The project's goal is to improve the efficiency of each patient's visit, as the center transitions to same-day visits and open access scheduling. To improve the patient's visit and reduce wait times, the Fair Haven Community Health Center will purchase pagers for all of its clinicians and clinical assistants. The pagers will be used to alert the staff members when the patient is ready to be seen. This purchase is expected to greatly improve communication between the front desk and staff members. A portion of the grant will also be used to purchase a color printer.

Generations, Willimantic, CT – The Generations Family Health Center will use its grant award to subsidize the cost of hiring a graphic design consultant. The consultant will help the center design new brochures and capital case statement materials. This is needed to help facilitate the center's upcoming move to a new facility. Over the past 25 years, the center has transformed from a one-room, free clinic to a center that serves nearly 15,000 patients at six locations annually. Because of its transformation, the center's clientele has also changed. Therefore

new marketing materials will have to be crafted to promote its services to its existing client base, as well as to prospective clients. In addition, it also needs to create materials specifically designed for its capital campaign.

Hill Health Center, New Haven, CT – The Hill Health Corporation will use its grant award to sustain its use of the Language Line service. The Language Line service provides telephone interpretations for its patients who have limited English proficiency. The center is required to offer translation services. Roughly 30 percent of the Hill Health Corporation's patients require the use of the Language Line services. Over the past two years, the Corporation has requested services in 16 languages. The service is used on average of 15 times each month. The Language Line service is the most cost effective means for the Corporation to obtain reliable, confidential translations for patients and staff. Funding for the service is crucial, as its state funding was recently cut.

Southwest Community Health Center, Inc., Bridgeport, CT – The Southwest Community Health Center, Inc. will use its grant award toward implementing a new marketing strategy for the purpose of reaching a broader audience in the Bridgeport area so the center could attract and retain patients.

The center recently opened its fifth location and continues to expand its capacity to provide services to people living in the Greater Bridgeport area. The center engages in cooperative alliances with other agencies dedicated to the total well being of the people living in the Greater Bridgeport area.

The funds will be used to further enhance the center's ability to educate the community regarding the availability of services to those undeserved segments of its population, the expanded hours of operation and its participants in the state's new Charter Oak program.

Staywell Health Center, Waterbury, CT – The Staywell Health Center will split its grant award between two programs. It will use a portion of its award to help subsidize a child development-based field trip offered to a select group of isolated families. This field trip, usually to an interactive children's museum or zoo, enables the families to experience positive activities that would otherwise be out of reach. The Foundation has been the sole sponsor of these field trips.

The remaining portion of the grant award will be used toward its 11-week, curriculum-based prenatal group. The program's goal is to reduce pre-term birth and low birth rates. The sessions include information on smoking cessation, nutrition, bonding with baby, breast-feeding, early infant care, and handling stress, labor and delivery.

Optimus Health Care, Inc., Bridgeport, CT – The Optimus Health Care Inc. will use its grant award to design and print a patient brochure for its new Open Access system, which is being implemented at its Stamford site. The Stamford Community Health Center is participating in a one year Access and Redesign program. The goal of this program is to improve financial results; increase provider capacity; increase the demand for provider appointments and capacity of providers without increasing their workload; improve access to care and decrease the no show rate; maximize the clinical team members in supporting patient care and providers; and increase provider, staff and patient satisfaction. The Stamford Community Health Center will be acting as a pilot site for this program.

Community Sponsorships

Each organization received a \$250 donation.

Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Girl Scouts Against Smoking:

The Healthy Living initiative provides age-appropriate smoking prevention information and suggested activities for girls in grades K-12 in the Greater New Haven area.

Hartford Food System, Grow Hartford:

The program promotes a sustainable and equitable food system in Hartford by cultivating youth leadership and civic participation through agriculture.

Healing Tree Economic Development, King's Pantry:

The King's Pantry program was founded nearly 20 years ago as an outreach of Triumphant Ministries in Bridgeport. The program goes to the street and it is also for those that are in need of supplemental meals for a season in the community.

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