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It’s all Fun and Games...

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They look like campers at any other summer program, 3- to 6-year-olds singing about sharks and flailing their arms as if they’re swimming through the air. But there’s a purpose for every movement at Camp Hand to Hands at MUSC’s College of Health Professions. Each camper has one-sided weakness or hemiparesis cerebral palsy. In other words, these kids experience the same limitations as an adult who has suffered a stroke.

To combat the campers’ reliance on their “good side,” physical and occupational therapists give each child a puppet to cover the preferred hand, as they work through activities with a new theme each day. Today, it’s pirate day.

The kids use shovels to hunt for treasure in a sandbox. They swab the deck, moving black balloons with a broom through a narrow hallway. They walk the plank, one careful step at a time. With her elephant puppet on one hand and finger paint on the other, 6-year-old Jaslyn Cowan focuses on a drawing for her mom.

Camp Hand to Hands began in 2001 with seven children, according to camp coordinator Dr. Patty Coker-Bolt, Associate Professor, Division of Occupational Therapy. August 2014, 14 campers attended — all for free — with help from some 70 physical and occupational therapy students from the College. “Places around the country charge a lot of money for this,” says Dr. Coker-Bolt. She estimates that programs similar to Camp Hand to Hands, with 30 hours of constraint-induced movement therapy, could cost parents as much as $5,000 to $15,000.

Gifts, including support from the Camden Scott Meyer Pediatric Fund, ensure that the program continues without cost to the families and can expand to include even more children in the future. The Camden Scott Meyer Pediatric Fund honors a baby boy who died suddenly in 2002. “We didn’t need flowers,” says Camden’s mother, Mrs. Cami Meyer. “It was a dream to do something in his memory, but we just didn’t have a vision at the time.” Mrs. Meyer and her husband, Mr. Dennis Meyer, initially considered a one-time memorial gift but decided to wait until they found something that felt right. The Meyers had moved to Charleston from Michigan, where friends and family hold an annual yard sale to raise money for the fund. More than a decade after Camden’s death, they continue the sale and raised $4,400 this summer. “That’s how this whole fund started — $25 here, $50 there,” Mrs. Meyer says. “It’s not a huge donation, but just the realization that every little bit adds up. We have many people to thank.”

Two years ago the Meyers committed the money raised in Camden’s memory to pediatric services at the College, where Mrs. Cami Meyer works as Director of Student Life and Recruitment. “My favorite week at work is Camp Hand to Hands,” Mrs. Meyer says. “The occupational therapy and physical therapy students bring amazing talent and dedication to decorating and planning the various therapy activities related to the theme of the day. I look forward to stopping by every day to see their creativity come alive and the smiles it brings to the campers’ faces.”

For a private tour of the Camden Scott Meyer Pediatric Lab, the home of Camp Hand to Hands, or for additional information about how you can support pediatric patients in need, please contact Leslie Brady at 843-792-8547 or bradyL@musc.edu. To make a gift online please visit: www.musc.edu/chpgiving.
When Lucy LaPoint received her acceptance letter to a master’s degree program in the United States, she began fundraising in her village in Kenya. She needed $20,000 to get through school.

She wound up raising only enough cash to cover the price of her flight. She was a farmer’s daughter, 25 years old and hopeful -- and she bought the plane ticket. “I didn’t want to give up the visa, and I thought, ‘Maybe I’ll make it,’” Lucy said.

She began working on her computer science degree in Maryland, but when the money ran out, she had to quit. She picked up and moved again -- this time to Kalamazoo, Mich., a place with a surprisingly large Kenyan population, where a relative had a friend.

Lucy worked in assisted living facilities to pay her own bills and to send money back to Africa for her family. Her mother died when she was 18, before her younger brothers made it through school, so she felt obligated to help support them as well.

“When I came to America, I didn’t know about the health care system,” Lucy said. “They didn’t have assisted living in Kenya, but we took care of the old ladies in our village in Kenya. When I was 10, my mom would send me to fetch water or firewood for them.”

Following her move to Michigan, Lucy learned that her father’s kidneys were failing. As he began dialysis in Kenya, Lucy sought counsel from a friend back home who had begun physician assistant school and who served as the information conduit across the continents.

“There was one hospital with seven machines for the entire central province in Kenya,” Lucy said. “My dad would leave very early to go to Nairobi, and if a machine broke, he’d have to spend the night and wait. This was the only public hospital with dialysis, and he had to pay out of pocket, so I would come up with the money to help him.”

Serving as a caregiver from 8,000 miles away, Lucy realized something about herself: She wanted a more direct role in health care. She wanted to educate people to become their own advocates. She wanted to become a physician assistant.

Lucy moved to Charleston after her husband accepted an engineering job here. She began PA school in May and received the Kim Martino Minority Scholarship, a $2,500 award set up in memory of a physical therapy student from the class of 2003.

Her scholarship helps ease the financial strain, Lucy said, especially with a 4-year-old daughter.

“It’s expensive to pay for tuition and books and manage everything else at home,” she said. “I’m just grateful for the support. It just takes off the burden and worry.”

Dr. David Morrisette, professor and director of the MUSC’s Division of Physical Therapy, said Kim Martino had children of her own and aspired to work with pediatric and elderly patients. Kim was diagnosed with cancer, though, and died shortly after graduation.

“Kim was like a mother to all the students, and when they had a problem, she took care of them,” Dr. Morrisette said.

He remembered one day when he had forgotten to take home the linens from class and noticed that they had disappeared. When he returned to the classroom, he found Kim packing linens, laundered and folded, back into the cabinets.

The Kim Martino scholarship supports minority students within the College of Health Professions who have a particular interest in community service. For Lucy, that means returning to Africa one day as a volunteer.

“People go to the hospital and don’t know what they’re being treated for,” Lucy said. “They don’t know what medications they’re receiving.”

In fact, despite Lucy’s efforts, her father eventually succumbed to his failing kidneys. She had raised enough money in 2006 to send him to get a kidney transplant in India, where he could find more experienced and affordable care. One of her brothers had donated the organ.

But her father missed medication when money became tight. He eventually skipped so many doses that the new kidney shut down.

“All those things pulled me more toward this career,” Lucy said. “There’s a huge deficit of patient education.”

If you would like to learn more about how to help students like Lucy through a gift to the Kim Martino Minority Scholarship Fund, please visit academicdepartments.musc.edu/chp/giving/ or call 843-792-9134.
“We were inspired to answer the call to help support the next generation of health professionals. Partnering for a brighter future, protects our future.”

- Angela R. Mund, CRNA, DNP & Steven J. Mund, CRNA, DNP; Legacy Society Members

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We Want to Celebrate YOU!

If you have made a provision for MUSC in your estate plans, we would like to thank you personally. Please consider letting us know so we can celebrate you and your legacy, during your lifetime. Whether anonymous or not, we sincerely hope to hear from you and honor your wishes.

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ALUMNI UPDATES

★ Brooke Cox, MHA Class of 2009, senior director of Tidelands Health Group, has been named practice administrator manager of the year by the South Carolina Medical Group Managers Association and MAG Mutual.

★ Misty Deason, AFN Class of 2011, recently joined AllCare Clinical Associates, PA, one of the largest private physician-owned anesthesia practices serving North Carolina.

★ Meredith Alger, MHA Class of 2015, is currently working as the manager for Professor Michael Porter’s Healthcare Program at the Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness at Harvard Business.
Pictured on front row from left to right: Carol (Michele) Jacques, Radiologic Technology Class of 1963; Betty H. Dykes, Medical Technology Class of 1954; Jane C. Martin, Medical Technology Class of 1953; Mary Eileen Leonard, Medical Technology Class of 1947; Lois Owen Wellman, Medical Technology Class of 1953; Joanna D. Latto, Medical Technology Class of 1946. Back row from left to right: Mary W. Geils, Medical Technology Class of 1963, Frances H. Fischer, Medical Technology Class of 1963, Leslie M. Brady, Director of Development; Lisa K. Saladin, Dean.

Dr. Lisa Saladin, Dean, welcomed eight Golden Graduates to the College this fall. These amazing trail blazers – truly women ahead of their time – graduated 50 or more years ago from the Medical University of South Carolina and represent Medical Technology Classes of 1946, 1947, 1953, 1954, and 1963 and the Radiologic Technology Class of 1963.

What Makes Them So Golden?

Your fellow alumni were special guests at “Looking Toward Tomorrow,” an evening reception with MUSC President Dr. David J. Cole, MD, FACS this fall.

I Spy...

Present, not pictured: Dr. Michelle Logan-Owens, DHA Class of 2014

Washington, D.C.

Pictured left to right: Leslie M. Brady, CHP Director of Development and Alumni Affairs; Mrs. Kathy Cole and MUSC President Dr. David J. Cole; Mrs. Deborah M. Witchey, MHA Class of 1996; Mr. Kenneth L. Heyward, BHS Class of 2007 and MHA Class of 2011; and Mr. Ruchir A. “Ricky” Patel, MHA Class of 2008

Greenville, SC

Mr. Sean Irvin, PA Class of 1976 and BHS Class of 2001

Dr. Andrea Abercrombie, DHA Class of 2015, with MUSC President Dr. David J. Cole and Mrs. Kathy Cole

Mrs. DeLisa Dawkins, BHS Class of 1994

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Dr. Lisa K. Saladin, Dean, College of Health Professions, MUSC

The College of Health Professions will celebrate its 50th Anniversary next year and we want to celebrate with YOU! Below is just a snapshot of our upcoming Alumni Weekend events. ALL alumni are invited to join the faculty and staff of the college in the festivities. Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date. Some of your fellow alumni have volunteered to be “Class Champions,” so watch for more information. Visit www.musc.edu/chp50 for details information.

CHP Alumni Weekend – June 17 - 18, 2016

Continuing Education (CE)
Friday, June 17, 2016
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Anton Gunn, Executive Director of Community Health Innovation and Chief Diversity Officer, MUSC, and Lisa K. Saladin, Dean of the College of Health Professions, MUSC, will be presenting.

Family Fun Day
Citadel Beach House
Saturday, June 18, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Alumni Gala
Charleston Aquarium
Saturday evening, June 18, 2016
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 pm
Representing YOU

MUSC CHP Alumni
Association Board of Directors

Courtney V. O’Neill, Master of Health Administration, 2007
Newly-elected President
Jeanne Martin, Physician Assistant Studies, 1996
Immediate Past President
Bruce Cross, Master of Health Administration, 2000
President-Elect

Welcome New Alumni Association Board Members!
Lori Bartleson, Physical Therapy, 1995
Dorothy Coley, Anesthesia for Nurses, 1994
Ken Ingersoll, Cardiovascular Perfusion, 2010

We bid farewell to these loyal and dedicated volunteer leaders with our deepest gratitude!

Judi Bucknam, Bachelor of Health Science, 2007
Anne Q. Durant, Master of Health Administration, 2001
Don Lundy, Bachelor of Health Science, 1997
Susan Tucker, Bachelor of Health Science, 1995
Adriene Williams, Bachelor of Health Information Administration, 1983

AFN Simulation Donors

With our deepest gratitude, the Division of Anesthesia for Nurses at the College of Health Professions proudly recognizes individual donors who made generous contributions to the peripheral nerve block simulator.

Thank you to all for their extraordinary support and investment.
2012 - 2013

Chris Amoroso, 2011
Lara Barrow, 1995
Traci Bryan, 1997
Jill Clement, 1994
Dorothy Coley, 1994
George Dukes, 1977
Deborah Geisler, 1980
Sabrina Gonzalez, 2006
Susan Groome, 2000
Roger Harbert, 1993
Kimberly Hardy, 2011
Elizabeth Howard, 2008
Kathleen Hurlbut, 2011
Lindsay Jones, 2009

Lester Kitten, 1992
Nancy Kitten, 1992
Dennis McKenna, 1992
Marvesh Mendhi, 1993
Nicollette Pauksta, 2007
Regina Pearson, 1994
Jane Plante, 1988
Sean Rubendall, 2010
Aline Seaman, 1995
Dana Smith, 2008
Aaron Taylor, 2010
Andy Walker, 2007
Christopher Weisenfels, 1995

Dr. Angela Mund, Assistant Professor and Program Director for the Division of Anesthesia for Nurses, poses with the AFN Simulation Donor plaque.
The College of Health Professions celebrated its annual Showing Success event with record-breaking attendance! Scholarship recipients participated in a private brunch with donors followed by a formal awards ceremony at St. Luke’s Chapel with faculty, staff and guests. Sixty thousand dollars in scholarship funds were awarded to 35 student recipients who were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments.
Look Who’s Turning 50!
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Visit musc.edu/chp50 for more information.

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Master of Science in Health Informatics
Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
Master of Science in Physical Therapy
Doctor of Health Administration
Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice
Doctor of Physical Therapy
PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Science
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You’re Invited … Save these Dates!
National CRNA Week
January 24 - 30, 2016
South Carolina Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference
MUSC, Charleston, SC – February 26 - 27, 2016
MUSC Alumni and Friends - February 26 from 5 - 6 p.m.
http://www.scota.net/
South Carolina Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference
MUSC, Charleston, SC – May 6 - 7, 2016
http://scpta.org/event/9/2016-scpta-annual-conference
Charleston Anesthesia Conference
Charleston, SC – May 20 - 22, 2016
Contact Dr. Mund at mund@musc.edu for more information.
MUSC Retired Faculty Luncheon
MUSC Hollings Cancer Center, Charleston, SC – March 5, 2016
Kindly RSVP to Haley Sulka at 843-792-5252 or wulka@musc.edu
ACHE Congress – Alumni Reception
Hilton Chicago – March 15, 2016
6:00 to 7:00pm
LOOK TOWARD TOMORROW:
An Evening with Dr. David J. Cole
2015-2016 Reception Series
Visit musc.edu/pres-reception for info.
Spartanburg, SC – February 25, 2016
The Piedmont Club, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte, NC – April 21, 2016
Venue TBD, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Florence, SC – May 26, 2016
Venue TBD, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
CELEBRATE THE 50th Anniversary of the College in 2016!
For details, visit www.musc.edu/chp50
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