



Monday Memo – December 22, 2014

Holiday Giving

· **Holiday Baskets:** Once again, the department supported the Holiday Basket project for Moms/Women in homeless shelters throughout Worcester in a big way!! Nearly 60 individuals contributed just over \$3000 in monetary and toiletry donations to support filling another 300 baskets this year. Besides providing these lovely and festive baskets to Moms at 9 shelters and 2 outreach programs, we were able (with your generosity) to also give baskets to the 5 health centers we work closely with: Hahnemann, Family Health, Barre, Fitchburg and EMK. Our Family Medicine residents, as well as our FMIG medical students were instrumental in getting baskets to many of these locations throughout the greater Worcester area. Thanks go to all supporters with a special thanks to Judy Savageau, Linda Hollis, Paula Yockel and Amy Green for all of their efforts to make this year's project a big success – from fundraising to shopping to filling and wrapping baskets and finally the deliveries!!

· **Coats for Kids:** With much outreach and coordination from Judy Savageau (and all the deliveries conducted by Linda Hollis), the department was also very successful in raising funds and outfitting 45 children in the Worcester Public Schools with a new coat, hat and mittens in conjunction with the Coats for Kids Campaign jointly sponsored by the Worcester Public Schools and the Junior League of Women. This was our largest number of children supported – thanks to so many of you!!! Nearly \$1600 was raised from 36 donors to 'winterize' these children. Thanks again for your support of this special project to help keep children warm this winter!

Awards

· Dennis Dimitri has been selected by the Board of Directors of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine to receive the 2015 STFM Advocate Award. This award recognizes outstanding work in political advocacy at the local, state, or national level. The award to Dennis recognizes his "track record as a key representative of our discipline, instrumental in leading important legislative advocacy efforts in Massachusetts, representing family medicine to state legislators during historic landmark healthcare reform, and a very strong advocate for students, residents, and faculty to become involved in government affairs". The award will be presented at the Awards Program during the STFM Annual Spring Conference in Orlando, FL. The Awards Program will be held Monday, April 27, from 8:30–10 am at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel, Orlando, FL

Admissions

· If you are interested in the admissions process for the medical school, consider participating in the Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI) process – the committee will be looking for additional members from our department over the next year – a prerequisite to being on the formal committee is prior participation with the MMI. The training is brief and the time commitment depends on your availability. Information about the process is described in the following announcement from the Admissions Committee.

*The Office of Admissions is recruiting raters from the UMMS and UMMHC communities to participate in the multiple mini interview (MMI) method of interviewing applicants to the medical school. Faculty with previous interview experience are invited to train as raters. **New raters:** For more information or to train as a rater, please **select ONE** informational training session at [this link](#). **Returning raters:** We invite you to return as a rater for the upcoming interview cycle. Rater referrals welcome. Please contact [Brenda Fusaro](#) for the scheduled MMI dates and your availability. Direct questions to [Karen Lawton](#).*

Library news

· The most recent edition of Frank Domino's **The 5 Minute Clinical Consult** (Associate Editors, Bob Baldor and Jeremy Golding) is now available as a eBook on the Lamar Soutter Library's [STAT!Ref e-book platform](#). Other popular titles on the STAT!Ref portal include the Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy, AAFP Conditions A-Z and the Red Book. Not only does STAT!Ref include easy-to-use browsing and searching features, all content on the platform is optimized for mobile display using the STAT!Ref Android or iPhone/iPad apps. All UMMS/UMMHC faculty, staff and students are eligible to set up and use the mobile app. For more information and instructions on setting up mobile access, visit the [Lamar Soutter Library Mobile Resources Subject Guide](#) and select the STAT!Ref tab at the top of the page. For further questions or assistance, contact [Len Levin](#) in the library

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