

Advocates for Rural Medicine

Small Town Doctors Take On Big-Time Roles

BY: PRISCILLA SANTOS

It's hard for someone from Quincy, Fla. to think of Alma B. Littles without thinking of Cyneetha Strong. Seeing one without the other is even unusual.

They shop, eat out, and attend church and Gator football games together. They share families and take trips to visit "The Oprah Winfrey Show" together. But what they are best known for in the community isn't by what they do together but by what they've done for health care in this small rural town in the Florida panhandle.

Graduates from the UF College of Medicine, Alma B. Littles, MD86, and Cyneetha Strong, MD91, each practiced for more than seven years in Gadsden County as family doctors. They are best friends and colleagues who share the same ambition — they want to influence and increase medical family practices in rural communities.

There's a lack of physicians choosing to practice in small towns, especially in Quincy, says Littles, who is currently the senior associate dean for academic affairs and professor of family medicine and rural health at the College of Medicine at Florida State University.

"We want to motivate students to pursue medicine and train them to work in towns like Quincy," she says. "We sure do need it."

The two physicians were born and raised in Quincy — a town of less than 7,000 people — and they not only saw the need for more family practice doctors but experienced that need. As children, they each endured a common impetigo skin infection that could have been treated with an antibiotic. Because a trip to a doctor was too much of a hardship in the small town, most children went untreated. Once Littles entered medical school and learned that the infection is easily cured, she decided to return to her home town and make such treatments available.

Although Littles dreamed of becoming a doctor since she was in the second grade, Strong's appeal to medicine came from the old television show "Medical Center," which she watched growing up, she says. But the appeal was never enough to get her interested in medical school.



For over seven years, Alma B. Littles, MD86, and Cyneetha Strong, MD91, practiced as family doctors in the small town of Quincy, Fla.

"I had a different career plan every week, and they all required four-year degrees," says Strong, with a laugh. "Then there was also the gross factor that scared me away from medicine. I didn't think I had the stomach for it — obviously that changed."

Although no longer practicing in Quincy, Littles and Strong are thankful they were able to make a difference and provide medical care to a group of people who might not have received it without them, says Littles.

More recently, each have expanded their impact on rural health care through their current roles. As a dean and professor at FSU, Littles inspires future doctors to practice in areas where people are most in need of medicine. Strong now practices just 30 miles from Quincy in Tallahassee and is the president of Florida Academy of Family Physicians, where she will push for legislation to improve family health care in the state.

"My hope would be that one day Gadsden County would no longer be an area of the state that is cited as an example of extreme healthcare disparities and poor access to care," Strong says. "To see that happen during my professional career and to think that I played a small role in making that happen....now that would be rewarding."

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Alum Having an Impact at USF

Congratulations to **Joe Lezama, MD97**, on his recent nomination for the AAMC's Humanism in Medicine Award. Lezama, associate professor of internal medicine at the University of South Florida, is one of 43 physicians in the country recognized for caring and compassionate teaching qualities. Lezama also serves as chief of medicine at the James Haley V.A. Hospital in Tampa.

"We are always pleased when our alumni are successful and receive recognition for their achievements," said **Bruce Kone, MD83**, UF's medical dean. "But we take exceptional pride when graduates from our college move on to become great teachers and role models."

Son of Former Psychiatry Professor Receives Nobel Prize

UF psychiatry students in the 1960s and 70s may remember Dr. Meyer Maskin and his wife, Bernice. Their son Eric S. Maskin was awarded the Nobel prize in economics in October. Meyer Maskin was a faculty member in the department of psychiatry from 1968 until his retirement in 1978. He continued to work full-time at the VA Medical Center and was named professor emeritus in 1980. Meyer passed away in 1984, and Bernice, who founded the Gainesville Chamber Orchestra and the Alachua County Youth Orchestra died in 1996. Eric Maskin, 56, is a professor at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J. He often held lectures for professors and graduate students of economics at UF during his frequent visits to Gainesville to visit his parents.

Fourth-Year Student Making the Most of Her Dream

For one fourth-year medical student at UF, excelling academically, engaging in extracurricular activities, and finding time to train for a marathon come naturally. It's almost improbable how well-rounded Rana Yehia is.

"When you look at someone who is so optimistic, enthusiastic, smart and so giving, you can't help but think it has to be fake," says Dr. Robert Watson, senior associate dean for educational affairs. "It's not fake, though, and that's the most amazing part."

The thought of a career in medicine started when Yehia was a child. However, she didn't realize the importance and seriousness of her choice until her freshmen year of high school when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Watching my mom go through chemotherapy really increased my desire to help people who are going through the same thing," Yehia says.

The more time she spends at UF, the more she knows she's following her dream. Becoming a doctor is her life calling, she says.

Her college life portrays a perfect balance between the science of medicine and the art of medicine. She is currently the national chair of the Medical Student Section of the American Medical Association, advocating for fellow medical students, physicians, and patients on many levels. She is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, Gold-Chapman Humanism Honor Society, and Phi Beta Kappa Society. She has won numerous awards, including the College of Medicine Alumni Scholarship for Academic Excellence and is a member of the University of Florida Hall of Fame.

"I have no idea how she has accomplished so much in her young life," Watson says.



In the midst of classes and her many leadership roles, fourth-year College of Medicine student, Rana Yehia, is preparing to take her U.S. medical licensing exam in December.

Yehia's accomplishments do seem implausible for any one person to handle, but she keeps herself "grounded" through her hobbies, such as running, attending Gator games and cooking Lebanese food.

Her plan is to specialize in internal medicine, with hopes of pursuing a fellowship in hematology-oncology at a university-based program, not only to teach students but to become a national leader, Yehia says.

She hasn't decided on her first choice for residency, but Johns Hopkins Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital and University of California, San Francisco are at the top of her list. As soon as the interviews begin, she'll blow them away, Watson says.

"Anyone would be crazy not to accept her," he says.

Watson dreams of her coming back and joining the faculty at the College of Medicine.

"She says she wants to, and if that's the case, I'll hire her in a second," he says.

— Priscilla Santos

In Memoriam

Dr. Robert Cade, Inventor of Gatorade, Passes Away

Starter to scan and drop in Color Photo

Dr. Robert Cade, internationally known for leading a College of Medicine team that invented Gatorade, died Nov. 27 at age 80. Dr. Cade, a professor of medicine and physiology, joined the University of Florida in 1961 and conducted research in kidney and liver disease, hypertension, lupus and diabetes. Jim Free, MD60, who worked under Dr. Cade in the creation of Gatorade, said Dr. Cade was first and foremost a kind man who made it his mission to spread knowledge.

"His contributions were so multiple that it's just hard to cover them," Free said. "His main contribution is that he was a very nice, decent, generous person, and that he was dedicated to education...he spent his whole career there (at UF) teaching and doing research. The things he's accomplished have been amazing."

Dr. Cade has been the recipient of many honors bestowed by the university. He was inducted into the Gators' athletics hall of fame recently, and in November a plaque was erected on campus proclaiming UF as the "birthplace of Gatorade." See the upcoming spring Florida Physician for further coverage of that event and Dr. Cade's career.

Francisco A. (Frank) Herrero, MD60, passed away peacefully Aug. 19, at Halifax Medical Center, where he was a member of the medical staff for 36 years. Dr. Herrero and his twin brother, Bruni, were born July 11, 1934, in the sugar mill town of La Romana in the Dominican Republic. The family immigrated to the United States shortly thereafter living in New York City and later in Miami, where Frank attended the University of Miami on a music scholarship. He played the violin while his brother played the piano. Frank and Bruni went on to become members of the first class admitted to the University of Florida College of Medicine. The Herrero brothers were known as outgoing, gregarious students who were well-liked by their classmates. After graduating in 1960, Frank trained in surgery and in plastic surgery in programs at Emory University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (where he was chief resident) and the University of Florida (where he was an assistant professor of plastic surgery). When he moved to Daytona Beach in 1970 to establish his medical practice, he was the first plastic surgeon in the area. He was board certified in general and plastic surgery, a fellow of American College of Surgeons and a member of Volusia County Medical Society, Florida Medical Association, Florida Society of Plastic Surgery, Southeastern Society of Plastic Surgery and AOA Medical Honor Society. From 1984 until 2006, Frank was director of medical affairs at Halifax Medical Center. He was loved by friends and colleagues for his warm personality and sense of

humor. He was also respected by his peers for his commitment to quality and professionalism. Frank loved to restore antique cars and to listen to his favorite music, like Bob Dylan and Doc Watson.

Survivors include his wife, Victoria; their daughter, Hannah; his daughter, Heather Kountanis, Grand Island; his sons, Reed Herrero, South Orange, N.J., Renny Herrero, Ormond Beach, and Matt Hartwell-Herrero, Fairfax, Calif.; five granddaughters; mother, Eunice Herrero; and brothers, Louis and Luis Herrero. Frank was preceded in death by his brother, Bruni, who died Feb. 28, 2002.

Ward D. Noyes, MD, a professor emeritus in the department of medicine, died May 9, 2007. Dr. Noyes received his medical degree from the University of Rochester in 1953 and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He joined the College of Medicine in 1961 and served as the chief of the division of hematology/oncology from 1970 to 1994. Dr. Noyes was a nationally recognized medical researcher. He was committed to community service and volunteered at the ACORN Public Health Clinic from its inception until his retirement in 1999.

He is survived by his beloved wife Nancy Adair Noyes, along with three daughters, Patti Gamblin (David), Katie Kerins (Tom) and Layne Cheek (Ken) and three sons, David Noyes (Sabrina), Jeff Noyes (Lisa) and John Talmage (Melissa) and thirteen grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Elizabeth Talmage.

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- Dr. Charles Williams & Ms. Barbara Beynon
- Drs. Dennis & Barbara Williams
- Dr. & Mrs. Robert J. Zarzour

Class of 1976

Living Members 81
% Participation 25%
Amount Given \$25,850

- Dr. R. Donna M. Baytop & Mr. Allen Baytop
- Dr. Marylou Behnke
- Dr. & Mrs. Glenn E. Bryan
- Dr. & Mrs. Thomas A. & Mary E. Cable
- Dr. Kathleen A. Cantwell
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- Dr. & Mrs. Daniel W. Welch
- Dr. & Mrs. Dale A. Wickstrum

Class of 1977

Living Members 110
% Participation 10%
Amount Given \$9,750

- Dr. Kathi Aultman & Mr. Ronald Combs
- Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey M. Crane
- Dr. & Mrs. Peter Katona
- Dr. & Mrs. Michael J. Lukowski
- Dr. Michael D. Maddox
- Dr. & Mrs. Alexander N. McInnis II
- Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Nadeau
- Dr. & Mrs. Winfred Parnell
- Dr. Elizabeth H. Royster
- Drs. Cheryl Webb & Frank Zemlan
- Dr. & Mrs. Mark Yoffe

Class of 1978

Living Members 105
% Participation 17%
Amount Given \$14,225

- Dr. & Mrs. R. Frederick Boedy
- Drs. Julia Cruz & Allen Chauvenet
- Dr. & Mrs. Frank V. Custereri
- Dr. Gregory L. DeMotts & Ms. Sonya Francisco
- Dr. Clifford B. Dubbin
- Drs. Sharon & Michael Ellis
- Drs. Jacqueline & Eugene Jones
- Dr. Lillian Martin Jones
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- Dr. & Mrs. Jack E. Paulk
- Dr. & Mrs. Phillip Rahming, Jr.
- Dr. Marsha Raulerson
- Dr. & Mrs. James M. Stuzin

Class of 1979

Living Members 119
% Participation 11%
Amount Given \$6,400

- Drs. Lynn & O. M. Budd Berringer
- Dr. & Mrs. John W. Cassels, Jr.
- Dr. Phillip S. Cook & Ms. Salie O'Malley
- Dr. & Mrs. Edmund G. Grant
- Dr. & Mrs. Jerome C. Highsmith
- Dr. & Mrs. Leland J. Irwin
- Dr. & Mrs. Charles T. King
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- Dr. & Mrs. Julian O. Olsen III
- Dr. SuzAnne J. Palmer & Mr. Robert Adams
- Dr. Katherine Reed & Mr. Jack R. Miles, Jr.

- Dr. & Mrs. Robert D. Safian
- Dr. & Mrs. William C. Sherrill, Jr.

Class of 1980

Living Members 113
% Participation 15%
Amount Given \$18,945

- Dr. & Mrs. Charles F. Barish
- Dr. & Mrs. Orin L. Bigman
- Dr. & Mrs. Joel D. Cheresnick
- Dr. Ann E. Duerr & Mr. Gregory Gibson
- Dr. & Mrs. Thomas W. Ferguson
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- Dr. Joan H. Spiegel
- Dr. & Mrs. Louis Stern
- Dr. & Mrs. Richard B. Van Eldik
- Dr. & Mrs. William J. Zingarelli

Class of 1981

Living Members 118
% Participation 24%
Amount Given \$12,092.50

- Dr. K. Dino Anastasiades & Ms. Nancy Jackson
- Dr. & Mrs. William P. Barton
- Dr. Christel A. Carlson
- Dr. Martha A. Cline
- Dr. & Mrs. James W. Clower III
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- Dr. & Mrs. Terry L. Swezey
- Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence E. Vallario

Class of 1982

Living Members 108
% Participation 18%
Amount Given \$11,735

- Dr. & Mrs. Mark A. Adkins
- Dr. & Mrs. Richard D. Farber

Dr. & Mrs. Tim Floyd
 Dr. & Mrs. Stephen E. Hannan
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Class of 1983

Living Members 108
% Participation 15%
Amount Given \$19,150

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Class of 1984

Living Members 116
% Participation 12%
Amount Given \$48,037.50

Dr. & Mrs. John E. Batts
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Class of 1985

Living Members 115
% Participation 15%
Amount Given \$15,970

Dr. & Mrs. Robert J. Amdur
Dr. Betsy B. Beers
 Dr. & Mrs. Thomas B. B. Benton
Dr. & Mrs. James B. Duke
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Class of 1986

Living Members 114
% Participation 27%
Amount Given \$11,430

Dr. & Mrs. Steven R. Brant
Dr. & Mrs. Kevin M. Coy
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 Dr. Suzanne Swietnicki & Mr. John Swietnicki
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 Dr. Natalie C. Wells & Mr. Richard Gula

Class of 1987

Living Members 116
% Participation 15%
Amount Given \$4,950

Dr. & Mrs. Franklin D. Abbott
 Dr. Sharon A. Berenfeld & Mr. Luiz Estevez
 Dr. Denise N. Brown & Mr. Timothy Brown
 Dr. Janet Brownstein & Mr. Stephen Brownstein
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 Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey W. Nielsen
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Class of 1988

Living Members 103
% Participation 7%
Amount Given \$7,635

Drs. Anh & Gary Cacciadore
 Drs. Jeffrey & Phyllis Cardwell
 Dr. Lori Corley & Mr. James Corley
 Dr. & Mrs. Robert S. Knego
 Drs. Stefanie Lord-Osberg & Arthur Osberg
 Dr. Brian W. Price & Mr. Paul Anagnostos
 Dr. David J. Wolfson
 Dr. Rhonda L. Woolwine-Tew

Class of 1989

Living Members 105
% Participation 9%
Amount Given \$1,400

Dr. Kami Barton & Mr. Bruce Barton
 Dr. & Mrs. Brian E. Bass
 Dr. & Mrs. Craig J. Eichler
 Dr. & Mrs. Mark H. Getelman
 Dr. Stacia Goldey & Mr. Clark Goldey
 Dr. M. Catherine Hertl & Mr. Martin Hertl
 Drs. Karen Jones & Sean Campbell
 Dr. Michael B. McCrohan
 Dr. David Simmons & Ms. Cathy Farrell

Class of 1990

Living Members 115
% Participation 13%
Amount Given \$5,310

Dr. & Mrs. Marc S. Bedrin
 Dr. & Mrs. Samuel A. Budnyk
 Dr. & Mrs. Alexander F. Cardenas
Dr. & Mrs. Luis Chu
 Dr. & Mrs. Michael L. Dockery
 Dr. Paula Drummond & Mr. T. Shawn Drummond
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 Dr. Barbara Rosenblatt & Mr. Leslie Rosenblatt
 Dr. & Mrs. Mark D. Stavitsky
 Dr. Kelley A. Trent
 Drs. Dien & Phuong-Dung Vu

Class of 1991

Living Members 108
% Participation 15%
Amount Given \$3,325

Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence J. Caruso
 Drs. Juan & Judith Simms-Cendan
 Dr. & Mrs. Michael Ciaravino
 Dr. Andrea L. Hildebrand & Mr. Brian Garra
 Dr. & Mrs. Michael D. Howington
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 Dr. Frank C. Schwalbe
 Dr. & Mrs. Gary E. Siegel
 Dr. & Mrs. Art Spell
 Dr. Deborah Stone & Mr. Jeffrey Rich
 Dr. D. N. Zoom Le & Mr. Van T. Le

Class of 1992

Living Members 113
% Participation 19%
Amount Given \$7,750

Dr. & Mrs. Phillip G. Barton
Dr. Stephanie I. Byerly
 Dr. Lisa M. Campeau
 Dr. John Y. Choy
 Dr. & Mrs. Gary C. Dana
 Drs. Alan Fischel & Caroline Connor
 Drs. Milan Jockovich & Dawn Davidson-Jockovich
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 Dr. & Mrs. John T. Kontor
 Drs. Louis Nackman & Laura Pearson
 Dr. & Mrs. Daniel H. Nguyen
 Dr. Nicole Provost
 Drs. Caroline & Phillip Signore
 Drs. Amy Cantor Thorpe & Michael Thorpe
 Dr. Marnie Titsch & Mr. Gilbert Titsch

Class of 1993

Living Members 112
% Participation 17%
Amount Given \$6,065

Dr. & Mrs. Pratap Challa
 Drs. Philip & Susann Clifford
 Dr. & Mrs. Timothy J. Cooper
 Dr. & Mrs. Edward P. Heidtman IV
 Dr. & Mrs. Keith A. Heier
 Dr. & Mrs. Craig A. Kobrin
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 Dr. & Mrs. Howard L. Rogers
Dr. Karen L. Salzman
 Dr. Marcella Schwalbe
 Dr. & Mrs. Robert M. Shakar
 Dr. Carmen C. Solorzano
 Dr. Lillian Swanger & Mr. Robert Swanger
Dr. & Mrs. David C. Weintritt
 Dr. & Mrs. Christopher A. Wilhoit

Class of 1994

Living Members 103
% Participation 8%
Amount Given \$2,526

Dr. Kathryn Bing & Mr. J. Kevin Bing
 Dr. Ravi Chandrasekhara
 Dr. John L. Franklin
 Drs. Jewell Geddie & Philip Dolin
 Drs. Christine & Fred McCuiston
 Dr. Bettina Murphy & Mr. Michael Cortese
 Dr. Anthony J. Pacitti
 Dr. & Mrs. Mark D. Perez
 Dr. R. Doris Wang

Class of 1995

Living Members 112
% Participation 6%
Amount Given \$11,650

Dr. John L. Cunniff
 Drs. Jennifer & Carlos De Los Santos
 Dr. & Mrs. Glen I. Feinstein
 Dr. Lauren B. Franklin
 Dr. & Mrs. Noel A. Maun
Dr. & Mrs. Jason J. Rosenberg
 Dr. Martin P. Sokol

Class of 1996

Living Members 118
% Participation 21%
Amount Given \$8,150

Dr. Suzanne Beavers & Mr. Thad Beavers
 Dr. Virginia Black & Mr. Charles Black
 Drs. Anthony Blackwood & Joo Kim
 Dr. & Mrs. Noel R. Braseth
 Dr. Samantha Conrad & Mr. Steve Conrad
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 Dr. & Mrs. Louis Vagias
 Dr. & Mrs. David S. Whittaker, Jr.
 Dr. Tamara Wolfman & Mr. Peter Koorey

Class of 1997

Living Members 114
% Participation 10%
Amount Given \$1,700

Dr. Laura Brown & Mr. Robert Brown
 Dr. Jay Clugston
 Dr. Christopher R. Cogle
 Drs. David & Julie-Anne Corda
 Dr. Debra Gramlich & Mr. Gregor Gramlich II
 Dr. & Mrs. Eric A. Mansell
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 Drs. Amy & Jeff Million
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 Dr. Jennifer T. Pollak
 Dr. Michelle L. Rossi
 Dr. Kimberly Sawyer & Mr. Timothy Sawyer

Class of 1998

Living Members 117
% Participation 10%
Amount Given \$5,900

Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey A. Held
 Drs. Francis & Kelly Herrbold
 Drs. Bjorn & Shelley Holmstrom
 Dr. Rachel Jones & Mr. Robert Jones, Jr.
 Dr. Sandra H. Joo
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 Dr. & Mrs. Elia C. Mavrofrides
 Dr. Ramano A. Spruel
 Drs. Brian & Kavitha Taschner

Class of 1999

Living Members 116
% Participation 11%
Amount Given \$2,525

Dr. Michelle G. Beasley & Mr. Robert Beasley
 Dr. Thomas L. Brown, Jr.
 Dr. Elizabeth Cosmai-Cintron & Mr. Francisco Cintron
 Dr. Courtney N. Henley
 Dr. Kimberly Kleiss & Kenneth Piernik
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 Dr. Michael A. Rowley
 Dr. Laura Scharf & Mr. Jeremiah Scharf
 Dr. Frini D. Shah
 Drs. Carolyn & Michael Stalvey
 Drs. Karla & Carlos Vital

Class of 2000

Living Members 116
% Participation 42%
Amount Given \$6,250

Dr. Kate Appleton
 Drs. Holly & Charles Baab
 Dr. Francesca D. Beaman
 Dr. & Mrs. Kamal L. Bohsali
 Dr. Fabian J. Candocia
 Dr. Rochelle M. David
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 Dr. Stephanie R. Walker
 Dr. & Mrs. Michael F. Waters
 Drs. Michelle & Mark Williams
 Dr. Julie M. Worthy & Mr. Jon Worthy
 Dr. Tracye Zlobl & Mr. Robert Zlobl

Class of 2001

Living Members 120
% Participation 15%
Amount Given \$1,770

Drs. Gail Bryan & Arthur Besteman
 Dr. Mary T. Capps
 Dr. Kathleen E. Cook
 Dr. Lisa A. D'Amico
 Drs. Toby & Tanya Ferguson
 Dr. Tracey Jubelirer & Mr. Jeffrey Jubelirer
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 Dr. & Mrs. Matthew C. Minick
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 Drs. Shireen & Steven Sims
 Drs. Anya Tatarchuk & David Wilfret
 Dr. Jon R. Ward

Class of 2002

Living Members 107
% Participation 10%
Amount Given \$770

Drs. Sara Connolly & Paul Gallogly
 Dr. & Mrs. Donald M. Downer
 Dr. John W. Gianini
 Dr. Jennifer Goldman Moss & Mr. Stephen Moss
 Dr. & Mrs. Timothy W. Jones
 Dr. Deepa J. Kamath
 Dr. Ashley Lentz & Mr. Robert Freezor
 Dr. Dikea Roussos-Ross & Mr. Michael Ross
 Dr. Tamara Vega & Mr. Brandon Vega
 Dr. Scott A. Wenk

Class of 2003

Living Members 111
% Participation 5%
Amount Given \$345

Dr. & Mrs. Jeremy P. Doak
 Dr. Angela L. Gianini

Dr. Ann E. Klega
 Dr. Sandra Laurencin & Mr. Esau Laurencin
 Dr. Cristin McMurray & Mr. Joseph Stegner
 Dr. Emily Y. Wu

Class of 2004

Living Members 116
% Participation 1%
Amount Given \$110

Dr. Zachary E. Brown
 Dr. Veronica A. Diaz

Class of 2005

Living Members 99
% Participation 3%
Amount Given \$200

Dr. & Mrs. Kevin S. Cahill
 Dr. Allison M. Haller
 Dr. Adam D. Price

Class of 2006

Living Members 115
% Participation 2%
Amount Given \$175

Dr. Tara M. Calabrese
 Dr. Janelle N. Haynes
 Dr. Karyn Tapley & Mr. Joseph Tapley

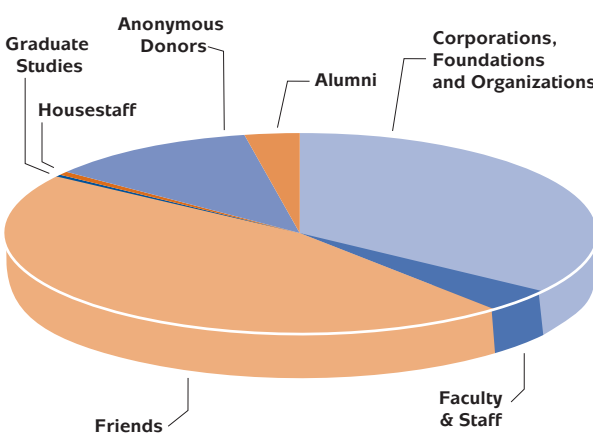
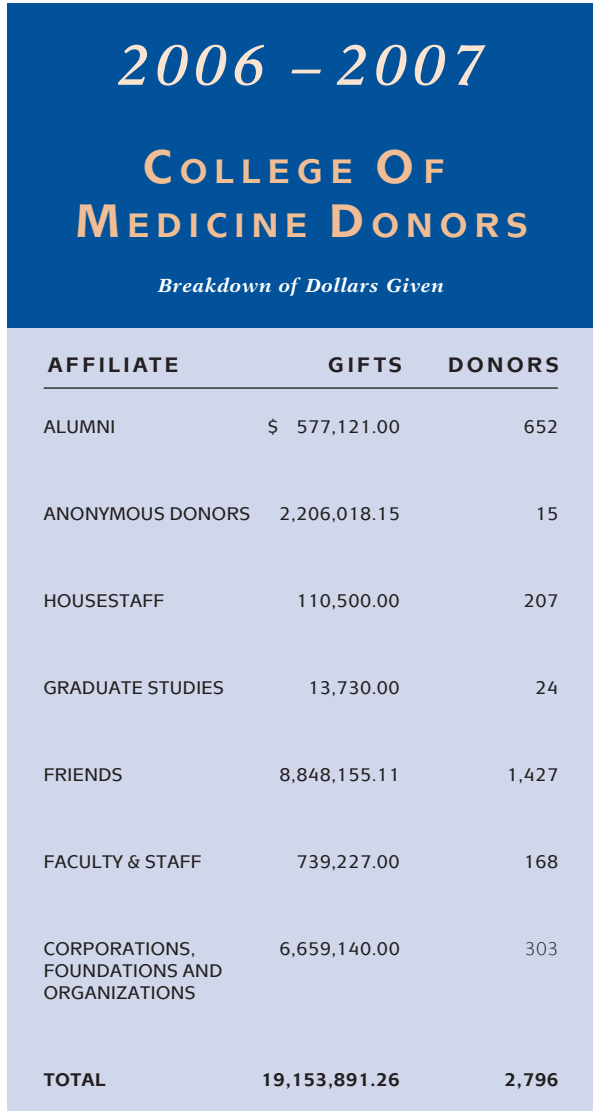
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UF, College of Medicine Kickoff Capital Campaign Looking to Tomorrow

On Sept. 28 the University of Florida formally kicked off the public phase of its \$1.5 billion capital campaign, Florida Tomorrow, and the College of Medicine wasted no time in getting the word out about its plan to raise \$315 million of that goal.

The day included more than 80 campus-wide events and symposia to showcase strengths as well as plans for the future, including a one-hour presentation at the College of Medicine Medical Science Building auditorium by top college officials.



The Florida Tomorrow Team. Staff members from the College of Medicine Office of Development and Shands HealthCare are poised to reach their goal during the University of Florida's \$1.5 billion capital campaign. Front row from left are: Elizabeth Bedell, director of principal gifts; Sandy Melching, director of development for Jacksonville; Ann Braun, associate dean of development. Back row from left are: Jennifer Heesacker, Shands development; Troy Munn, director of development for the Institute on Aging; Janette Vega, associate director of development for Jacksonville; Margaret Gaylord, director of development for pediatrics; and Kurt Hinrichsen, COM director of development.

“With greater levels of private funding, we will be unstoppable in building a greater College of Medicine, one that is a national champion in the battle against disease,” medical dean Bruce Kone, MD83, told the audience.

The day was capped off with the main event — a gala held at the Stephen C. O’Connell Center for more than 1,000 UF donors, faculty and alumni. Draped in black velvet and adorned with tables that glowed in shades of pink and blue, the O’Connell Center was transformed into a futuristic backdrop for the evening.

“For the University of Florida to continue on its track of excellence, and to continue to provide a valuable service and produce life-improving and life-changing research, we emphatically need a private fundraising effort of this magnitude,” said UF President Bernie Machen. “This capital campaign is the future of this university and the state, thus the title Florida Tomorrow.”

At the College of Medicine, private funds raised over the next five years are targeted for faculty, graduate and undergraduate support, campus enhancement and program and research support, including cancer, diabetes, aging and genetic research. Another major component of the campaign is to raise funds to build a modern education building that will provide the latest teaching facilities and technologies to transform the way clinical and research professionals are trained.

“I am proud of the tradition of excellence that has been established during the first 50 years of the College of Medicine,” Kone said. “But now, we face significant challenges as the sources of traditional funding shrink, threatening our ability to fulfill our three missions of education, research and patient care.”

Kone went on to say that philanthropic investment in medicine will make all the difference in the college’s ability to continue to serve, care and lead.

“Support for scholarships, research funds, professorships and a new education building will impact thousands of patients and families for decades to come,” he said.

UF’s \$1.5 billion goal places the campaign at seventh among public universities currently engaged in a capital campaign.

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A 10-Year-Old Girl's Wish Results in Millions Toward Children's Cancer Research

BY PRISCILLA SANTOS

Morning after morning, with the rising sun, she would jump on her parents' bed with a piece of paper and pen at hand and ask what the plan of the day was. She wanted to do something different, something meaningful everyday. She lived life abundantly despite her tragic circumstance.

After receiving devastating news of having cancer, any normal child might be sad, depressed and worried—but for Bonnie Freeman, it was the complete opposite. She lived her short life doing what she loved most—dancing, playing the trumpet, playing tennis and helping people. Her shining attitude endured while she was dying.

The 10-year-old girl made a difference during her short life. Before passing away in 1983, Bonnie and her family, including father, Howard Freeman, mother, Laurel Freeman, and sister, Carolyne, founded STOP! Children's Cancer, Inc., a local non-profit organization committed to the prevention, control and cure of cancer in children.

"Bonnie always told me 'let's do something to help kids not go through what I'm going through,' and that's how STOP! Children's Cancer got started," Freeman said.

Her final wish was one full of love and compassion. She wanted STOP! Children's Cancer to raise more than \$1 million for children with cancer.

Bonnie's wish came true on June 28, 2006, when STOP! Children's Cancer announced during its 25th anniversary fundraising gala a donation of \$1 million to the University of Florida to establish the STOP! Children's Cancer/ Bonnie R. Freeman professorship for pediatric oncology research in the College of Medicine. That gift is eligible for a state match from the State of Florida Trust Fund, increasing it to \$1.75 million by the end of the year.

"We have all taken her wish and made it into a reality," Freeman said. "It was the most memorable moment when we were able to present the check."



The leaders of STOP! Children's Cancer are from left: Howard Freeman, co-founder, W. J. Rossi, president and Julie Hill, Executive Director.

Bonnie's wish came true. Instead the opportunity to donate \$1 million has motivated the group to strengthen its mission.

One of the four fund-raising events organized yearly for STOP! Children's Cancer is the Bear-A-Thon auction on 97.3 K-Country around Valentine's Day, where callers can pledge a large stuffed bear toy that will be given to a child in the pediatric floor at Shands.

"The kids love them," said W. J. Rossi, president of STOP! Children's Cancer. "We had a mother call her and thank us because the bear her child was given was put in the child's casket."

STOP! Children's Cancer has three other yearly fundraisers: The Annual Fantasy Event, the Charity Golf Classic tournament and the Holiday Tradition: A Musical Celebration. The events are organized by many dedicated volunteers of STOP! Children's Cancer.

Every dollar raised, all the work organized, is a combination of passion, blood, sweat and tears, Rossi said. Their board is made up of 46 members who take their egos before the meetings and leave them outside. They're people who are ready to fight for children's cancer.

"We are never content," he said. "We really do care for the children."



Bonnie Freeman

In its 25 years of fundraising, STOP! Children's Cancer has given more than \$1.3 million toward pediatric cancer research projects, research scholars and equipment in the department of pediatric hematology and oncology in UF's College of Medicine.

STOP! Children's Cancer fundraising isn't going to stop just because

Member of UF's Third Medical Class Reestablishes Connection to His Alma Mater

Dr. Angelo Anaclerio remembers fondly the College of Medicine and the original faculty members who created such a special environment in those first few years. The 1962 UF medical graduate specifically recalls his admission interviews with the dean, Dr. George Harrell and pharmacology chairman, Dr. Thomas Maren.

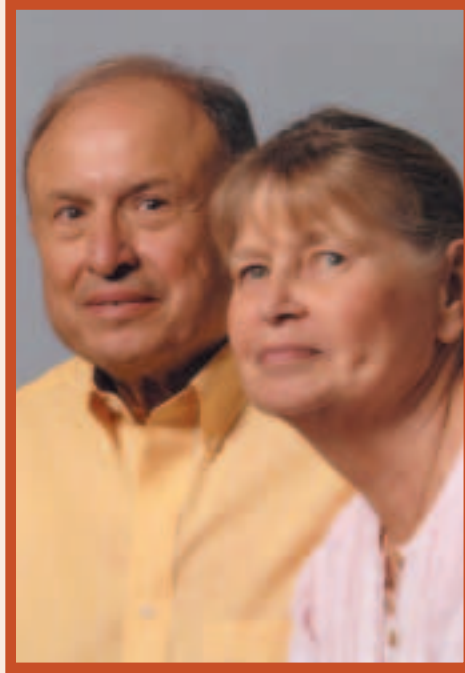
"They took a chance on me and I appreciate that," said Anaclerio, who last year donated \$100,000 from his IRA savings to the department of ophthalmology.

"My medical education was a fantastic opportunity that allowed me to be very successful," he said. "I'm glad I have a chance to give back."

Anaclerio, who operated a large ophthalmology practice in Danville, Ill. for 31 years, said his ties to the College of Medicine and the department of ophthalmology were the impetus behind his gift. He first graduated from UF with a pharmacy degree in 1958 and stayed for medical school. He returned to the college after an internship to complete his residency in ophthalmology, but after one year he was drafted into the Army and spent three years in Turkey.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Turkey," he recalled. "That's probably because it was the first time in more than eight years that I didn't have to go to school or study."

Anaclerio returned to the States and completed his ophthalmology training at George Washington University and later established his practice in Illinois.



Angelo Anaclerio, MD62, and his wife Alberta recently contributed \$100,000 to advance education within the department of ophthalmology at the College of Medicine.

It wasn't until he met current UF ophthalmology chairman, William Driebe, MD, at a meeting last year of the American Ophthalmology Academy that he reestablished old ties.

"I met Bill Driebe and (Dr.) Mel Rubin (professor and chairman emeritus of ophthalmology) and was very impressed with both of them," Anaclerio said. "Eventually I spoke to them about making a gift to the department."

Driebe explained that the \$100,000 endowed fund is expected to be matched by the state with an additional \$50,000 and will support educational activities within the department.

"This will greatly enhance our educational programs for the training of residents and fellows as well as provide funds for visiting professors and educational seminars," Driebe explained. "It will be a tremendous asset to our training mission."

Anaclerio, who with his wife Alberta recently made Sarasota their permanent home, said he decided to make his gift unrestricted to allow the department chair to determine its best use.

"I would like to see the department keep up with the rapid advances taking place in medicine and ophthalmology," Anaclerio said. "It is important to educate young residents and prepare them for what is new in the field."

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Drs. Shirley Graves and Jerome Modell spent the past few years volunteering their time and their passion in an effort to establish an endowment that honors two influential physicians and teachers in the department of anesthesiology at the College of Medicine. The retired faculty members recently thanked all those who contributed and announced that the T.W. Andersen, M.D. and Haven M. Perkins, M.D. educational endowment is funded.

In fact, the campaign surpassed the original goal of \$1 million, and the endowment now stands at \$1.3 million for anesthesiology educational programs.

"We are so grateful to all who contributed to this endowment that honors our former mentors," said Graves, who chaired the Andersen/Perkins endowment committee for five years. "Without the help of our alumni and friends of the department it would not have been possible."

Graves and Modell, a former chairman of the department of anesthesiology who spent 31 years at UF as a physician, teacher, researcher and administrator, spearheaded the campaign for the endowment by contacting former students and residents whose careers were influenced by Andersen and Perkins — both now deceased.

"How do we preserve the past and look forward to the future?" their campaign brochures asks. "The endowment honors the two teachers who gave so much to students, residents, nurses, anesthesiology faculty, and colleagues in other departments."

The department of anesthesiology grew from a modest beginning with two faculty members: founding chairman J.S. Gravenstein, MD, and Andersen. Soon they were joined by their first resident, Perkins, who eventually became a faculty member. The department evolved over the years into one of the top programs in the country.

"We focused primarily on former residents," explained Graves, who established UF's division of pediatric anesthesiology and the pediatric intensive care unit in the 1970s. "It really was a grass roots effort — we raised relatively small amounts that added up to a nice-sized endowment."

Most of those who donated to the fund had worked with T.W. and Perk, Graves said. Others who didn't personally know the two faculty members gave because they valued the education they received at the department.

"We, who were fortunate to have known T.W. and Perk, benefited personally and professionally from their influence," Graves said. "Many who didn't know them appreciated the fact that they were the foundation of the department and contributed so much to the department's educational endeavors."

Funds generated from the earnings of the endowment will be used to fund trainees' research projects, send residents to special meetings, support a visiting professor program as well as help the department meet other educational goals.

"None of which would be possible without the generosity of our former residents, alumni and friends," Graves added.



Retired long-time faculty members from the department of anesthesiology, Drs. Shirley Graves and Jerome Modell spearheaded a fundraising campaign to endow anesthesiology education at UF.

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The '60s Generation

EDITOR'S NOTE:

It was the 1960s and a world of hippies, political activism and rock and roll was born. The children of the '60s helped raise the country's collective consciousness and proved that the younger generation has a voice in our society. During that pivotal period in America's cultural history, the University of Florida turned out its first generation of medical graduates. In this series we highlight alumni from the College of Medicine's first decade — a group of physicians who have had a major impact on medicine and health care within their communities and beyond.



This 1967 Grad Has Learned What Matters in Life

There are about 1,500 different types of fly-fishing lines, and Dr. James C. Penrod can help you find exactly which one you need. After retiring from his pediatrics practice in Tallahassee and several medical mission trips, he went from healing children to spending his days along Florida's gulf coast fly fishing with a 9-foot rod at hand.

Penrod, a 1967 graduate from UF's College of Medicine, now lives in Port St. Joe where he enjoys practicing his fly casting as well as cooking, cycling and reading.

He mostly cooks Asian, Italian and Spanish dishes and occasionally dabbles in French and Hungarian foods. He and his wife recently started a neighborhood gourmet group. Almost all the cooking in his home is his responsibility, though, Penrod said.



James Penrod, MD67, a retired Tallahassee pediatrician, was chosen by his peers to be listed in "A Guide to America's Top Pediatricians."

"My wife really likes for me to make Chinese egg rolls, won tons and crab Rangoon," he said.

As a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers, he teaches on average one group class a month and offers occasional private lessons.

"I take great pleasure in helping people learn to fly cast and in their delight at being able to control the fly line," Penrod says. "Getting paid for having fun is an added extra."

Dr. James C. Penrod

Family: Married to Carol. Four children: Christopher, Jason, Peter and Ross.

Class of: 1967

Specialty: Practicing pediatrics for 28 years in Tallahassee

Current hometown: Port St. Joe, Fla.

Vivid memory from medical school: Smiley Hill's laugh and enthusiasm and the closeness of his class. They were like a "big family."

One of life's Pleasures: Waking up daily with no alarm clock

His medical career took him overseas to the Caribbean many times. He spent two months in Jamaica with Project Hope seeing diseases he had only read about in text books, he said. His team treated three cases of tetanus, from which two patients survived. They also treated cases of hypoglycemia, caused by eating raw ackee fruit.

From his many trips to Haiti, his most vivid memory is how grateful the people were and how delightful they were to help.

"They really seem to enjoy getting me to try out my Haitian Creole as I was almost fluent by my fifth trip," Penrod said.

The poverty was beyond belief in Haiti, he said. They saw leprosy, elephantiasis, whooping cough, malaria and myriad cases of intestinal parasites. However, despite the troubles he saw there, he learned one valuable life lesson from Haiti — happiness doesn't come from what you own.

"It does not take money, wealth or luxurious surroundings to be happy," he said.

Sometimes happiness can come from the smaller things in life — some good food and a perfect cast.



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Sage Advice Offered to First-Year Medical Students

As the College of Medicine class of 2011 walked into their first day of orientation, feelings of anticipation and nervousness filled the air. They were quickly greeted with words of advice from one faculty member.

“How do you go to medical school and keep your underwear clean?” asked Larry Rooks, MD, associate professor of community health and family medicine and director of the AHEC Program, as he introduced his PowerPoint presentation for new students during their first week of classes.

The College of Medicine proudly welcomed 134 students, out of over 3,000 applicants, as the new incoming class on August 14 during orientation. The class includes 60 females and 74 males from across the United States.

This year’s class is diverse, well-balanced, and students have accomplishments that go above and beyond good grades, said Robert Watson, MD69, senior associate dean for educational affairs.

“We not only look for students who are smart but students who are good people,” he said.

Although attending medical school does have the reputation of driving any normal person insane, the classes, exams and rotations are not going to be the only stressors they’ll have.

“You’re interpersonal relationships are what will drive you crazy, especially the boyfriends who are psychotic and girlfriends who are crazy,” said Rooks.

Another hard part is figuring out how to make adjustments.



First-year College of Medicine students prepare for their second set of exams in late October. From left are Aaron Falchook, Danny Estupinan and Raj Loungani.

“Students have to learn that when they have a test on Monday, and it’s their mom’s birthday on the weekend, they can’t drive home,” said Dr. Watson. “A phone call will just have to do.”

As first-year medical students are exposed to their first set of classes, the expectations for themselves are high — sometimes too high.

“You will feel guilty when you make a B on an exam,” said Rooks, “but when that happens, you should tell yourselves ‘terrific’ and smile because receiving a B in med school is a very good thing.”

Each year of medical school will have different feel to it, Rooks explained.

“The first year you’ll realize that getting your undergraduate (degree) was a piece of cake compared to medical school, and during the second year, students tend to get what is comically known as ‘the sophomore disease.’

“You’ll take a class where you will learn about the different diseases, and while talking about the symptoms, you’ll think you have that disease,” said Rooks, with a laugh to the classroom filled with anxious students.

Another word of advice Rooks gave students: adopt an alien.

The issue of aliens is a big one at medical school, he said. The aliens come to UF from the planet “know-it-all.” They are the students who know every answer to the test without studying. To which Rooks suggested, instead of hating them, adopt one into your study group.

— Priscilla Santos

Jacksonville Proves to be a Hot Bed for Clinical Trails

Many years ago, the only advice Mobeen H. Rathore, MD, could give a mother whose newborn infant was HIV positive was to make the best of the couple of years her baby had left. The infant more than likely would not live to see his 10th birthday.

Ten years later, Rathore, founder of the University of Florida Rainbow Center for Women, Adolescents, Children and Families, part of the UF College of Medicine-Jacksonville, received a phone call he’ll never forget.

“The mother who I had given that advice to called me and said, ‘I just wanted to let you know it’s my son’s tenth birthday today,’” he said. “He had been involved in so many studies and clinical trials, and it helped.”

As the only comprehensive pediatric and family focused AIDS program in North Florida, the Rainbow Center is just one example of the numerous clinical trials taking place daily throughout Jacksonville. Due to its growth in population, diversity, academic centers and community hospitals, Jacksonville is becoming hot for clinical trials. Clinical trials establish the success of a new drug, medical device or treatment and also provide valuable clinical research.

Shands at Jacksonville has strong clinical programs with about 70 coordinators whose focus is to recruit trails, said Alan Berger, assistant dean of research at the University of Florida in Jacksonville.

Clinical trails are required before a drug or treatment can be released to the public. But in many cases, clinical trials are the only option left after patients with terminal



Photo by Sarah Kiewel

Dr. Mobeen Rathore, founded the Rainbow Center, where its mission is to enhance the quality of life of children, adolescents and families affected by HIV by providing compassionate, comprehensive care.

illnesses whose previous treatment has failed. Rathore, who is also professor & associate chairman, of pediatric infectious diseases and immunology at UF in Jacksonville, sees patients in similar situations everyday.

The main goal for clinical trails, especially in the Rainbow Center, is to add to the clinical and scientific knowledge to serve our patients better but they also give patients the opportunity to access cutting edge medical care that they may not otherwise be able to access, Rathore said.

“The patients who come into the Rainbow Center have very chaotic and difficult lives, so we try to make them feel as comfortable as we can,” he said. “We hug them and call them by their first name. We want them to feel welcome.”

— Priscilla Santos

Little and Strong

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Strong is the second president of the Florida Academy of Family Physicians from her hometown, the second female African-American president and the second East Gadsden High School graduate to hold the position. Little was the first.

Practicing in Quincy, they were able to help patients who didn’t have the means to travel to larger cities for health care.

“Many of our patients did not have transportation,” Little says. “And really, some folks in town, no matter how sick they were, wouldn’t have made an effort to travel to see a doctor. So it was a very good thing that we were right in town.”

Patients feel a sense of security in their own town and around the people they know, which is why many of them stay in the same place their entire lives, Strong says.

“We grew up with many of our patients,” Strong says. “We already had a connection with them and that helped them feel more comfortable.”

Sometimes a bit too comfortable, they say jokingly. Even today, no matter where they go, people ask them medical-related questions.

“I remember when one of my patients at church came to me and promptly removed her baby’s diaper to show me his diaper rash,” Little says.

Even church may serve as a site for patient care for the small town family doctors.