

Director's Report



When Dr. Murali asked me to return to the Foundation to take up where I had left off some decades ago it took me all of 30 seconds to say yes. It was an exciting opportunity to continue my dedication to the Marshfield Clinic Health Care System and all of the patients it serves. In the past I've been involved in so many activities related to research, service and education and I can't tell you how pleased I am to find so many friends that I have known for many years. Many were colleagues at the Clinic, Foundation, SHP and MCIS. I have been welcomed by all especially my colleagues at MCRF. I took the opportunity to meet with all of the members of the senior staff and many in

administration on a one-on-one basis to help me get my bearings and understand what has happened in the organization over the years. I have found great enthusiasm, incredible talent and a thirst for new knowledge. In my meetings with the Center Directors it was apparent that they all have their eye on the ball, focusing most of the research efforts on the patient and their care. Sometimes it's a little difficult to see that when the work is on the cutting edge, but if you look carefully you will find the relationships.

As with any organization there is room for improvement and we are looking at everything in order to find those areas where we can become more effective and efficient. When I first joined the Foundation it was in simpler times and we did not have all the regulation and compliance issues which are now so very important to protect the patients. To comply and still have the research move forward is sometimes a delicate process and we are working hard to make that happen.

I was also pleased to see so many new projects that were either on the boards and have now been submitted or are in the process of application. I see the great work being done in all of our Centers and to just look at a few we are working on they include the genetics and the new Precision Medicine Initiative for the Center for Human Genetics, the Novavax Study, the vaccine effectiveness studies for the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Population Health (CCEPH) and the work for the safety of children and farmers in the National Farm Medicine Center (NFMC). The work being done by the Institute for Oral and Systemic Health (IOSH) is something that is the envy of many institutions around the country. We also have a long tradition of drug research in our Clinical Research Center (CRC) which continues to grow. All of this is tied together by the central nervous system found in the Biomedical Informatics Research Center (BIRC) and the Integrated Research and Development Laboratory (IRDLD). I can't describe how pleased I am of the work being done by the scientists and staff in all of these centers.

It is time to look at how we are organized and develop a plan for the future at the next level for the Foundation. A good measure will be an extension of the work already in progress along with looking at new ways to conduct research in the service of medicine and the patients. We have been thinking in terms of moving towards a more organized approach to Health Services
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Research some of which is being done even today in our centers. This is research that deals primarily with quality, cost, access, financing and economics. Ultimately it focuses these research efforts on the patients and their care in the most effective and efficient way. In this way we can help our physicians truly define value. All of this will take an examination of our infrastructure to find ways to support all of the efforts going on in our centers.

I want to thank Dr. Murali and all of the staff who have supported me thus far in this new endeavor. I am here to serve all of you so that we can ultimately all serve the patient. My thanks also go to the System Board, the Clinic Board of SHP and MCIS for their support.

Associate Director's Report



Welcome back to the continuing editions of *Research Matters*. We've fallen off for a couple of months, but I'm happy to say that we are back on track. Patti Baer will be your main contact for news items and announcements to include in *Research Matters*. She recently moved into her new role as Project Manager, where in addition to managing our newsletter, Patti will be coordinator for ICTR and the Summer Student Internship program, among other responsibilities. We've had other personnel announcements as well. I'm happy to announce our new Scientific Writer, Emily Andreae, who has already jumped into several projects.

On a larger scale, you may remember that we were holding a contest to select the new name combining our offices, including Administration, *Clinical Medicine & Research*, Research Protections, Scientific Writing, Sponsored Programs and Fiscal Affairs. Out of a total of 94 responses, 49% of respondents selected Research Administration and Resources as the new name. Congratulations to Marie Fleisner in the Office of Scientific Writing for initially proposing the name. The results are below:

Proposed Title	# Responses	Ratio
Research Administration and Resources	46	0.49
Administrative Team Support	7	0.07
Administration and Centralized Support Services	20	0.21
Administration and Centralized Support Offices	4	0.04
Centralized Administrative Support Services	17	0.18
<i>TOTAL</i>	94	1.00

Each office will retain its function and identity. Our focus is how to coordinate our offices to serve as a cohesively functional unit to facilitate the development and completion of projects. Your comments and suggestions are welcome to this end.

Institute for Oral and Systemic Health (IOSH) becomes MCRF's sixth core research entity

IOSH joins BIRC as core research entities, along with Clinical Research Center, National Farm Medicine Center, Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Population Health and Center for Human Genetics.

Founded in April 2014 and initially operating out of MCRF's Biomedical Informatics Research Center (BIRC), IOSH was developed in collaboration with the Clinic's Division of Education and Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc. (FHC). As a dental research program, IOSH uses applied, preventive and basic science research; patient and provider education; and informatics/information technology to better align medicine and dentistry in a growing effort to improve quality of patient care and lower overall health care costs.

"Recognizing and elevating IOSH's status within our organization will signal to potential collaborators and funding agencies our organization's commitment to this important field of research," said Dr. Amit Acharya, IOSH founding director. "That increases the likelihood of accelerating discovery, innovation and translation of this core research field by realizing new opportunities and enabling IOSH to serve as a global leader in the area of oral-systemic health."

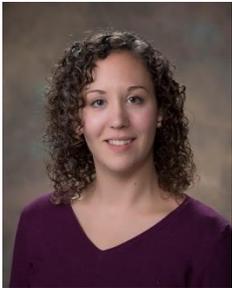
Over the past 18 months, IOSH has:

- Secured \$2.5 million in grants and contracts for oral-systemic health-related research and educational opportunities.
- Created a cross-disciplinary, collaborative platform between MCRF scientists and staff, Division of Education, Marshfield Clinic Information Services, Inc. (MCIS), FHC, Security Health Plan of Wisconsin, Inc., and external organizations.
- Established a National Advisory Council composed of internationally-recognized experts to advise IOSH on key strategies for growth and operation.
- Provided educational and training opportunities through resident research, post-doctoral fellowship and research internships.
- Hosted one of three oral health informatics post-doctoral fellowship programs in the U.S. and collaborated with CHG to develop one of the few oral-systemic bio banks in the nation.

Educating future dental professionals is a critical component to addressing the community's dental care needs and a shortage of dentists, technicians and hygienists. The Clinic's Division of Education recently was accredited and started an Advanced Education in General Dentistry program and IOSH supports dental residents' research.

"IOSH's mission, goals and accomplishments demonstrate how Marshfield Clinic works toward improving patient health through the latest research, technology and best practices," said Clinic Executive Director Dr. Narayana Murali. "Improving oral health, a key factor in a patient's overall health, allows them to enjoy life to the fullest."

National Farm Medicine Center (NFMC) Welcomes New Staff



The National Farm Medicine Center welcomes Research Specialist **Kathrine Barnes, M.S., M.P.H.**, to its staff. Barnes is trained in medical anthropology and public health. She is working primarily with Casper Bendixsen, Ph.D., on the Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, Farm Injury and Illness Surveillance, and Spheres of Influence projects. She conducts participant-observation fieldwork, interviews, and leverages existing data sets to more broadly impact farm safety and rural health.

Barnes' background includes working on a variety of research projects at many levels, from data entry to co-principal investigator. Her research has been in substance abuse treatment communities and prescription drug abuse, in both urban and rural settings. She obtained her bachelor's degrees in anthropology and psychology from Texas Tech University and her master's degrees in anthropology and public health from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"Kate's dual training in anthropology and public health make her uniquely qualified to leverage the ethnographically informed research we're doing to improve the agricultural community's health and safety," Bendixsen said.



NFMC has hired its first-ever research coordinator, **Emily Redmond**, to assist primarily with the Agricultural Safety Consulting service and the Seguridad en las Lecherias (Safety in Dairies) project.

Redmond, a 2013 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, grew up in rural Pittsville, Wis.

"A bit of that agricultural life has stuck with me, and now working in the National Farm Medicine Center I can get a sense of that once again, while giving back in a productive, meaningful way," Redmond said.

Redmond majored in sociology at UW-Stevens Point, with minors in anthropology and environmental studies. She comes to the Farm Center from the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation Clinical Research Center. Prior to that, she was a market development intern at the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) in Custer, Wis.

"Emily's educational background in sociology combined with her experience in clinical research really makes her a versatile member of NFMC," said Iris Reyes, M.P.H., coordinator of Seguridad and Ag Safety Consulting. "Her sincere enthusiasm and ability to learn quickly are highly appreciated. I am truly excited to see her grow in this position."

The Seguridad project is testing culturally-appropriate, popular education approaches and the promotor de salud, or community health worker model, to provide health and safety training to immigrant dairy workers in Wisconsin.

As of the end of August, the Seguridad project had trained 798 workers on 67 farms for a total of 2,334 training hours provided. Workers participating in the trainings show a clear increase in safety knowledge, according to preliminary data.

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The National Children’s Center/National Farm Medicine Center is pleased to announce **Lori Breitzke** as its administrative secretary. Breitzke came to the Farm Center from Marshfield Clinic, where she worked in Financial Services and as an education program specialist. Breitzke grew up in Marshfield on her grandparents’ homestead so she was surrounded by the farming community. “To be able to combine my childhood background with the health care world that I am already a part of seemed like a good fit.”

Breitzke assists in all aspects of the Children’s Center and Farm Center operations including scheduling, organizing daily activities, and assisting all members of the NFMC staff with any needs.

Breitzke’s education is in clothing design and manufacturing. She established a niche business sewing and designing clothing for special needs children whether due to medical condition or accident through Marshfield Clinic and Saint Joseph’s Hospital, with funding from Children’s Miracle Network. Through this she has found a more profound importance in safety especially with children growing up on farms.

CHG Scientist Named to Editorial Board – Journal of Clinical Microbiology

Sanjay Shukla, Ph.D. has been reappointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Microbiology for an additional three-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.



Dr. Shukla was recommended for this appointment by Dr. Alexander McAdam, Editor-in-Chief and by authority of Timothy Donohue, President, of the journal. This term is an extension of his 2013-2015 appointment.

Dr. Shukla previously served on the board from 2000-2008.

Recent Publications, Grants, and Awards

This column is to highlight recent accomplishments of MCRF researchers and MC clinical investigators.

Please select the hyperlinks to view recent [publications](#) and [grants](#) for the first quarter.

If you have recently published an article or received a grant or an award and want it included in the next issue of *Research Matters*, please contact Patti Baer at baer.patricia@mcrf.mfldclin.edu

For more, please visit <http://www.marshfieldresearch.org/>

Dr. Dart Receives ACP Mastership

Dr. Richard Dart, Center for Human Genetics Emeritus Research Clinician was recently named a “Master” of the American College of Physicians. Please join the Center for Human Genetics in congratulating Dr. Dart on this prestigious award.



One of the goals of the American College of Physicians is to “recognize excellence and distinguished contributions to internal medicine.” As a way of achieving this goal, the College offers a limited number of Masterships each year.

ACP Bylaws state that Masters shall be Fellows who have been selected because of “integrity, positions of honor, eminence in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine.” Masters must be highly accomplished persons demonstrating eminence in practice, leadership, or in medical research. Evidence of their achievements can come from many types of endeavors such as notoriety within their field and/or ACP chapter, research, education, health care initiatives, volunteerism, and administrative positions. The Master must be distinguished by the excellence and significance of his or her contributions to the field of medicine.

Congratulations Dr. Dart!

The 2015-16 Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness study team



The staff in the Center for Clinical Epidemiology & Population Health (CCEPH) has kicked off another season of flu vaccine effectiveness research in collaboration with CDC and 4 other U.S. sites. Comprised of full-time staff and seasonal employees, the Marshfield flu team is currently enrolling adults and children who seek care for acute respiratory illness. The flu season is off to a slow start this year, but there may be enough cases to estimate vaccine effectiveness by late February.

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CCEPH Investigators Honored for Contribution to Vaccine Safety

Two investigators from the Center for Clinical Epidemiology & Population Health were honored for their contributions to vaccine safety research. Awards were presented at the annual meeting for the Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) in November 2015. VSD is a collaborative project between the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and nine health care organizations, including Marshfield Clinic Health System.

James Donahue, DVM, PhD was the recipient of the Margarette Kolczak Award for outstanding contributions in biostatistics and epidemiology in the field of vaccine safety. Dr. Donahue has been part of the Marshfield VSD team for over 12 years, has authored or coauthored over a dozen publications related to vaccine safety, and has been a key contributor to many VSD studies. He was recognized for his leadership and careful analysis of results for the VSD studies evaluating spontaneous abortion and influenza vaccine.



Edward Belongia, MD was the recipient for the S. Michael Marcy Award for outstanding clinical research and policy contributions in the field of vaccine safety. Dr. Belongia has been the Marshfield Principal Investigator for VSD since 2001 and has authored or coauthored more than 30 publications related to vaccine safety. He also serves on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices evaluating evidence and providing guidance for national vaccine policy.

“It’s a real honor to be the first recipient of this award in honor of Dr. Mike Marcy, who passed away in 2014,” says Dr. Belongia. “Mike was an outstanding researcher and clinician at UCLA who made major contributions to infectious disease policy and education in the United States. He was a strong advocate for vaccine safety research, and he was a regular attendee at our VSD investigator meetings for many years. Mike was a great role model and friend, and I am grateful for this award and the opportunity to honor his legacy.”

Compliance Notes



NIH Issues 'Significant Changes Document'

Although NIH intends to issue a revised grants policy statement sometime next month, on Oct. 27 it announced a two-page "Significant Changes" document that "summarizes the notable grants policy changes and clarifications" in effect for fiscal year (FY) 2016. Most add details to requirements that have previously been announced, such as to NIH's genomic data sharing policy and reporting mandates related to clinicaltrials.gov. (Taken from the "Report on Research

Compliance.) Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-017.html>

Updates from ORIP/IRB

CONTINUING REVIEWS (CR)

Once a study is IRB approved, the Principal Investigator (PI) receives written notification of the approval, study expiration date, and PI Responsibilities following IRB Approval. One of the responsibilities listed is to **ensure that your research undergoes continuing review by submitting a continuing review report prior to your research's expiration date**. As a courtesy, approximately 45 days prior to a study's expiration date, the Office of Research Integrity & Protections (ORIP) staff will notify the PI that the expiration date is nearing and that continuing review must take place. However, if for some reason ORIP inadvertently misses sending out the courtesy reminder and/or the PI doesn't receive the reminder, the continuing review submission remains the responsibility of the PI.



If the submission is received too late to be reviewed by the convened IRB, after a study's expiration date, or not submitted at all, the study is no longer considered approved by, or open with the IRB, thus all study activity must stop, and no new subjects may be enrolled.

ORIP wants to continue to work as a team with PIs to protect the safety and welfare of enrolled subjects and ensure inadvertent expiration does not occur, therefore, ORIP will continue to send out the courtesy reminders but would like to suggest that PIs help keep track of study expiration as well, if they aren't already by adding a reminder to their Outlook calendar, or creating a shared Google Calendar where important study-related deadlines/tasks could be managed and accessed by other members of their research team.

IRB FORMS

Located in the Policy & Handbook Library – Forms section are all of the ORIP/IRB Forms. Occasionally these forms require some revisions in order to assist in making the content requested clearer for the user to answer and to make the form consistent with the policy/procedure. In addition, minor administrative changes such as a name change may be necessary. Over the past several months, the following forms have been updated:

IRB Application - New Research (May 5, 2015)

IRB Waiver - Documentation of Consent & Authorization (May 5, 2015)

IRB Review Determination Request (June 30, 2015)

IRB ICH GCP Adverse Even Report (Aug. 28, 2015)

IRB Institutional Certification Form for deferred studies (Sept. 9, 2015)

IRB Consistency Review Checklist (Sept. 18, 2015)

IRB Exempt Request (December 9, 2015)

IRB Request to Defer IRB Oversight (December 9, 2015)

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It is suggested that the IRB Forms be accessed directly from the Forms Library rather than saving it to the desktop or another folder to ensure that the most current version is being filled out and submitted to ORIP for review. Not using the most current version of the IRB Form may cause delays in processing your request.

ORIP WEBSITE

The Office of Research Integrity & Protections (ORIP) website has been updated and is now located at this URL: <https://www.marshfieldresearch.org/orip>

The ORIP website is categorized into three submenus: Overview, Committees/Boards, and Research Participants. The Overview links users to our home page and our Staff/Board/Committee Chairs page along with shortcut links to the IRB Meeting Timeline, IRB Agenda, CITI Home page & email link to contact our office. The Committee/Boards submenu links the user to the Scientific Review Committee, the Human Research Protections/Institutional Review Board (IRB), the Institutional Biosafety Committee, Conflict of Interest Committee along with Data/Material Transfers. Within each of the committee/board links are resources for the Investigators, research staff and Committee members, such as forms, protocol formats, reference manuals, policies, review criteria, education videos, additional research resource sites along with the IRB meeting timeline. The Research Participant submenu is designed for providing information to individuals who are interested in volunteering to participate in research or just learning more about research. There is also a very informative book for children and their parents to learn more about research participation called “Sophie’s Science Project”.

Please feel free to look around and give us your feedback.

Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation to co-host 22nd Annual Health Care Systems Research Network Conference

Planning activities are continuing for the 22nd Annual Conference of the Health Care Systems Research Network (HCSRN) (formerly known as HMO Research Network). Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation will co-host the conference along with Henry Ford Health System Research Centers, Detroit, MI. The three-day conference will be held April 14-16, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, GA. Robert Greenlee, PhD, MPH at MCRF and Lois Lamerato, PhD at HFHS are the Scientific Co-chairs. MCRF last cohosted the 14th annual meeting in 2008, in Minneapolis, MN.

The 2016 conference theme will be **“Advancing Population Health: New Models and The Role of Research.”** Early bird registration pricing ends February 16th. Visit www.HCSRNmeeting.org for more information about the conference.

IOSH Researchers to present at the American Association of Dental Research (AADR) Annual Meeting & Exhibition

The IOSH team was recently informed that all eight of the research study abstracts they submitted for review were accepted for presentation at the 45th Annual Meeting & Exhibition of the AADR, which will take place in Los Angeles, California on March 16-19, 2016. In addition, the research team's abstracts will be published online as Special Issues of the Journal of Dental Research (JDR).

Scientific presentations by the IOSH Researchers include:

- **Amit Acharya**, Associate Research Scientist/Director of IOSH, will share the preliminary study results for "Low Oral Health Literacy Predicts Poor Oral Hygiene in Adults" in a poster format.
Authors: Samantha Wong (2015 IOSH Intern-AHEC CHIP), Kelsey Schwei, Amit Acharya & Jeff VanWormer
- **Ingrid Glurich**, Project Scientist, will provide a poster presentation on a recent study entitled, "Longitudinally Characterizing GFR & Periodontal Status Using a Combined EHR."
Authors: Ingrid Glurich, Richard Berg, Rajesh Koralkar, Narayana Murali & Amit Acharya
- **Harshad Hegde**, Informatics Research Architect, will present a poster on the topic of "Smoking Status Classification of Clinical Notes Using Natural Language Processing."
Authors: Harshad Hegde, Neil Shimpi, Gary Pack, Reihaneh Rostami & Amit Acharya
- **Will Ray**, Programmer/Analyst Senior, will provide a poster presentation on "DentaSeal: A Web-Based Application for School-based Sealant Programs."
Authors: Will Ray, Annie Steinmetz, Harshad Hegde, Shawn Halstead, Kate Thomas, Neel Shimpi & Amit Acharya
- **Reihaneh Rostami**, 2015 SRIP Intern, will give an oral presentation on the topic of, "Oral Cancer Risk Assessment Using Machine Learning Algorithms."
Authors: Reihaneh Rostami, Harshad Hegde, Neil Shimpi, Gary Pack, Brent Olson & Amit Acharya
- **Kelsey Schwei**, Research Specialist, MS-Informatics, will be sharing a poster presentation entitled, "Usability Heuristic Evaluation of a Web-based Case Simulator for Dentists."
Authors: Kelsey Schwei, Kate Thomas, Andrea Mahnke, Neel Shimpi, Vijayakumar Thirumalai, Chris Enstad, Kim Johnson, Olga Godlevsky, Neil Johnson, Bill Rush & Amit Acharya
- **Neel Shimpi**, Research Specialist, MS-Informatics, will deliver an oral presentation entitled, "Awareness, Knowledge & Attitude of Patients towards Oral Cancer."
Authors: Neel Shimpi, Monica Jethwani, Aditi Bharatkumar, Po-Huang Chyou, Ingrid Glurich & Amit Acharya
- **Annie Steinmetz**, Applications Analyst-Senior, will present a poster on the topic of "User-Centered Design Approach for Developing Web-based Dental Sealant Registry."
Authors: Annie Steinmetz, Will Ray, Harshad Hegde, Shaun Halstead, Neel Shimpi & Amit Acharya

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IOSH Researchers to present at AADR Annual Meeting

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The American Association for Dental Research (AADR) is headquartered in Alexandria, Va., is a non-profit organization with more than 3,700 members in the United States. Its mission is (1) to advance research and increase knowledge for the improvement of oral health; (2) to support and represent the oral health research community; and (3) to facilitate the communication and application of research findings. The AADR is the largest Division of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR).

Upcoming Talks and Presentations

Infectious Disease Journal Club

The next ID Journal Club will be held on **Thursday, February 4th** at noon in the ML50 conference room. Kate Barnes, MS, MPH, Medical Anthropology and Public Health, National Farm Medicine Center and Casper Bendixsen, PhD, Assoc. Research Scientist also from NFMC will be addressing the broad topics of vaccination and perceived risks with special reference to influenza and HPV vaccines. The discussion will include biocitizenship in the context of vaccine refusal and the HPV vaccine as well as medical decision-making.

If you are interested in this noontime journal club and are not currently on the club's email list, please contact Ms. Brenda Potts to be added.

PreventionGenetics Seminar Series

Save the date! PreventionGenetics will be offering a Seminar Series in 2016. The following speakers and topics are currently scheduled with additional seminars to be announced in the future.

April 22: Dr. Hassold - Aneuploidy & Sex Development

June 30: Dr. Eichler - Homology

Sept TBD: Dr. Shapiro – Ciliopathies

Grand Rounds (12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Froehlke Auditorium)

Friday, February 5:

Dyslipidemia Clinical Updates

Shankar Bettadahalli, MD, Endocrinologist and Tonja Larson, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP, CGP, Clinical Pharmacist

Friday, February 12:

No Grand Rounds

Friday, February 19:

Importance of Leadership in Healthcare: Thoughts on the Eve of Retirement

Jeffrey Grossman, MD, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, UW School of Medicine and Public Health

Friday, February 26:

The Power of Emotional Intelligence

Jami Kaiser, Patient Experience Educator, Marshfield Clinic Corporate Education

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CCEPH Holiday Giving

The recent Holiday Season was especially fun and meaningful for the Center for Clinical Epidemiology & Population Health (CCEPH) team, who gathered together for a Food Drive in support of Soup or Socks (SOS). CCEPH's donations, collected for and delivered to SOS between December 7th – 17th, were beyond belief – totaling 1226 items and also \$20 cash!

The CCEPH event included fun competition – breaking staff into 5 Reindeer teams, assigning a point system to donations (higher needs were given higher points) and running a “sock” challenge. Holiday socks were higher points, and hung from garland *with care* - check out the festive pictures!



Abby Winkler and DeeAnn Polacek



Deanna Cole, Jeremy Pomeroy, and Becky Pilsner

We learned much about SOS in the process. SOS is a United Way Program and an emergency Food Pantry, with all referrals coming through the North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP). Other than their Director, SOS is staffed entirely by volunteers.

Dr. Belongia received a gracious Thank You letter from SOS Director, Cheryl Hartl. In it, Ms. Hartl expressed that CCEPH's effort was *“nothing short of remarkable. We do not often have that level of attention to our needs... There is not a true value that can be placed on collaboration with the community such as this drive. It is absolutely priceless to our organization... I hope that we can work together again in the future. Working together is how we make Marshfield a fantastic place to work and live.”*

Congratulations to TEAM BLITZEN for taking “first” place with 952 “points.” BLITZEN was led by captain Jillette Petersen, and supported by members Jim Donahue, Terry Foss, Becky Pilsner, DeeAnn Polacek, Carla Rottscheit, Kailani Trainor-Bird, and Abby Winkler. Teams DONNER and DANCER followed close behind. Each member on all 5 CCEPH Reindeer Teams was essential to the Food Drive's overall success!

Many thanks to all of CCEPH for making a difference in our local community through huge generosity, enthusiasm and collegiality! Special thanks to Jenny King and Liz Vickers for the idea and extra support in running the event.

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In Addition:

- The next Full Foundation meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2016 at 2PM in the Froehlke Auditorium. Questions can be routed or emailed to Jeanette Normington at 1R3 or normington.jeanette@mcrf.mfldclin.edu.
- The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on February 11, 2016 at 6PM in the Laird 50 conference room.
- For the latest issue of the UW-Madison newsletter, *ICTR Today*, please click here: <https://ictr.wisc.edu/Newsletters>.
- For updates on the Wisconsin Network for Health Research (WiNHR), please visit: <https://ictr.wisc.edu/winhr>
- The Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation website can be accessed through this link: <http://marshfieldresearch.org/>. You will find in depth articles, news about upcoming presentations, and achievements by the staff. There are also links to each Center, with detailed information about the staff and projects.
- *Research Matters* is always accepting announcements. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

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