Donor tours prove popular

Over 100 donors had a chance to tour the Wolfson Medical School Building and the BHF Cardiovascular Research Centre earlier this year.

All donors to both campaigns were invited, giving them the opportunity to meet some of the staff and students working in the buildings and to find out more about the research and teaching taking place. For some, it was their first chance to see the buildings since they donated to the campaigns almost ten years ago. Professor Barlow, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Professor Anna Dominiczak, Head of the BHF Cardiovascular Research Centre, were there to greet donors and introduce the work that has been taking place.

The Wolfson Medical School Building opened in 2002 and trains over 200 doctors a year in a state of the art teaching environment.

The BHF Cardiovascular Research Centre opened three years later in 2005 and since then the Centre has united the entire cardiovascular academic portfolio together with closely related work on stroke, diabetes, obesity, endocrinology and clinical pharmacology to create the biggest clinical and research division in the Faculty of Medicine; The Division of Cardiovascular and Medical Sciences.

Due to the success of the tours, we will be looking to hold similar events in the coming year. If you would like to take a tour of either building then please contact Laura Crouchman on the contact details listed on the page.

Glengad to Glasgow – a Cycling Adventure

Earlier this year, five members of the Galloway Mountain Rescue Team successfully completed their 200 mile cycle-ride from Glengad in North Donegal to King’s Park in Glasgow. They were raising money for brain cancer research at the University of Glasgow and the funds will be used for Professor Roy Rampling’s research at the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre. They were cycling in memory of Michael Duffy, a relative of one of the riders, who lost his battle with cancer in 2008.

They completed their cycle after a total of 12 hours and 59 minutes in the saddle and were welcomed by a cheering crowd outside Michael’s home in Glasgow.

Kenneth Mackenzie and Mandy Duffy, Michael’s widow, visited Professor Rampling at the Beatson to present him with a cheque for almost £15,000. Professor Roy Rampling said “this is an amazing achievement. It is through donors like these that we are able to support young researchers and continue our vital work”.

The funds raised will be used to support a researcher looking at cancer stem cells and why they are particularly resistant to treatment. Once the cells have been identified the researcher will look at how this resistance can be reduced. This will then hopefully be translated into meaningful patient treatments.
Introduction from the Chairman

This edition of the Medical Fund newsletter focuses on how the Faculty of Medicine has been supported by the Medical Education Fund and highlights an exciting new initiative in which the Faculty have been using volunteer patients to train our young doctors.

Earlier this year, all our donors to the Wolfson Medical School Building and BHF Cardiovascular Research Centre had the opportunity to tour the buildings, meet some of the staff that work there, and find out more about the research taking place. The events were a great success, with very positive feedback from our donors, and we hope to hold similar events in 2010.

We are also pleased to announce in this newsletter that the Beatson Pebble Appeal has reached the halfway stage. We have raised £5m of the £10m needed to build the Beatson Translational Research Centre and we have been delighted with the support we have been receiving from our donors and alumnae.

This edition demonstrates some of the creative and exciting ways our supporters have been raising funds. I hope the stories will inspire you to join them.

Professor Sir Michael Bond
Campaign Chairman

Open Day

If you would like to find out more about the research taking place at the Paul O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre at Gartnavel Hospital, why not come along to one of our Open Days? You will have a chance to visit our laboratories and find out more about the work currently taking place. We have Open Days scheduled throughout the year. To register contact Lindsey McArthur on 0141 330 4951 or email l.mcarthur@admin.gla.ac.uk

DVD, CD and Book Sale

We are organising a DVD, CD and Book Sale at the Beatson Centre at Gartnavel on Friday 23rd October from 10am until 5pm to raise funds for the Paul O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre.

We would like to encourage friends and supporters of the O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre to attend one of our Open Days?

Training the doctors of tomorrow

Over the past year, the Faculty of Medicine has been using a group of ‘simulated patients’ to interact with the first year medical students.

Simulated patients are volunteers who have been trained to consult with medical students in the same way as they might consult with their GP. Simulated patients help the faculty to offer high quality communication and clinical skills teaching and assessment and have been shown to provide consistent and accurate simulations of real encounters with patients. Simulated patients can help young medical students learn in situations where the use of a real patient would be inappropriate: such as counselling a patient with cancer.

The Faculty of Medicine has a group of 50 simulated patients and over the coming years they hope to recruit more.

The Faculty would ultimately like to be able to use simulated patients across all medical years. Some of the comments from students have included: “the use of real patients and volunteers was amazing and really interesting, it makes us build our confidence, and practice our communication skills” and “contact with the volunteer patients was very helpful to give the group an idea of how people react and interact with doctors”.

The simulated patients also get a great deal out of volunteering and all have different reasons for signing up as highlighted below:

• Having thoroughly enjoyed my time at Glasgow University, (even with the stress of exams) I now see my involvement with Volunteer Patients as a way of giving something back to the University.
• It is a privilege and a real pleasure to be able to use simulated patients across all medical years.

Kathleen Gorrie

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To find out more about becoming a simulated patient please contact Alina Robb, Clinical Skills Tutor and Simulated Patient Coordinator, on 0141 330 8046 or email a.robb@clinmed.gla.ac.uk

In Focus – Medical Education

The Faculty of Medicine is regarded as one of the most prestigious providers of medical education in the UK and is at the forefront of leading edge clinical interventions and discovery.

Since the Wolfson Medical School Building opened in 2002, the Faculty of Medicine has introduced a unique, undergraduate curriculum centred on problem-based learning techniques. In this programme, all medical students are introduced to clinical scenarios from the beginning of their education. Simulated ward areas within the building can be subdivided into smaller examination rooms where students can practise clinical skills such as blood pressure monitoring and reflex testing.

A recent report by the General Medical Council commented on the ‘high-quality learning experience for students’ at the University’s Medical School and identified seven specific areas of good practice, including the supportive, engaged staff, the ability of students to develop their own student-selected modules, the high quality facilities and the efforts being made to widen participation.

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For more information about the Medical Education Fund please contact Laura Crouchman on the details listed below.

MicroMuseum

Earlier this year, Professor Sir Kenneth Calman, Chancellor of the University, opened the new MicroMuseum in the Wolfson Medical School Building.

The exhibition has been designed to illustrate two hundred years of health care delivery and was created by Dr Marjorie Allison in memory of her parents. The MicroMuseum is located in the Atrium of the Wolfson Medical School Building and is open to staff, students and the general public.

The Faculty of Medicine recently received a £5,000 bequest from Dr Sheenah Russell, a good friend of the University.

In her will she asked that her bequest be put towards the Medical Education Fund. The Faculty decided that the best use of funds would be to enable all the final year medical students to undertake a day’s training at the Scottish National High Fidelity Simulator in Stirling’s Royal Infirmary. In addition to developing an understanding of the practical knowledge, skills and decisions required in successfully managing high risk medical and surgical scenarios the simulator allowed training in real time of how teams and leadership work in practice.

The staff in the Faculty of Medicine are very appreciative of the financial support bequests give them. Professor Jim McKillop, Deputy Dean of Medicine said “we are very grateful for all the bequests we receive. Unrestricted bequests such as this one, however, are especially valuable as they are able to be allocated to the current medical priorities and allow us to give the students opportunities that they might not normally have been given.”

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The sun (finally) shone for the Beatson Pebble Appeal Zip Slide

The first University of Glasgow Charity Zip Slide took place on Saturday 4 July and raised an amazing £29,200 for the Beatson Pebble Appeal!

111 brave challengers ziped across the River Clyde on a 150ft high wire to raise funds for the University of Glasgow cancer charity. The event was due to take place on 20 June however it was re-scheduled due to weather conditions on the Clyde.

Fortunately, the sun shone on 4 July and event organiser, Susanne Hill said: “I am delighted our first zip slide event had to take place again next year”.

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Nan commented “everyone knows research into cancer is important – for our family it is vital. Research into whether there is a genetic link for example might save lives in our family”.

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