“Project Healthcare has continued to grow and expand its success because of your commitment to people, learning and altruism. Our patients profit from your support of their needs, our entire staff are assisted and inspired by your personal devotion to our departmental goals and you profit socially and intellectually from the privilege of working in this great public hospital and enriching the public’s health.

Thank you—it is a great pleasure to work with such wonderful people.”

BELLEVUE IN THE NEWS:
December 1, 2010: Bellevue Hospital Center teamed with Mayor Bloomberg and the New York Organ Donation Network to form a unique pilot program called “Organ Donation Unit,” an initiative conceived by Dr. Goldfrank, whose aim is to recover and preserve organs for donation.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Program Summary
- PHC 2010 Health Fair pictures
- Reflections on the PHC Experience
- Alumni Feature: Moira Davenport, M.D.
- Updates from the PHC Alumni Association
Project Healthcare is an innovative volunteer program created by the NYU Langone Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine. The program is located at Bellevue Hospital Center, the nation’s oldest public hospital. PHC consists of ten intensive weeks featuring clinical rotations (in areas such as the ED, OR, and RR), guest lecturers, autopsy observations and ambulance ride-alongs. Towards the summer’s conclusion participants draft a research paper and present their assigned study. Volunteers also educate the patient population on preventative illnesses during the annual Health Fair. Through these unique opportunities, Project Healthcare seeks to expand student’s conceptions of the healthcare field and develop compassionate future healthcare practitioners.
“I came to realize the important role each medical staff whether it was the paramedics, technicians, doctors, social workers, chaplains, nurses and even volunteers had in caring for the patient; we were all linked by a common purpose, the well-being of the patient.” –Seanell Minor ’09

“My PHC experience made me more aware of society as a whole. Coming into contact with so many people of varied backgrounds, opened my eyes to different cultures, lifestyles, and adversities. I feel that I have become a more accepting and well rounded person from this experience.” –Steven Margolis ’10, undergrad

“My experience at PHC was transformative. It has opened my eyes to the critical issues facing our health care system today, introduced me to a wide spectrum of medical practices and above all, allowed me to engage with patients from all ends of the earth.” –Amal El Bakhar ’08, PHC Coordinator ’09

“I enjoyed the patient interactions and this experience confirmed my decision to go to medical school. I remember wheeling a patient for an X-ray and he said that I would be a good doctor because I had a great smile. It felt good to be appreciated.” –Nwang Sherpa ’06, AZCOM Student

“I remember one particular young man who was being examined in the Urgent Care clinic. He was an aspiring dancer and recently had been experiencing some abnormal symptoms. After the doctor examined him, we went outside the room and he stated that the young man needed to be tested for HIV. I think that was the first time I had ever encountered someone who had the potential to have the disease. Being a young college student, you rarely think of life as fleeting.” –Maggie Solimeo ’95, Podiatrist

“It helped me to more deeply understand my role as ‘‘physician as humanitarian’’ providing treatment in a way that is impartial and non-judgmental.” –Jennifer Lang, MD ’94 Gynecological Oncologist

“As pre-meds, medical students, and doctors, we wander in and out of the lives of these people, but they stay with us forever. Through PHC I realized the immense joy that these interactions gave me.” –Karolina Brooks ’07, Harvard Med Student

“I came to realize the important role each medical staff whether it was the paramedics, technicians, doctors, social workers, chaplains, nurses and even volunteers had in caring for the patient; we were all linked by a common purpose, the well-being of the patient.” –Maggie Solimeo ’95, Podiatrist
Moira Davenport, M.D.
PHC ’93, PHC Coordinator ‘94

Q. What kind of medicine do you currently practice and where do you work?
A. I am currently practicing emergency medicine and sports medicine at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA.

Q. Did Project Healthcare influence your career choice?
A. Project Health Care definitely influenced my career choice! I did keep an open mind as I went through my medical school rotations but kept coming back to emergency medicine.

Q. What do you miss most about Bellevue?
A. It's hard to answer what I miss most about Bellevue. First and foremost it's the people; there's an incredibly diverse, energetic, creative and caring group of people who work at Bellevue. The patient population is equally diverse, and definitely kept things interesting. I also miss the history of the place; Bellevue is such a part of New York City lore. I always smile when I hear a news story or read an article about Bellevue, and I think I'll be doing that for years to come.

Q. What are your hobbies/interests outside of medicine?
A. Outside of medicine I spend a bit of time running; for some unknown reasons I continue to torture myself by running marathons. I also try to read historical novels and non-fiction when I have the time (which usually translates into when I'm on an airplane).

Did PHC make a positive impact on your life? Did your career path change since PHC? Do you have any particular memories or experiences? Please share them for the next newsletter publication!

If you’ve moved or changed your e-mail address since PHC, send us your current contact information so we can keep in touch with you!

Stay tuned for an emailed survey about your PHC experience.

Contact: PHCAlumni@nyumc.org