New Faculty Reception
The annual departmental new faculty reception was held on Thursday, October 24 at the Erie Canal Museum. Faculty who were recognized included:
Carl Eben Barus MD – (Emerg. Med)
Winter Berry, DO – (General Peds)
Jennifer Christner, MD (Adol. Med)
Susan Demartini, MD (Peds Endo)
Adam Edelstein, MD (Peds Radiology)
Tyler Greenfield, DO (Emerg. Med)
Travis Hobart, MD (Upstate Peds)
Karen Teelin, MD (Adol. Med)

Pictured left to right are: Dr. Jennifer Christner, Dr. Thomas Welch, Dr. Travis Hobart, Dr. Susan Demartini, Dr. Adam Edelstein (blue shirt, no jacket), Dr. Tyler Greenfield, Dr. Carl Eben Barus, Dr. Winter Berry, Dr. Karen Teelin

We again warmly welcome all of our new faculty to the GCH team!

Fitness Inclusion Network Conference
The 1st annual Fitness Inclusion Network Conference was held on Friday, October 11th. Our own Nienie Dosa, M.D., MPH, was one of the main organizers of the event. She is an active member of the Fitness Inclusion Network (Fit-IN) and states that “Participation in activities and sports provides a variety of lasting social, emotional and physical benefits. We want to help all individuals have the opportunity to experience that.”

Over 100 people attended the conference. In addition, 12 students from Nottingham High School participated in the “Go Baby Go” workshop, and four members of the Syracuse power soccer team gave a demonstration.

The Fitness Inclusion Network is a collaborative, cross-institution initiative that was launched in 2013 with support from the Upstate Foundation/Golisano Children’s Hospital, SUNY Cortland Department of Physical Education, and the Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University. It is an interdisciplinary group of athletes, students, families, and professionals in adapted physical education, medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, engineering, therapeutic recreation, special education, social work, and disability policy and law. Their mission is to develop innovative ways to promote and support inclusive fitness for children, adolescents and adults with disabilities in Central New York.

James H. Rimmer, PhD, gave the keynote address entitled, “Use of Communication Technology to Promote the Health of Children with Disabilities. Dr. Rimmer is a professor in the School of Health Professions and the first Lakeshore Foundation Endowed Chair in Health Promotion and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Alabama. He heads the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD).

Other guest speakers included David A. Brown, PT, PhD, Carole Dennis, PhD, and Kerry Wiley.

The event also included a hands on Workshop for High School Students called “Go Baby Go!” in which High School students learned how to adapt toy cars into power mobility assistive technology for kids with disabilities. At the end of the workshop, they were able to watch several young pilots take their first test drive in their new vehicles much to everyone’s delight.

In addition, there was a demonstration of Power Soccer at the Institute for Human Performance. Power soccer is a sport played by athletes in power wheelchairs. Athletes use the agility of the chair and their driving prowess, along with teamwork to systematically move an oversized soccer ball down a gym court with skill and speed. The team from Syracuse were National Champions in 2012.

The event was a smashing sucess and they hope it is the beginning of many more similar kinds of programs.

Thanks to embedded reporter and cinematographer Regina McConnell for this live footage (see online)
LINK TO MOVIES-gobaby1.mov, gobaby2.mov, powersoccer.mov

Kick off for Kids Award
Congratulations to Ann Botash- who was recognized at the Kick off for Kids McMahon/Ryan 15th Anniversary Celebration last night (Oct 24) as one of two recipients of their award, (the other one was Martha Ryan) for all she has done for Child Advocacy in this Community!

Safe To Sleep Campaign
You may have seen it on the news. YNN, CNY Central, and other local media have been featuring the Safe to Sleep Campaign sponsored by the Safe Kids Upstate NY Coalition, which is supported by Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital.
It is a Safe Sleep Awareness Campaign to remind parents to keep their child’s sleeping environment free of clutter and encourage safe sleeping practices. The GCH is giving new sleep sacks to parents of infants at Hospital and children born at the Jim and Dede Walsh Family Birth Center at Community. For more info, visit Upstate Online at: [http://upstateonline.info/static/Oct24-Oct31/2013/blog/story-2/index.html](http://upstateonline.info/static/Oct24-Oct31/2013/blog/story-2/index.html)

NASPGHAN 2013
The Crier received the following report and photos from our GCH on-location reporter, Dr. Mirza Beg from the 2013 NASPGHAN conference in October:

As we all know Chicago, best-known as the “Windy City”, offers a variety of theme parks, museums, recreation ideas and tours all year round. This year, Chicago hosted NASPGHAN’s Annual Meeting and Post-Graduate Course from October 10-12, 2013.

As per NASPGHAN’s record, this year’s conference was the most highly attended conference. Our GI division was well represented in this meeting as Drs. Beg, Rivera and Wali were present. Dr. Beg presented 3 clinical Vignette posters. Other contributory authors of these posters included Drs. Lebel, Absah and Ramaswami.

This year’s NASPGHAN award of ‘Young Faculty Clinical Investigator’ was given to Dr. Imad Absah.

During the meeting, our reporter had the opportunity to see our previous Pediatric residents including Imad Absah (Class of 2009), Cary Qualia (Class of 2004) and Prita Mohanty (Chief, 2009-2010). Next year’s NASPGHAN conference will be in Atlanta, GA. (Note that our reporter, Dr. Beg, was Class of 2001).

NASPGHAN offers Teaching and Tomorrow Program Travel Grants to PL-2 Pediatric Residents with an interest in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition.

The Perfect Match
Congratulations to our chief resident, Dr. Kunal Sawale who matched in Neonatology last month and will be doing his fellowship at the University of Connecticut (and yes, that is the same program Tristan matched in last year).

**The 11th Annual Radiothon Success**
The 11th Annual radiothon to benefit Upstate GCH was held on Sept. 26 and 27. Again this year, the Radiothon for Kids was broadcast live from the lobby of Upstate on Syracuse Clear Channel stations: Y94 FM, WSYR Radio, Hot 107.9 and B104.7. Thanks to the generosity of all who took part, the Radiothon made over $80,000 for our kids. Thanks to all who participated and donated.

In the Pink
Coach Peacock and his team have been at it again. The Oswego State Men’s ACHA Division 1 hockey team hosted the second annual Pink the Rink weekend Oct. 25 to 27. Proceeds from all three Hockey games went to the Upstate Cancer Center. Oswego State players once again donned their pink jerseys for the games (the coach wore pink, too). They were able to present Upstate with a check for over $1000.

Real Men Wear Pink
Speaking of pink, Chris Malabanan submitted the following announcement:

“As many of you are aware, October is the month for Breast Cancer Awareness. As a spin-off from other traditional fundraising events, I have been given the opportunity to take part in a first ever Syracuse pageant to support a great cause. And of course, yours truly is 1 of 8 lucky individuals that will get to compete! The flyer has most of the information but in summary, you’ll get to see a swimsuit competition, talent portion, and a "final question." Many of you who have gone out with me outside of the hospital know the kind of fun that is had with me downtown, so just imagine what will be in store when it comes time for the talent portion (think something with JT). All 8 individuals are from the Crossfit Syracuse gym, dear friends of mine, all of whom are phenomenal athletes and individuals.

Welcome Baby Imdad!
Congratulations to Aamer Imdad and his wife on the birth of their beautiful baby boy "Shahzain" (Shah-Zain) on 10/26 at 9 pounds!! Mom, dad, and Shahzain are all doing great!

Welcome Baby Nimeh
Dorothy Helen Nimeh born (Oct?)

Happy 60th Dr. Smith
Happy Birthday to Dr. Frank Smith who celebrated his 60th birthday last month. Pictured is Marilyn (Bifano) Monroe jumping out of Frank’s cake.

Pediatric Star-of-the-Month
By Lisa Blystone
The Pediatric Stars-of-the-Month are Vanessa Orrego and Angela Pericozzi for stepping up to help out when one of their fellow residents had a family emergency. Vanessa offered to jump into her first PICU rotation a month early, and Angela pulled off a Club Med with two days notice. Both are appreciated for their extra efforts and are true stars! Angela and Vanessa, please check in with Patty or Lisa to pick out the really cool Stars prize of your choice.

Mark the Date!
The Housestaff Holiday Luncheon – 12/19 at Noon in 11405 following AM Conf
The Department Holiday Party - 12/19, in the Kinney Center from 2 to 4 p.m.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**
11/1 Irene Cherrick
11/8 Joe D., Manika S.
11/9 Regina McConnell
11/15 Jay Peacock
11/20 Mirza Beg
11/29 Stephanie Hung