



The Crier Bridal Edition:

We have had so many weddings so far this year among the residents that we thought it would be fun to feature them in our February (Valentines) issue.

Helena Gutierrez was married on December 19, 2015 (in Colombia) to Nathaniel Jones



Joyce Saliba was married on May 29, 2015 to Georges Audi. The ceremony was held in Ghazir, Lebanon



Jia Maan was married on July 22, 2015 to Omar Khan. They were married in Lahore, Pakistan.



Kisha Beg was married on January 1, 2016 to Muhammad Irfan Altaf at the Badshahi Mosque in Lahore, Pakistan (which Kisha tells the Crier, is over 400 years old).



And we end our parade of the brides with Iram Ashraf. Iram was married to Umair Masood on May 22, 2015 in Waterloo, Ontario.



Congratulations, again, to all of our lovely brides and their husbands!

Paige's Butterfly Soars in 2015



Chris Arnold and Ellen Yeomans presented a check of \$240,000 to the GCH on 12/30. Their daughter Paige lost her battle with cancer in 1994. Three years later, some teachers at Paige's elementary school asked if they could have an event in Paige's honor.

They decided on a walk/run and it has been going on annually ever since. Toni Gary tells the Crier, "The incredible Team from Paige's Butterfly Run led by Ellen Yeomans and Chris Arnold came by with \$240,000 raised in 2015 to support our pediatric cancer care and research. This gift is the largest made to pediatrics this year, and the largest gift from Paige's Run to date! Over the last 19 years, Paige's Butterfly Run has raised more than \$2 million dollars to support our kids and families. We couldn't be more grateful and consider them to be an important part of our Upstate family."

Note that the 20th Annual Paige's Butterfly Run is set for Saturday, June 4th. Registration will open on February 1st. For more on Paige's Butterfly Run see Upstate Online:

<http://upstateonline.info/static/Jan7-Jan142016/blog/story-2/index.html>

Or, you can visit the official Paige's Butterfly Run website at <http://pbrun.org>.

13 Interesting Interview Facts

Interview season is over and we will be submitting our rank list in the next few weeks. Then, the countdown will begin to Match Day. In the meantime, here are 13 somewhat random facts about this year's interview season.

- We interviewed 130 applicants
- There were 13 interview days
- There were 13 interview dinners
- We had only 8 faculty interviewers
- Dr. Nelsen interviewed on all 13 days
- We have 13 intern spots
- We had 10 applicants per day
- The total number of applicants who applied to our program was 1345
- There were 19 Upstate students
- 23 of our applicants were from US medical schools other than Upstate
- 23 of our applicants were in the couples' match
- 23 of our applicants were osteopathic students
- Match day is Friday, 3/18

Retirement Party!

The Division of Peds Nephrology had a retirement party for Sue Sheffield on January 14th at Kelley's Restaurant. Friday, Jan. 8 was her last day. Vickie Keeler organized the party and got the retirement gift. Some of Sue's former co-workers from her Crouse Hospital days even came. We wish Sue the very best, but we will definitely miss her!



More Thanks!

Here is another thank you letter we received from the school that adopted us. If you think all those long hours you have been working are going unnoticed and appreciated, Samuel will tell you otherwise:

Dear Nurses and Doctors,
my name is Samuel. I go to
Word of Life Christian Academy.
I wonder what it is like to
work that long almost every day. I've
been to your hospital because I
was sick. It was not fun, but
I was young.
Thank you for helping families. I wonder
what it is like to be a doctor. It's probably
weird the first time you go to work.
Sincerely,
Samuel

Dear Nurses and Doctors,

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Snowflake Success

As most of you probably remember, December was a big month up in the GCH and especially for all of the Child Life staff and volunteers who helped to make this year's Snowflake Central an amazing success. It was also a major blessing to the 144 families who came

through Snowflake Central to pick out holiday gifts for their children. Margaret Nellis told the Crier, "In addition, several clinics also benefitted from the many holiday donations that were given to Snowflake Central, after the GCH giveaway was finished. The following clinics all received donated gifts:

- Pediatric Surgery
- Pediatric Infectious Disease
- Social Work
- UPAC
- Developmental Center
- Radiology
- CARE Clinic
- Physical Medicine and Rehab
- 4B Inpatient psychiatry
- Cleft Palate Clinic
- Burn Clinic
- Pediatric Urology
- Clinics in POB
- Eye clinic Harrison Center
- Community ED
- Joslin Center
- Upstate Pediatrics in Baldwinsville

All the inpatient GCH Playrooms, School room, 3N Pediatric Surgery Center, Pulmonary Center, Pediatric Emergency room also received donations."

That may seem like an incredible amount of gifts and, indeed, it was! The total figure for the donations that came through Snowflake Central was \$ \$66,648. One can only conclude that we live in a very generous and supportive community. We are thankful to everyone who helped to make this holiday giving a wonderful experience for so many!



Welcome, Baby Okhman

Congratulations to Kate Okhman (who is a residency applicant and is also currently working for Peds ID as a CRA), on the birth of baby girl Maya Valerie Okhman. Maya was born on January at 7 lbs, 11 oz. Mom and Maya are doing great!



OttoThon – The Movie

Lorie Riedl from Upstate Marketing shared the following link to the latest OttoThon video. See if you can find Dr. Welch's cameo appearance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQGBw-wPCIk>

Party at the Dinosaur!

Don't forget that the long awaited Midwinter Party is this Friday, February 5th, at the Dinosaur BBQ. Hopefully, the Crier will have the full report in our next issue (or at least as much as we are allowed to put in print).

Other February dates to remember:

Feb 9 – 14th Annual Father/Daughter Valentine Ball

<https://www.foundationforupstate.org/fdvb>

Feb 11 – Hospital-wide resident appreciation day

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Ryan Kwong

2/4 Hilliary Sismondo

2/10 Avideh Rashed

2/14 Winter Berry, Steve Blatt

2/18 Leonard Weiner

2/24 Manny Karjoo, Richie Cantor