

TEAM UPSTATE 2008 Events

Amaus Free Clinic - Cathedral Emergency Services (October - December)

- 50 Upstate medical students volunteered at the weekly free clinic
- Upstate students and employees collected 62 pairs of shoes to donate to a special foot clinic at Amaus throughout November.

Clark Tower Community Programs (October - December)

- Upstate student residents organized a fundraiser in the Clark Tower residence hall to donate coloring books to the pediatric wing of University Hospital.
- Upstate student residents also conducted a food drive (100 items) to be donated to a local community organization in January 2009.

Community Giving Campaign (October - December)

- 1,526 Upstate employees contributed \$442,116 to support vital health and human service agencies in our annual campaign.

Fun with Food! Afterschool Program (October - December)

- 12 Upstate first-year medical students introduced the concepts of healthy eating to 13 fourth and fifth grade students during afterschool activities at Dr. King Magnet School over a six week period.

Reading Buddies Program (October - December)

- 35 Upstate students participate one-on-one with 3rd grade students at Dr. King Magnet School each week.

Salt City Homeless Outreach Program - SC Hope (October - December)

- 50 Upstate medical students provided free medical care at the weekly clinic in the basement of the Mulroy Civic Center.

Samaritan Center (October - December)

- 18 students participated in painting and revitalization projects at the Samaritan Center.

Orientation Bus Tour-An Introduction to Your New Community (August - December)

- 150 Upstate students participated in a bus tour of Syracuse during new student orientation which introduced them to the community and avenues for volunteerism. With stops at community organizations including Amaus Free Clinic, the Samaritan Center, and Syracuse Community Health Center, students were educated about the nutrition and health care challenges facing members of the Syracuse community.
- First Place Award Recipient, Programs that Foster Engagement Category for 2008-2009 Outstanding Student Affairs Programs Awards, by the State University of New York Chief Student Affairs Officers and the Office of University Life and Enrollment Management. Award received December 4, 2008.

Syracuse University Pre-Health Outreach (October 4)

- 20 Upstate first- and second-year medical students hosted 60 pre-health students from Syracuse University. A tour of the campus was given to small groups which reconvened in the cafeteria for a Q&A panel from fifteen medical students. Syracuse students learned about the application process, opportunities for a gap year, and how to become more involved in health care in the community. These students will be paired with Upstate students in a Big Sib/Little Sib program in the near future.

Making Strides Against Breast CancerWalk (October 5)

- 150 Upstate employees/students raised over \$3,500 for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in October.
- \$7,800 Upstate Medical University sponsorship.

Dictionary Project 2008 (October 17)

- 100 3rd graders at Dr. King Magnet School received new dictionaries presented by seven Upstate first and second-year medical students.

Step out for DiabetesWalk - American Diabetes Association (October 25)

- 16 Upstate students/employees raised \$1,686 for the ADA walk in October.
- \$1,500 Upstate Medical University sponsorship.

Be the Change Day (October)

- Upstate students celebrated Mahatma Gandhi's legacy and significant contributions to community service and leadership. Medical Student Association (SAMSA), along with the Graduate Student Council (GSC), launched a food drive in October to support the refugee population in Syracuse which is served in part by the soup kitchen at the First English Lutheran Church on James Street in Syracuse.

Center for New Americans Blanket Drive (October)

- Upstate students and employees collected 100 hundred blankets, sheets, towels, warm clothing for immigrants.

Salvation Army Canned Food Drive (November)

- Upstate students and employees collected 5 barrels of canned food for the Salvation Army food pantry.

United Way Christmas Bureau Toy Drive (December)

- Upstate students and employees collected over 200 toys for the Christmas Bureau in December.

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