Students, faculty and staff collect food, funds for area families as annual holiday fund-raiser

College of Pharmacy faculty, staff and students recently donated more than $1,200 in cash and several hundred cans and packages of non-perishable food items to support the Idaho Food Bank, Meridian, Pocatello Salvation Army’s holiday food collections and Pocatello’s Bannock House.

The Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society’s annual food drive brought in a total of 834 cans and packages of non-perishable food. The annual food drive is held as a contest between each professional class and the faculty/staff, with the winners receiving a breakfast sponsored by the society. This year, the P1 class won the contest, bringing in a total of 171 cans and packages of non-perishable food and a total of $150 in donations.

A special thanks to Ridley’s Food, Pocatello, of donating 20 cases of corn chips and 24 cases of pineapple to the Salvation Army collection.

In addition to the food drive, the student body also sold College of Pharmacy apparel with the proceeds earmarked for Pocatello and Treasure Valley service organizations. The sale provided $500 for the Bannock House, and another $500 to be divided between the City of Lights, a women and children’s shelter in the Treasure Valley and the Boise Rescue Mission, a men’s shelter as well as a soup kitchen for men and women. The Bannock House is a residential treatment facility for young people, operated through the Bannock Youth Foundation of Pocatello.

Third-year and Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society members, Rubie Chase and Julianne Ramirez, President, delivered boxes of food to the Pocatello Salvation Army on Dec. 4, 2009. The food was collected by College students, faculty and staff as the annual benefit sponsored by the honors society.

Annual Spaghetti Feed to be held February 26

Earning a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Idaho State University College of Pharmacy takes years of discipline, dedication to the profession and for some, many hours of studying the curriculum outside of classroom. However, pharmacy students from the College's Professional Pharmacy Student Alliance, (PPSA), take time from their busy schedules each year to assist an ill area youth make a dream come true with the annual student-sponsored Spaghetti Feed Raffle & Auction fund-raiser.

The 17th Annual Spaghetti Feed & Auction fund-raiser will be held on Friday, February 26, 2010 in the Earl Pond Student Union building ballroom.

PPSA students have begun plans for the annual event, and are currently accepting donations for the raffle and auction, according to chairs Jacob and Whitney Cooley. To assist with this event, contact them at sfra@pharmacy.isu.edu.
Emeritus Professor and Dean
Dr. Ira W. Hillyard passes at 85

College of Pharmacy Emeritus Professor and former Dean, Dr. Ira William Hillyard, 85, formerly of Pocatello, died in Mapleton, Utah on Sunday November 15, 2009.

Ira served on the faculty at the College for several years and as dean from 1979 to 1986.

“He was a very kind man and saw the College through difficult times,” said Interim Dean Paul Cady.

Ira was born March 23, 1924 in Richmond, Utah, the second child of Neal Jacobsen and Lucille Duce Hillyard. He married Venice Lenore Williams, July 10, 1945, in the Logan, Utah LDS Temple. She died February 20, 1967. He married Norma Larsen Marziale, May 1, 1970, in Pocatello, Idaho. The marriage was made eternal in the Provo LDS, Temple September 19, 1981. He was the father of five sons and six daughters. Ira attended North Cache High School in Richmond. Following WWII, he graduated from Idaho State College in 1949 with a BS degree in Pharmacy. He subsequently received an MS degree in Pharmacology from the University of Nebraska in 1951, and a PhD in Pharmacology and Physiology for the St. Louis School of Medicine in 1957.

Ira served his country during WWII and, again during the Korean War. He served primarily as a member of the U.S. Navy Medical Corps and as a combat medic with the Fourth Division, U.S. Marine Corps. He received two Purple Hearts for wounds received in these actions. Ira was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in various callings throughout his life.

He is survived by his wife, Norma and children: Sharon, Christine, Kevin, James, Cinni, Jesse, Richard, Eric and Kaylene. He was preceded in death by children, Charlene and Darlene.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, November 21, 2009, at the Mapleton White Church. Interment was held at the Richmond City Cemetery.

Happy Holidays from the faculty, staff & students at the ISU College of Pharmacy!

Take Time to Join Us:
College of Pharmacy & ISU Events

- California Connection Alumni Dinner, January 15, 2010, Sacramento, Calif. – Join us this year for a gathering on the Delta King paddle boat hotel and restaurant in Old Sacramento. For additional details, contact Dan Dean at (208)-282-3655 or dandean@pharmacy.isu.edu.
- ConnectionISU Phonathon, January 24-29, 2010.
- Nominations for the College of Pharmacy Professional Achievement Award for 2010 are being accepted. To nominate an alumnus, or review criteria, see nomination forms at http://www.isu.edu/alumni/awards.shtml#professional.

For more information regarding pharmacy events, contact Andrew Gauss at 282-3393 or andrew@pharmacy.isu.edu.