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Professional Pharmacy Student Alliance

Annual Spaghetti Feed & Auction fundraiser to feature online bids

In addition to long hours spent in classrooms, pharmacy laboratories and studying, ISU College of Pharmacy students find time to assist area residents each year through fund-raising events.

Student members of the ISU Professional Pharmacy Student Alliance (PPSA) will hold the 14th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Auction on Friday, February 23 in the Pond Student Union Building Ballroom at 6 p.m. More than thirty percent of their $20,000 goal will benefit a Pocatello youth through the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho, with the remainder benefiting PPSA professional development and community health promotion projects.

Thomas is a 5-year-old boy who lives with Wilm’s tumor, a malignant cancer of the kidney that primarily affects young children. Thomas’ wish is to go to Disney World with his family during the March spring break. His mother, Jessica, is an ISU student, pursuing admission into the nursing program. Thomas has a younger brother and his father is a Pocatello police officer.

The benefit includes a feast of Italian food, prepared by College of Pharmacy faculty, and an auction of various items and services donated by area businesses and faculty members.

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The annual ConnectionISU Phonathon, where ISU College of Pharmacy students call alumni and friends of the College seeking assistance with scholarships, continues this week, with students finishing calls on Jan. 31. However, those who were unavailable and not contacted by pharmacy students can still contribute to the annual scholarship drive and receive a College of Pharmacy poster.

As of Tuesday, Jan. 30, alumni and friends had pledged about $65,000, said Dan Dean, director of development.

Students have been contacting alumni and friends, as has been done for several years now, requesting donations to scholarship endowments, student organization projects such as Operations Diabetes and Heartburn Awareness, and funds to assist with the cost of projects such as renovations of the pharmacy practice laboratory.

“We expect great things from both the graduate and professional students and they never disappoint us,” Dean Joseph Steiner said. “I appreciate all of the hard work that our students put into the Phonathon.”

Many students have commented that College of Pharmacy alumni are friendly and curious donors, whom they enjoy visiting with.

Nearly 500 friends and alumni chose to support the 2006 Phonathon with pledges to the College at about $80,000. The College has set a goal of $100,000 for the 2007 event.

This year, donors of $200 or more will receive a three-by-four foot full-color poster, which includes several photographs of the College and ISU campus.

To see a larger size of the poster, visit the ISU College of Pharmacy Web site link to the poster located at the bottom of the home page at www.pharmacy.isu.edu.

Those interested in making a donation may contact Dean at 208.282.3655 or dandean@pharmacy.isu.edu.