Earning a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Idaho State University College of Pharmacy takes years of discipline, dedication to the profession and for some, several 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.

In its 15th year, the 2008 Spaghetti Feed Raffle & Auction will be held on Friday, February 22, at 6 p.m. in the Earl Pond Student Union ballroom. Advance tickets are $5 per person or $15 for a family, regardless of size. Prices are double at the door. Tickets are available by calling 208-724-9074 or sfra@pharmacy.isu.edu.

This year, 25 percent of the anticipated $20,000 proceeds will go towards assisting a 16-year-old Century High School student’s dream come true through the Idaho Make-A-Wish Foundation. Kris Briley is a Pocatello boy who lives with Marfan Syndrome, a genetic disorder of the connective tissue, according to Neal Kelly, student chair of the fund-raiser.

Kris’ wish, to be granted during his spring break, will travel to California in March with the assistance of an ISU College of Pharmacy students fund-raiser.

College assists area families, food bank during 2007 holiday season

Members of the ISU College of Pharmacy faculty, staff and students provided area families and others with several gifts, food and cash donations as part of the annual holiday food and gift drive held each year by the Pharmacy Student Senate. According to Kim Van Wyk, senate president, the drive assisted three families whose children attending Pocatello’s Washington Elementary School with clothes and toys.

“Each of the 12 adopted children received an abundance of gifts,” she said.

In addition to the gifts, donations were made to Idaho Food Bank through a canned food drive; $300 was raised and donated to the Bannock Youth Foundation through the sale of sweatshirts and another $300 in donated cash was provided to a young area family in a desperate situation, Van Wyk said.

“Thank you all who supported the efforts in making a difference,” she said. “I’m proud to be a part of the College of Pharmacy.”
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in March, is to travel to the headquarters for Blizzard Entertainment in Irvine, Calif. and meet the designers of his favorite video game, World of Warcraft.

Marfan Syndrome affects about 1 in 5,000 people, said Kelly, and is characterized by tall stature, disproportionately long limbs, long thin fingers and a predisposition for heart and lung abnormalities. Other characteristics may be problems with the eyes and the dural sac surrounding the spinal cord.

Kris has a very low exercise tolerance and is prone to spontaneous pneumothorax, or collapsing of the lungs. He has had four surgeries—three to repair collapsed lungs and one of which was a chest surgery to repair a physical deformation. These conditions caused pressure on his aorta, stomach and lungs. Kris has been hospitalized several times, typically for long stays, but he just recently has been able to return to school.

Like most teenagers, Kris enjoys video games and hanging out with his friends. His parents, Larry and Shelly Briley, work in electronic appliance repair and day-care, respectively.

To see a feature story about Kris on the Pocatello NBC affiliate, KPVI Newscanal 6, go to the link for the fund-raiser on the College of Pharmacy’s Web site at pharmacy.isu.edu.

College celebrates 90th anniversary

The Idaho State University College of Pharmacy turns 90 in 2008, having served as Idaho’s only institution of pharmacy education in the state since 1918. More than 3,500 alumni began their professional pharmacy training at the College.

To commemorate the 90th anniversary, the ISU College of Pharmacy will host an all-class reunion on August 1-2, 2008 in Pocatello. To meet the interests of all alumni, several events are slated including golf, swimming and picnic at the Pocatello Aquatic Center and Ross Park, tours of the College and campus, continuing education courses and a Friday evening ice-breaker social at Leonard Hall. The highlight of the weekend is a banquet at the L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center’s Marshall Rotunda. Additional details and registration information will soon be sent to alumni and friends or you may contact Andrew Gauss at 208-282-3393.

Students to call alumni and friends

Phonathon 2008 scheduled for February

The annual ConnectionISU Phonathon, where ISU College of Pharmacy students call alumni and friends of the College seeking financial assistance, will be held on February 17, 18 and 24, 2008, according to Dan Dean, director of development.

As in the past, students will contact alumni and friends, requesting donations to scholarship endowments, student organization projects such as Operations Diabetes and Immunization and Heartburn Awareness.

“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, and they always enjoy visiting with them.

Nearly 500 friends and alumni chose to support the 2007 Phonathon with pledges to the College at over $90,000. The College has set a goal of $92,000 for the 2008 event.

This year, donors contributing $200 or more will receive an ISU College of Pharmacy 90th anniversary commemorative three-by-four foot full-color poster that includes the names of all Pharmacy alumni and the anniversary logo.