Hailed as a record-breaking success, the Professional Pharmacy Student Alliance, PPSA, sponsored annual Spaghetti Feed & Auction raised $5,000 towards an ill Pocatello teen's dream of vacationing with her family in Hawaii through the Make A Wish Foundation of Idaho®.

Ashlen Cooper, 14, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in October 2008, according to Jacob Cooley, student co-chair of the fund-raiser. Following her diagnosis, Ashlen underwent surgery and began a yearlong chemotherapy treatment regime.

Members of the faculty, staff, student body, university community and public turned out in support of the fundraiser, held on Feb. 13 in the Earl Pond Student Union ballroom.

Each year, PPSA members donate 25 percent of the proceeds towards a local charitable organization. The remaining $11,000 from this year’s event will go towards student-organized health clinics for community immunization, heartburn, methamphetamine and diabetes awareness programs throughout Southeastern Idaho.

Ashlen’s Hawaii vacation wish will be granted in 2010 when she is finished with her treatment. She is a student at Highland High School and holds a 4.0 grade point average. English is her favorite subject.
ACLS simulation provides new tool for classroom learning experience

In an effort to improve the learning experience for Pharmacy students while teaching advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), Dr. Teddie Gould recently arranged for an ACLS simulation for her pharmacotherapy laboratory course offered this semester.

Jim Allen, senior laboratory supervisor of the ISU Human Simulation Center, two of his students from the paramedic program, along with Jen Seeley, PharmD, Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, EIRMC, joined pharmacy students in a Leonard Hall classroom so students could observe the pharmacist’s role on a Code Blue team, become aware of the knowledge required for a pharmacist to function in this scenario, and develop an appreciation for the role of other health care professionals, Gould said.

Allen, who directs the paramedic program at ISU, brought an ambulance full of equipment to the College to stage the simulated cardiac arrest. This included a $48,000 computerized mannequin called SimMan®, equipment required to operate the mannequin, and the monitors one would typically see attached to a patient in a cardiac arrest case. Dr. Seeley had a cardiac arrest drug box and IV solutions EIRMC Center to use during the simulated arrest.

Following an introduction, the students witnessed SimMan® go into cardiac arrest, including some different heart rhythm abnormalities for which he was treated. The good news is that he survived the event and was later able to be transported “back home” following the simulation, Gould said. Following the simulation, students were able to ask questions and talk with the paramedics and pharmacist about their respective roles in an ACLS situation.

Jim Allen, upper right, discusses how he uses a simulation mannequin for educating students about their role as a pharmacist on a Code Blue team.

Alumni & Friends - Take time to join Us!

ISU & College of Pharmacy events:

- ISU Alumni Association Night with the Idaho Stampede, April 10, Qwest Arena, Idaho Stampede vs. Bakersfield Jam
- ISU College of Pharmacy spring CE courses:
  - Pocatello, March 15, ISU Pond Student Union ballroom
  - Post Falls, April 26, Red Lion Templin’s Hotel
- Dean’s Advisory Council meeting, May 2, Boise
- ISU-Boise Commencement, May 2, 2 p.m., Grove Hotel
- College of Pharmacy graduation banquet, May 8, Pocatello Holiday Inn
- ISU Commencement, May 9, Holt Arena

For additional information, see pharmacy.isu.edu/live/ce/order

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