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Well, we made it!

Thanks to all Health Partners employees for making the transition from Chestnut Street to Market Street a very smooth operation. As everyone continues to get settled and acclimate to our new surroundings, please acknowledge in your own way some of the "key" departments that worked tirelessly to make the move such a success. Kudos to Corporate Services, including Security, the Supply Room and the Mail Room, and Information Services, including Corporate Technology, Telecommunications, and Network Services!



Robert Tremain, President and CEO, Ms. Roo and Leslie Hummel, Executive Assistant, share the happiness of moving to 901 Market Street.

Welcome to THE Gallery! AT MARKET EAST

Last week, representatives from the Gallery welcomed Health Partners employees by hosting two meet-and-greet sessions in the Schuylkill Conference Center. At each half-hour briefing, employees received information about shopping opportunities, safety and security.

As a way of saying "thanks" for all the patience and hard work during our recent move, all employees were given a Home Sweet Home goodie bag, full of Hershey's kisses.

If you did not receive your goodie bag, please see Victoria Dixon, Events Coordinator. Victoria also has plenty of discount coupons that can be used in the Gallery. She is located in the Business Development area of Health Partners. Enjoy!



(L-r) Health Partners' Michael Schaffer, PharmD, MBA, Director, Health Outcomes; Merleen Harris-Williams, MD, Medical Director, Quality Management; Drexel University School of Public Health's John Rich, MD, MPH, Professor & Chair, Department of Health Policy & Management; and Dennis Andrulis, PhD, MPH, Director, Center for Health Equality & Associate Dean for Research.

Health Partners: Committed to Improving Healthcare in Our Area

Recently, Health Partners' Merleen Harris-Williams, MD, Medical Director, Quality Management and Michael Schaffer, PharmD, MBA, Director, Health Outcomes, joined other local medical professionals for a Public Health Seminar at Drexel University. Their objective was to discuss differences in access to medical treatment among racial and ethnic groups, and to promote awareness among local public health professionals, physicians & healthcare practitioners.

Health Partners has partnered with Drexel University's Center for Health Equality (CHE) to present a series of seminars dedicated to reducing these disparities. CHE is a collaboration of Drexel University's School of Public Health, the College of Nursing and Health Professions and local community and government agencies. Its mission is to work with organizations like Health Partners to improve the well-being of our community by narrowing the gap of health disparities. Health Partners is proud to be a part of this effort.

Lizzy Lou Is Making the Rounds



(R) Ron James, director of the Giving of Self Partnership Senior Center and other seniors shared the story of Peek-a-Boo Lizzy Lou with the Center's pre-schoolers.

On Wednesday, January 18, the Health Partners Foundation hosted "Grans for Grans," a Lizzy Lou Reading program at Giving of Self Partnership (GOSP) for kids. Members of the GOSP Senior Center partnered with the pre-school children, reading and working the puppets.

Lizzy Lou is one of the many Muppets created by the late-famed puppeteer, Jim Henson. Peek-a-Boo Lizzy Lou is a 16-page color storybook that captures the imagination of its young readers. This year, the Foundation is distributing over 1,900 puppets and story books to Head Start and other early learning facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties, in an effort to introduce youngsters to the joy of reading.

PROVIDER *Plus+* Makes Physician Referral Easy

Congratulations to the Provider Affairs department for doing such a fine job on PROVIDER *Plus+*, our Online Provider Directory.

With this new technology, Health and Senior Partners Members are able to easily find a participating Provider in our network with the click of the mouse, rather than thumbing through directories that may or may not be up to date.

PROVIDER *Plus+* has been up and running for a year now and has proven to be a convenient, reliable resource for our Members. Since January 1, 2005, the PROVIDER *Plus+* link has received almost 23,000 hits, evidence that the online tool is being used by our Members.

Welcome to:

Anita Lewis, who recently accepted a position in the Government Relations and Compliance Department. Anita is our new Legislative Program Manager. Prior to joining Health Partners, Anita served as Communications Director for State Senator Vincent Hughes. She received her undergraduate degree from Temple University School of Journalism and her Masters from the University of Akron in Ohio. She can be reached at ext 4067.

It's In the Mail!

Many employees are wondering where to drop off and receive mail. For now, your department's mail will need to be picked up at the Mail Center by 2:00 p.m. each day. The Mail Center is located on the fourth floor, just down the hall from the Data Center. If for some reason you are unable to pick up your mail, please contact the Mail Center at ext. 4120 and make arrangements for delivery to your department.

Drop boxes are being established in each pod for UPS and USPS. All mail will be picked up from the pods at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you have mail that needs to go out after 2:00 p.m., please bring it over to the Mail Center. If you have any questions, please call Sissy McCauley, Mail Center Supervisor, at ext. 4120.

PULSE 2006 Archives

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<http://hp4u/Content.asp?ContentID=2963>.

Save a Life — Give Blood

Each year since 1970, National Volunteer Blood Donor Month has honored regular blood donors and encouraged others to become donors. Each blood donation can save up to three lives. This year, make it your resolution to give the gift of life, give blood.