



INTERNATIONAL CHILD HEALTH RESIDENT TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

The New Mexico Pediatric Society seeks to support the UNM Department of Pediatrics' *Child Health International Program* which is dedicated to supporting resident physician education and experiences in international pediatrics and medical service endeavors in the developing world.

The Executive Committee of the New Mexico Pediatric Society has created a funding project to assist with this endeavor. This will be called the *International Child Health Resident Travel Grant Program* and will assist pediatric residents in pursuing their international child health interests. Our goal is to fund at least 2 residents' travel at \$1000/grant for the coming 3 years. We are calling on the members of the Society to assist in development of this grant and **as an incentive to you, the New Mexico Pediatric Society will MATCH** your donations up to \$3000 that are received within the next 60-days. Your donations are tax-deductible. See below for more information on this project.

- Yes, I will donate: \$250
 \$150
 \$100
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Mail your donations to:
International Child Health Resident
Travel Grant Program
c/o New Mexico Pediatric Society
2132 A Central Ave SE #289
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Checks can be written out to the New
Mexico Pediatric Society.

The Child Health International Program committee is a standing committee of the Department of Pediatrics, UNM School of Medicine and its committee is dedicated to supporting resident physician education in international pediatrics and medical service endeavors in the developing world. Multidisciplinary collaboration is a core feature of this program, and the CHIP committee actively pursues campus-wide partnerships with departments whose students and faculty share international interests, knowledge and perspective. We seek to exchange information and understanding so that all may learn to serve successfully in the international community. "We are not students of some subject matter, but students of problems. And problems may cut across the borders of any subject matter or discipline" (Karl Popper, 1902-1994)

The committee is composed of three to five faculty members from the Department of Pediatrics who have interest in and knowledge of international medicine. Committee members should reflect the diversity of the department and may include specialists as well as generalists. Faculty members with secondary appointments in the Department of Pediatrics are also eligible to be CHIP committee members. The Director of the Pediatric Residency Program is an ex officio member. In addition, the committee will include three to five pediatric resident physicians. Programmatic decisions such as establishing funding priorities and choosing resident projects are made by CHIP faculty with resident physician input. Consultants to the committee may be engaged as necessary and include knowledgeable persons from the Department of Pediatrics, the University of New Mexico, as well as the general community.

Current faculty members of the CHIP committee are responsible for nominating replacement faculty and resident members as vacancies occur. All committee members receive final approval by the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics.

The committee has at its disposal an endowment dedicated to the financial support of pediatric resident physician rotations in the developing world. Income from the endowment will support residents interested in gaining international experience. CHIP faculty members will be responsible for granting stipends and will give priority to resident projects believed to have particular merit for the potential impact on the health of local communities, which have a research component, or which present a strong likelihood that the international experience will foster a long term commitment to international health. Only pediatric resident physicians will be considered for funds; not faculty, not residents from other departments nor medical students. Proposals from resident physicians will be submitted to the committee in written form with clearly stated goals and objectives.

Committee faculty members will undertake the responsibility of monitoring resident projects to ensure that they are compatible with the educational goals of the residency, and that the service aspects are efficacious and ethical. At the completion of overseas rotations, resident physicians are required to share their experiences through formal presentations to the Department of Pediatrics and/or through publication.

When health disparities no longer exist, when children do not lack for health care, clean water, nutrition or shelter, CHIP funds will be joyfully allocated to support inter-cultural exchange and celebration.

Child Health International Program Resident Project Information

Today's child faces a crisis. Although entrusted with our future, particularly in the developing world, children now face a world wracked by infectious disease, poverty, stigmatization and violence. Some solutions are easy with the right medicine or training. Some solutions are difficult, as medical and social issues are often inextricable and global. But it is imperative to try. And it is nowhere more important to care for children than in the backwaters of our planet, where hope may seem distant indeed.

At the University of New Mexico Children's Hospital we recognize the global nature of child health, and our *Child Health International Program* (CHIP) is doing something about it. By supporting residents in their international pursuits, this program provides direct medical care to children in many areas of the developing world. Furthermore, CHIP is part of a campus-wide multidisciplinary training program that targets the next generation of caregivers to successfully serve in the international community. The combination of caring for the immediate needs of children in the developing world, and training future caregivers through extensive multidisciplinary collaborations, makes ICHP unique.

We believe that working with children in the developing world can be a profound experience – one which often generates a gratifying sense of achievement as well as lifelong implications on the practice of medicine. Therefore, the goal of CHIP is to provide our pediatric residents with the tools, the time, and the training necessary to provide specific and ongoing service in the international arena. A Certificate in International Child Health will be offered to our residents after successfully completing our curriculum and participating in a service project.

Our pediatrics program already has a strong record of providing international service. In recent years residents have provided services in Uganda, Botswana, Thailand, Russia and Zimbabwe. The service in Zimbabwe, which began as a one month resident driven PARC project, has evolved into a highly successful and nationally recognized non-profit organization which provides ongoing HIV education to African children (please see Grassrootsoccer.org).

CHIP is directed by a small group of faculty and residents dedicated to international child health. Please contact Dr. Aaron Jacobs (co-director of CHIP, ajacobs@salud.unm.edu) to obtain any further information. Should you choose to pursue your pediatric residency with us at UNM, we would look forward to providing the training and support necessary for success in international child health.

Sincerely,

Drs. Aaron Jacobs, Jim Fisk and John Phillips