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WIC/Immunization Project Update

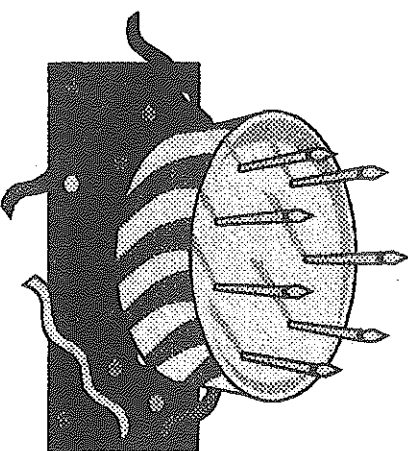
August 1 was the official start of the WIC/Immunization project. Our pilot project at Sixteenth Street CHC was very successful. The number of children without immunization records decreased by 10% and the 2 year olds up to date at 2 years increased by 9%. Now we are working with parents of children 0-15 months old enrolled in 11 WIC sites in Milwaukee. No immunizations will be given by project staff. We are helping families reduce barriers to getting immunizations and helping them get to their primary care providers for immunizations and Health Checks. If families do not have a doctor we refer them to community health centers, the Milwaukee Health Department and agencies to assist with services.

In the first 2 months of the project, we enrolled 1000 children: made 225 calls to parents, 75 were non-English speaking; sent 48 letters; and retrieved 150 immunization records. Only 3% of the records were up to date. We are awaiting the results of the calls to parents of 2 month olds to remind them of the first infant immunizations. Our goal is to have 90% of 2 year olds fully immunized by the year 2000.

Happy Birthday!

October

- 6 Laura Heiser, Development Director
- 8 Georgene Sommer, Dietician
- 18 Becky Weidensee, Nurse
- 21 Lizbeth Garcia, WIC
- 24 Eliza Ramirez, Billing



November

- 13 MaryJo Michels, WIC

Fundraising Corner

Newsletter Update

United Way

Please everyone give generously to this years United Way campaign. Last year, thirty-six Sixteenth Street employees contributed almost \$5,000. This year our goal is to break \$7,000! Everyone who did not participate last year, please consider giving at least \$1 per pay check through payroll deduction. As of October 6, sixteen individuals have contributed almost \$3,000. Thanks to all who have contributed thus far!

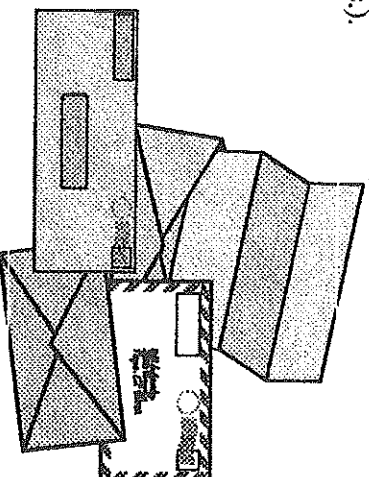
Please turn in your pledge cards to Laura Heiser, the Development Director. Remember the deadline is Monday, October 16 and if we reach our \$7,000 goal, John Bartkowski will throw a pizza party for the staff!

Grant Update

Sixteenth Street has recently been awarded \$4,000 from the Women's Fund of the Milwaukee Foundation and \$12,900 from AETNA to support a teen-mentoring program at South Division High School. Also, for the third consecutive year, the Center of Substance Abuse and Treatment (CSAT) awarded Sixteenth Street \$172,322, to link pregnant women and other clients with substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, mental health and primary care services. Lastly, we received a grant of \$20,000 which will continue to fund our Office of Environmental Health.

In early September, a proposal for \$29,000 was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services - HIV/AIDS Division to fund a Teen Parenting HIV Prevention Project. Funds would go to providing additional HIV/AIDS education, counseling and testing to pregnant women and their partners. Notification of the grant award will be in late October.

"The Pulse" is an excellent tool to communicate informal as well as formal information throughout the clinic. Communication is a process that can always be improved so I encourage each and every employee to contribute an FYI, new policy, recipe, want ad, reminder, recognition or anything anyone may want or need to know. Please give any and all articles to Kris in medical records by (a new date) the LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN ALL STAFF MEETING (i.e. December 29, 1995, February 23, 1996, etc.).



Essential Information

Did you know that for the month of September, the Medical Record Department filed back 5,039 charts; pulled 3,404 charts for appointments; pulled 1,143 charts for call backs; pulled 721 charts for meetings, audits and follow-ups; and filed 41" of documentation?! WOW! And "the season" has just started!

Keep up the fabulous work and continue to work so well as a team to make medical records so enjoyable to work with!

Dictation will begin Thursday, October 12 at 8:30 am. If you have not used this system during our trial period, please see Kris to get you started.

Finally, Kris will be out of the clinic from October 16-20. She will be attending the National Medical Record Conference.