

UConn Health Center Auxiliary



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## DIRECTLINE

SPRING 2008

NEWSLETTER

### AUXILIARY SPRING MARKET

FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2008

Hospital and Keller Lobbies and Mezzanine

Help is needed all day – to volunteer please call  
Phyllis Hills at (860)828-2993

#### ANNUAL AUXILIARY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Auxiliary, which is open to all who wish to attend, will be held **on June 24th**. Details concerning the meeting will be sent later.

#### FUNDRAISING EVENTS -Audra

McDonald at the Jorgensen – **May 3rd**

Tish Robinson presents “An Evening with Claude Monet” – **October 23rd**

Pumpkin Festival – Keene NH – **Oct. 25th**

#### W.H.A.L.E PROJECT

“We Have A Little Emergency”

This is a program to help ensure that our little ones can be rescued and identified in the case of an automobile accident.

W.H.A.L.E decals are put on the car window and on the car seat so that first responders are aware that a child may be in the car. If the driver is injured or unconscious, the child can be reunited with a family member sooner, if the parent fills out the information sheet provided by W.H.A.L.E and adheres it to the car seat. We have a Neonatal Task Force here who will be responsible for implementing the program for all the neonates and newborns at John Dempsey Hospital. After getting our program up and running, we will be going state-wide to reach other responders and the State police. Celebrate Women will help us promote the program. The decals, complete with our logo, should be here within the month.

#### ROCK CATS HOSPITAL NIGHT

**Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**, has been designated ‘Hospital Night’ at the Rock Cats. Hold that date. More information will be forth coming.

#### UCONN SUITE at HOMEWOOD SUITES

There is a real need for housing for families with babies in the Neonatal unit. Irene called the Homewood Suites and they offered – (1) a suite (750 square feet) with two bedrooms, two baths, living and dining areas and a kitchen. (2) The free shuttle between the hotel and UCONN, available from 8am to 10pm. (3) T.V., VCR AND wireless internet. (4) Full breakfast daily. (5) Dinner Monday through Thursday, with salad bar. Food will be saved for the guests if the hotel is notified in advance. (6) Heated pool and workout equipment available. (7) The cost to the Auxiliary will be \$47,000 per year.

## HOMEWOOD SUITES, con't

The proposal was unanimously approved by the Auxiliary Board. We hope to have this all in place and activated by July 1, 2008. At the Annual Meeting, June 24<sup>th</sup>, we will do a presentation. Physicians, nurses and social workers will decide which families need the suite the most.

The money from the penny boxes distributed throughout the Health Center will be used to personalize the Suite.

Name the Suite There is a box in the Gift Shop for you to put in your suggestions for an appropriate name for the Suite, which will be available until June 11th. The winner will be announced at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Projected Auxiliary Obligations

For 2008 – 2009

\$ 30,000 Signature Panels for a TaqMan  
Low Density Array System  
(Research Group)  
47,000 Homewood Suite (Neonatal –  
Hospital)  
55,000 Scholarships – (All aspects of  
the Health Center)  
2,000 (Approximate) W.H.A.L.E  
program – (safety for all of the  
State, eventually)  
1,000 The Deckers Endowment Fund  
(In honor of Dr. Peter Deckers)

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\$135,000 Projected total

## **WE NEED EVERYONE TO SUPPORT THE AUXILIARY –**

**Membership  
Gift Shop  
Thrift Shop  
Bazaars/ Markets/Vendors**

## WHAT'S NEWS

THRIFT SHOP: Thrift Shop is going to host the Red Hat Society Group called the “Ruby Gems of the Valley” from Farmington, CT. Wednesday April 16, 2008.

The UCONN Auxiliary has been featured In the ADVANCE, UCONN Health Magazine and the Newsline.

Irene Engel has been asked to be a speaker for the Civitan Club of Farmington on the UCHC Auxiliary on August 9, 2008. Irene is our very dedicated ‘facilitator’ who has Worked very hard to get our projects underway.

Debbie Baril and Irene Engel attended a Presentation of the Harry Potter books, Donated from the Auxiliary Gift Shop to The deserving students in the inner city Programs under the Health Career Opportunity Program, on Saturday, February 23, 2008.