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## Emergency Closing Procedure

During a snowstorm do you ever ask yourself whether you should report to work? To find out, call the Health Center's **Operational Status Hotline** at **860-679-2001**. Because of the nature of Health Center activities, this is the only reliable and official source of information about delayed openings, class cancellations, or closings of the Health Center's non-essential service units due to weather or other circumstances. It is your responsibility to know if your unit is designated as essential or non-essential. Closing announcements issued by the Governor's Office, other state agencies or the Storrs campus do not apply to the Health Center. No announcements are made by the media concerning Health Center closings. For Correctional Managed Health Care staff, the health administrator will communicate any closing information to individual facilities. Employees may also call the Health Center Operational Status Hotline at **860-679-2001**. These two outlets are the only reliable and official source of communication regarding closing information for CMHC Programs. There are 30 dedicated lines operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the unlikely event that service of the Operational Status Hotline is disrupted, Health Center and CMHC employees and students may call the back-up number **860-486-9292**. Keep these numbers handy for quick access. Contact Labor Relations at x8067 with questions.



## CSEC Donations Impact in Various Ways

A few weeks ago Health Center employees received information about the 2008 Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving. Many individuals have already returned their pledges. For those still contemplating where to make their donation, the following examples show how your donation impacts various organizations. Donations made to the American Cancer Society - Capital Region (#3002) benefit the [Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center](#). Donations designated to the March of Dimes - Capital Region (#3028) benefit the [Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Family Support Project](#). Every \$10 donated to FoodShare (#5040) buys \$100 worth of food. Approximately 100,000 people living in the greater Hartford area do not have enough food to feed their families. There are

over 1000 organizations to choose from. For a complete listing, visit <http://www.ct.gov/csec/lib/csec/Directory2008.PDF>. Need a pledge card? Visit [http://employ.uhc.edu/ppf/forms/pdfs/form\\_campaign.pdf](http://employ.uhc.edu/ppf/forms/pdfs/form_campaign.pdf). All contributions are tax-deductible. Return pledge cards by mail to Joyce Borkowski, Human Resources, MC4035 or fax to x1051.

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## Toys Needed for Annual Holiday Program

The Health Center and Connecticut Children's Medical Center Pediatric and Youth HIV Program needs your help with a toy drive for its holiday party. Make a difference in a youngster's holiday by donating a new, unwrapped toy. Toys appropriate for newborns, toddlers, young adolescents, and especially those between the ages of 11 to 17 are needed. Toy drop boxes are located in the Main and Academic Lobbies; Medical Arts and Research Building, fourth floor; the first and second floors of the Munson Building; Building 26; 10 Talcott Notch; and the pulmonary doctors office in the Main Building. Donations will be collected until **Thursday, December 11**. If you're unable to donate a toy but want to contribute, contact Cassandra Mitchell, x2916, or email [mitchellec@uchc.edu](mailto:mitchellec@uchc.edu). Not sure what's "hot" this year? [Check out CCMC's suggested gift list>](#)



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## New Website for Dental Implant Center

The [Center for Implant and Reconstructive Dentistry](#), part of the New England Musculoskeletal Institute, recently launched its new website. Spend time on the site and learn more about the state-of-the-art technologies and expert care available right on our campus. [Visit the site>](#)

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## Landscapes of Alaska on Exhibit



Visit the Main and Mezzanine Lobbies now through January 21 to view a landscape exhibit of Alaska by self-taught artist Faripour Forouhar. Originally a watercolorist and graphite sketcher, he was attracted to the versatility and textural qualities of oil paints. A surgical pathology specialist at the Health Center, Forouhar brings a thoughtful approach to his artistic work, analyzing and experimenting with composition to create beautiful landscapes. However, Forouhar says that his primary approach to his art, and its subject, is instinctive. Having traveled extensively, he paints the maritime and mountain landscapes he has seen. Forouhar is an active member of the North Shore Art Association, where he has exhibited. He has also exhibited at the Arts Exclusive Gallery in Simsbury and previously at the Health Center. [Learn more>](#)

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## Shawls, Jewelry, Glassware and More

The [Connucopia Gift Shop](#) has lined up several vendors to help with your holiday shopping. **Precious Cargo** returns on **Thursday, December 4**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Food Court Lobby. They will be selling their line of pashmina shawls, venetian glass jewelry and Russian handicrafts. **Sparkle Jewelry** visits **Friday, December 5**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Food Court Lobby. Another jewelry favorite, **Jazz Mi Taz** is here **Tuesday, December 9**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Food Court Lobby. **NLS Fleece** will be selling warm weather fleece clothing **Wednesday, December 10**, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Academic Lobby. **Decoupage by Toni** is here **Thursday, December 11**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Food Court Lobby.

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## Celebrate Women December Programs

[Celebrate Women](#) has scheduled several interesting programs in December. Molly Brewer, gynecologic oncologist, will give a presentation on minimally invasive procedures for gynecologic cancers **Monday, December 1**, noon to 1 p.m. in the Henry Low Learning Center. The lecture can be viewed live at [www.celebrate.uchc.edu/webcast](http://www.celebrate.uchc.edu/webcast). Recent advances in treating shoulder pain including non-surgical alternatives is presented by Kevin Shea, orthopaedic surgeon, **Wednesday, December 3**, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Southington Medical Office, 1131 West St., Bldg.1. Join Celebrate Women for a fun session on looking your best with makeup artist Ruth Caney. A volunteer will get a makeover using products from Caney's company, RC Cosmetics. The event will be held **Tuesday, December 9**, noon to 1 p.m. in the Onyiuke Dining Room. Registration for these programs is required. [To register>](#)



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## Don't Gain Holiday Weight

Are you worried about packing on the pounds during the holiday season? You can balance your calories and still enjoy all your favorite treats. The Food and Nutrition Department has the following tips aimed to help at holiday parties. Fill up on fruits, veggies and grain foods. Eat small frequent meals throughout the day. Limit cookies, cakes, and other holiday treats to small portions.

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## People



**Joel Levine**, division of gastroenterology, was named as one of America's Top Doctors for Women in the November issue of [Women's Health](#). Levine is among only five gastroenterologists in the Northeast selected for this honor. Physicians named to America's Top Doctors were selected after peer nomination, extensive research and careful review and screening by a doctor-directed research team.



**Marja M. Hurley**, Health Career Programs, was recently appointed by the [National Institutes of Health](#) to the Skeletal Biology Development and Disease Study Section for a four-year term. Members are selected on the basis of their competence and achievement in their scientific discipline as evidenced by the quality of research accomplishments, publications, and other significant scientific activities, achievements and honors.



**Cato T. Laurencin**, vice president for health affairs and dean, School of Medicine, recently received the Excellence in Science and Technology Award at the 15th Annual [Caribbean American Heritage Awards](#). CARAH Awards are the premiere recognition awards in the Caribbean American community. They honor and celebrate individuals of Caribbean heritage and friends of the Caribbean who have been standard bearers of excellence, and who have made positive contributions to the American and international landscape.



**Eric A. Jackson**, Family Medicine, was recently inducted as a fellow of the [American College of Clinical Pharmacy](#) during the organization's annual meeting. Fellowship in the College recognizes and rewards the highest levels of excellence in the practice and science of clinical pharmacy.



**Juris Ozols**

**Juris Ozols**, Department of Molecular, Microbial and Structural Biology, and **Achilles Pappano**, Department of Cell Biology and Calhoun Cardiology Center, were honored for 40 years of service to the Health Center at a recent employee recognition dinner hosted by [Know Better Place](#). This is the first time this milestone has been celebrated in the history of the Health Center. Employees with 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service; and retirees were also recognized at the reception. Congratulations to all! [View the complete list of honorees>](#)



**Achilles Pappano**

To accommodate news needs during the holidays, the next edition of Newsline will be published on **Monday, December 15**. See box below for submission information.

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