

Dr. Larry Sargent Inducted into Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars



On May 23, 2002, Dr. Larry Sargent was inducted into The Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars. He is one of 15 this year to be inducted into this most prestigious society, whose members come from all fields of study.

Created by former Johns Hopkins President, Milton S. Eisenhower in May 1967, the Society includes former postdoctoral fellows and faculty who have gained marked distinctions in their fields of physical, biological,

medical, social or engineering sciences, or in the humanities. Only 415 alumni have been selected for the Society of Scholars in the past 35 years.

The Scholars for 2002 were invested on Commencement Day and were presented with a medallion to be worn with their academic robe, as well as a diploma. The Scholars were also honored at a dinner hosted by Johns Hopkins University President William R. Brody. Dr. Sargent attended with his wife, Brenda.

While in Baltimore, Dr. Sargent was the visiting professor in Plastic Surgery at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and gave Grand Rounds.

The Johns Hopkins honor follows another distinction earned by Dr. Sargent in December 2001 when he was chosen to be the Claude C. Coleman, Jr. and Sr. visiting professor in the Department of Plastic Surgery at the University of Virginia. During his visit Dr. Sargent gave several lectures, including Grand Rounds, and a formal banquet was held in his honor.

Monday Night Football at CBC

Throughout the NFL football season, the Chattanooga Billiards Club sponsored a fundraiser benefiting the CFA. Each Monday night participants watched the game on a big screen TV, enjoyed complimentary food and had the opportunity to win a Lane Action Recliner donated each week by Kinder's Furniture Mall. Phil Windham of the Billiards Club was instrumental in raising over \$4500.00 through the event. Thanks to the Chattanooga Billiards Club, Kinder's Furniture Mall, Clear Channel Radio and ComCast Cable for their support of this event and for helping bring smiles to the faces of our patients. ■

Benefit Rodeo a Foundation First

5th and 6th marked the dates for the CFA's first benefit rodeo at Camp Jordan Arena in East Ridge. *Ride em' Cowboy and Cowgirl* was the rule of the weekend as bull riders, calf ropers and barrel jumpers competed for prize money in 8 events. Two special events, the Mutton Bustin' Contest on Friday night and the Kid's Calf Scramble on Saturday night gave the kids in attendance a chance to join in the fun. The rodeo, sanctioned by the National Cowboy's Association, was sponsored by Prebul AutoGroup and Dodge Rodeo, Frost Cutlery Company, ClearChannel Radio and in partnership with Erlanger Health System. Thank you all for making dreams come true for our kids!!! ■

Meet the Lookouts Barbecue a great success!

2nd annual Meet the Lookouts Barbecue was held April 2nd at BellSouth Park. The evening, sponsored by Hunter Oil Company, provided the opportunity for fans to meet the 2002 Chattanooga Lookouts baseball team and coaching staff while supporting the CFA. Guests enjoyed a perfect evening with a delicious barbecue dinner provided by the Lookouts and the chance to mix and mingle with the players and staff. Players signed autograph books and baseballs and had their pictures taken with kids and grownups alike. Special thanks to Lookouts owner Frank Burke and General Manager Rich Mazingo and their staff and Rick Hunter of Hunter Oil Company for their help in making the evening a great success!



Hamilton County Kids Helping to Make a Difference....one face at a time.

As part of the Character Education Initiative, the Hamilton County School System in Chattanooga, is partnering with the Craniofacial Foundation of America to collect Kellogg's American Airlines A' Advantage Awards for the *Kids Helping Kids Face a New Day* program. The initiative will benefit patients and families traveling to Chattanooga for evaluation and treatment at the Tennessee Craniofacial Center. Each coupon collected from participating Kellogg's products is worth 100 miles. Students and their families are encouraged to collect the coupons and place them in designated boxes at each school. The CFA will then redeem the coupons and have the miles credited to their American Airlines account. The accumulated miles will be used to purchase airline tickets for patients and their families. The program will run through November 2002.

You can help too! Buy specially marked boxes of Kellogg's products that promote the A' Advantage Awards, cut out the labels and send them to The Craniofacial Foundation, 975 East Third Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403. ■

International Medical Team Plans Trip to Panama

Each year a medical team from the Tennessee Craniofacial Center travels to a third world country to provide free medical treatment to adults and children with untreated craniofacial birth defects. Most of the patients helped have unrepaired clefts of the lip and palate. This program represents the only hope of medical treatment for these patients who lack medical resources or funds necessary to pay for treatment. This year a ten-person team, led by Dr. Larry Sargent, will travel to Panama City, Panama from September 7th-15th. The team hopes to perform 20-25 operations during the weeklong clinic that has been named *Operation Happy Faces*. ■

Federal Employees Combined Federal Campaign

In September all Federal Employees will have the opportunity to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC gives government employees the opportunity to designate their annual gift to the participating non profit organization(s) of their choice. Again this year the Craniofacial Foundation of America has been approved to participate in the Campaign. The Craniofacial Foundation can be designated to receive gifts by indicating #4065 on the pledge card. Please encourage family members and friends who are government employees to consider their pledge this year is made to the Craniofacial Foundation of America. ■

Golf Tournament at Black Creek Golf Course

Black Creek Golf Course at Cummings Cove was the setting for the Sixth Annual Craniofacial Foundation Benefit Golf Classic on May 13th. Realty Center/GMAC sponsored this year's tournament. Other major sponsors included: Synthes Maxillofacial/Education Sponsor, CBA of Tennessee-Search America, Inc/Awards Sponsor, Premier Financial Service/Beverage Sponsor, VanRu Credit Corporation/ and Paty, Rymer and Ulin, PC/Luncheon Sponsor. Many players competed in the tournament. This year's overall champion was Shane Kennedy from Kennedy Jewelers comprised of Shane Kennedy, Kirk Crow and Mark Cook. Congratulations go to all of the players, sponsors and volunteers who participated. ■



Shane Kennedy



(left-right) Jim Perry, Golf Committee, Dr. Larry Sargent, Darlene Brown, VP Realty Center/GMAC, Mike Rhyne, Tournament Chairman and Dan Houston, Realty Center/GMAC

Patient Returns Home after Successful Surgery

When four year old Stephanie Campos and her mother Fanny arrived in Chattanooga on January 30th from Panama City, Panama it was the end of a two year search to find medical help. Stephanie was born with a condition called Hemifacial Microsomia or HFM, which is characterized by an underdevelopment of one side of the face. In Stephanie's case her left jaw and left ear were underdeveloped. Since Stephanie's birth, Fanny sought treatment for her daughter. She knew that an operation to lengthen her daughter's jaw was the first step. Doctors in Panama did not perform the type of operation that was needed and a trip to surgeon in Texas ended in disappointment. Through another patient, Fanny learned of the services of the Tennessee Craniofacial Center and the Craniofacial Foundation. After reviewing Stephanie's records, Dr. Larry Sargent agreed to perform the operation and arrangements were made for the child and her mother to travel to Chattanooga. The CFA provided the necessary funds to pay for her travel and her lodging at the Ronald McDonald House for their two-month stay in Chattanooga.

On February 6th, Stephanie underwent an operation to lengthen her jaw. Dr. Sargent placed a distracter on her jaw and each day for several weeks the device was turned to gradually lengthen the deficient bone. After the lengthening process was completed, the device stayed in place for 6 weeks to allow the bone to heal totally. On March 21st it was removed and Stephanie and her Mother prepared to return home to Panama.

Fanny continues to express her gratitude to the staff and volunteers of the Center and the Foundation through frequent emails. Fanny calls Chattanooga the "City of Angels" and is looking forward to returning for Stephanie's future surgeries to reconstruct her ear. ■



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Third Annual "Dreams Can Come True" Family Camping Weekend

Third annual "Dreams Can Come True" Family Camping Weekend was held May 10-12th at Camp Adam on Lookout Mountain. Eighteen families from several states enjoyed a fun filled weekend of activities and fellowship. Activities included canoeing, horseback riding, nature activities, arts and crafts and evening campfires. Libby Strait, wife of the Craniofacial Team's Neurosurgeon, Dr. Tim Strait, led the evening sing a long on Saturday night.

Heather Henderson, a high school senior who started the camp in 2000, was again instrumental in planning the event. Heather's parents, Donna and Max, and sister Shelly, made it a family affair as they all "pitched in" to prepare meals, organize field games, run the infirmary and make sure that camp ran smoothly.



The "Dreams Can Come True" weekend has become extremely important to the families who attend. Craniofacial patient Mallory Youngblood and her parents Terry and Diane have attended the event for each of its three years. As Diane Youngblood commented, "The camp is such a wonderful opportunity for each one of us. We love getting to know the other families, sharing stories and ideas and watching the children grow up. It's the relationships that are formed that are so important—they mean so much to us." Mallory designed this year's official camp tee shirt. ■



CFA Meet Heather Henderson

When Heather Henderson was a little girl, someone must have told her, "If you think you can, YOU CAN." In her 18 years of life, Heather has accomplished more than many of us do in a lifetime. She spends most of her free time helping others, and looking for ways to make a difference in the lives of those she meets.

Heather first became involved with the Craniofacial Foundation 6 years ago when she was looking for community service projects for her Girl Scout troop. Over the years, she and her fellow scouts volunteered for countless special events like horse shows, golf tournaments, Christmas parties and picnics for patients and families. As her volunteer experiences with children grew, Heather decided that she wanted to work with special needs children as a career. She has spent the last few summers volunteering with special needs children at summer camp and she will enter Belmont Abbey College this fall pursuing a degree in Special Education. She has received several scholarships and awards based on her community service activities.

It was Heather's experiences as a camp counselor that led her to establish a weekend family camp for children born with facial differences and for their families. In May 2000 as a project to attain her Girl Scout Gold Award, Heather established the "Dreams Can Come True" weekend. She received a grant from Ronald McDonald Charities to fund the event, planned all of the activities, designed the t-shirts, planned menus, purchased food and organized over 30 volunteers to help activities and cleanup. Not only did Heather earn her Gold Award (the equivalent of the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Award), but also the admiration and respect of all who attend camp.



The Craniofacial Foundation of America wishes Heather well as she begins her college career. We will all miss her, but know that no matter where she goes she will be extending her hand and her heart to help others. ■

Resource Listing

Let's Face It is an information and support network for people with facial differences, their families, friends and professionals. Since 1987, Let's Face It USA, a nonprofit network, has been linking professionals, parents and communities to information support for living with facial differences. *The Resource List* is published annually by Betsy Wilson. For a free copy, send 9x12 self-addressed, stamped envelope (\$3.50) postage. Please include a note telling them about yourself and send it to: **Let's Face It, P.O. Box 29972, Bellington, WA 982280-1972.** They have an extensive website, which can be accessed by www.faceit.org or by email at letsfaceit@faceit.org. ■

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—WORKPLACE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS

Did you know that most employers have a matching gifts program? For every dollar that an employee donates to their favorite charity, the company will in turn match the donation. This is an excellent way to double your contribution while supporting your favorite charity. Before making your next charitable contribution, check with your employer to see if they have a Matching Gifts Program. *The CFA thanks you!* ■

"Faces in The Forest" Documentary

"*Faces in the Forest*" is a one-hour documentary film that follows the incredible journey of Dr. Larry Sargent and his team of medical professionals as they travel to the remote jungles of Peru to offer hope and help to children born with facial deformities. The film is available for purchase in the CFA office. In it you will see how lives are transformed as Dr. Sargent and the team perform scores of operations during the annual trip to the Peruvian town of Pucallpa. The film, which originally aired on the Learning Channel, is currently aired internationally by National Geographic International.

Copies of the original, unedited film are available for a \$25.00 donation. To purchase a copy, please call the CFA offices at 423-778-9176 or 1-800-418-3223. ■

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CFA Tea Parties Are The Best Medicine!

Imagine, if you will, a perfectly set table with a white lace tablecloth, fresh flowers, linen napkins, a silver tea service, miniature teacups and elegant goodies. Add to this a beautiful young girl adorned in a fancy hat, long white gloves and strands of pearls around her neck. What you have is one of



Lois Hearn (left), Marsha and Kenzie Rogers attend the tea party.



Sadie Vivo (right) with Mom, Jana

Looking Forward to the next CFA Headliners:

The next CFA Headliners will feature articles on the **Intermedical Medical Trip**, patient highlights and medical information. If you would like to share your story or have an item of interest to be included in the newsletter, please call the Foundation office at 423-778-9192.