

Tulane Xavier National Center of Excellence in Women's Health

Special Winter 2008-2009 Addition

7th Annual Jane Wilson Smith Lectureship

On November 13, 2008 the 7th Annual Jane Wilson Smith Lecture was held in New Orleans. The Lectureship provides for the health education of community women in the areas of stress, substance abuse, and depression, and it has enriched the lives of hundreds of women. This year's talk, "Beating Depression: The Journey to Hope", was delivered by Dr. Maga Jackson-Triche, Health Sciences Clinical Professor at the University of California Davis. Her remarks encouraged guests to reflect on their daily lives, where she provided the necessary methods to deal with their stress and depression. Former First Lady Roselyn Carter has called Dr. Jackson-Triche one of the most important women researchers in this field. Guests left the event with renewed hope, and new relationships to support the work on women's health.



Honored at this year's event were registered nurses and nurse practitioners who were recognized for their invaluable contributions to community. Honorees, civic leaders, community women, our partners, and members from the academic community comprised the group of approximately 130 attending.

The Women's Center will continue to offer research-based health education information and outreach activities throughout the year to the community through the Jane Wilson Smith Lectureship, so that all may enjoy a better quality of life. Contact our office for more information. A collage of photographs from the evening is displayed below.



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Women's Health Research Day 2008

An integral part of the Tulane Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH NIH K12) grant has been our Annual Women's Health Research Marathon Day (WHRD). The **5th Annual WHRD was held on December 5, 2008** in the J. Bennett Johnson Research Building at 1430 Tulane Avenue. This day-long event highlighted women's health research from the Tulane University Health Sciences Center, the School of Medicine, our BIRCWH Scholars, the Louisiana State University Health Science Center, and various other Center affiliates.

Presentations covered a range of women's health is-

ues, populations, and research disciplines. Each year one presentation is recognized for outstanding cutting-edge research. Dr. Jeanette H Magnus, PI, presented this year's award to LSUHSC's Tara Randolph, MS, for her research entitled: "Impact of Antiretroviral Therapy on Genital HIV Shedding in Women". The WHRD attracted a diverse group of 50 Tulane faculty, staff and students, and various research community partners. Results from the day's evaluations indicated that the knowledge gained will be extremely useful to attendees in their research, and an expressed desire for continuance of this and other venues on women's health research.



CNN Hero of the Year

The Mary Amelia Women's Health Education Center has partnered with the founders of the St. Bernard Project (SBP) on organization strategic planning, and community assessment.

SBP co-founder, Liz McCartney, was recently honored nationally for her work with the Project as CNN Hero of the Year. The award was presented during a special national television event by CNN. Liz, her colleague Zack Rosenburg, and community professionals and volunteers have erected over 140 new homes in St. Bernard Parish since Hurricane Katrina.

Leaving their Washington home behind Liz and Zack are staying on to carry the project forward. Liz has issued a request for others to join in their efforts. For additional information about the SBP visit their website:

www.stbernardproject.com

Congratulations Liz!!



Visit the new Mary Amelia Community Women's Health Education Center website
www.womenshealth.tulane.edu