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Joy Greene, Director

Joy developed the new *Hands and Feet Grant* this year to help support CPFI student chapters as they serve in their local community. Joy also led a devotional service and was a CE speaker at the 2016 CPFI Annual Conference as well as for the National Student Retreat. Joy is a CPFI student chapter advisor at High Point University School of Pharmacy. Joy also assisted the membership committee this year with their outreach efforts through member calls. Joy contributed a published article this year for the spring edition of *Christianity & Pharmacy* and is scheduled to contribute an article for publication in the December issue of *The Faith Script*.

Mark Johnson, Director

Mark serves as a CPFI student chapter advisor at Shenandoah University Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy. Mark also serves as a member of the new CPFI marketing committee and is the chair for the bylaws committee. Mark composed and contributed an article for publication in the February

issue of *The Faith Script*. Mark partnered with Board members Greg Carlson and Gene Erb, and past Board member, John Cowley to plan, coordinate and host a CPFI prayer breakfast at the Virginia Pharmacists Association 135th Annual Convention on September 9, 2016 in Virginia Beach, VA. The committee also sponsored a CPFI exhibit booth at that event.

Daniel Wilson, Director

Daniel is the Board's key point person with CPFI student chapters and advisors, and he oversees and supports all of the National Student Council activities. Daniel helps to support student activities at the various student chapter regions. In addition to maintaining contact with over 80 CPFI student chapters, Daniel also developed a campaign this year to reach over 1000 recent graduates to increase membership as well as implement several promotions to create a message of invitation to new pharmacists. Daniel assisted the membership committee this year with their outreach efforts through member calls. Daniel is responsible for maintaining the student components of the CPFI website. Daniel partnered with last year's CPFI student board representative, Shawn Kohlhaas, to coordinate and host a special CPFI session at the American

Pharmacists Association 2016 Convention titled "To Dispense or not to Dispense, Should that Even be the Question?" which was held on March 5, 2016 in Baltimore, MD.

Tristram Ford, Student Representative

Tristram's one-year term as the student representative on the Board of Directors began in June and he has already contributed much to the organization. Tristram drafted and submitted a proposal to the APhA-ASP House of Delegates requesting that they allow a CPFI student member to attend their meetings. The request was accepted by APhA! Tristram assisted in leading a devotional session at the 2016 annual conference in Myrtle Beach. He also helps to oversee the CPFI social media sites. Tristram assisted Board member, Jordan Daniel, with coordinating and planning the CPFI special 'meet & greet' event for the 2016 Global Missions Health Conference. He also recently traveled to Buies Creek, NC to represent CPFI and serve as the CPFI Exhibit Booth representative for the Cure Medical Missions Conference at Campbell University on September 10, 2016. Tristram contributed a published article for the CPFI National Student Council newsletter.

CPFI Student Retreat



This year, the CPFI Southwest Regional Retreat was a 3-day event held in Abilene, TX at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy. In attendance were several CPFI members, a few faculty and staff and even a student from a nearby college in attendance. Attendees were able to enjoy a variety of guest speakers as well as a group movie night and community service

project. We spent meaningful time in fellowship and worship as we enjoyed a performance by a local church choir, and enjoyed time spent getting to know each other and learning about ways to reveal and incorporate our faith in the pharmacy profession. Overall, it was a great success and we feel very blessed to have had such a fun event come together for the glory of God.

Shenandoah University's CPFI Chapter Serves the Local Community

By Gina Ayers, PharmD Candidate 2016

As Christians we have the privilege of being Christ's hands and feet in the world. To quote from the book *Draw the Circle* by Pastor Mark Batterson, "When everything is said and done, God won't say, 'Well said good and faithful servant.' He won't say, 'Well thought,' 'Well planned,' or even 'Well prayed.' There is only one commendation He will give: 'Well done good and faithful servant.'" Serving the local community is a great way for CPFI's student chapters to shine Christ's light in the world.

When initially getting involved in the community, it may be easiest to volunteer at events held by local organizations, such as Free Medical Clinics, soup kitchens, or a local Boys and Girls Club. At Shenandoah University (SU) in Winchester, Virginia, the CPFI chapter partners with the local soup kitchen every semester to serve the less fortunate a warm lunch. Supporting a ministry over time can allow the chapter to build valuable relationships in the community and may present an opportunity to expand existing service projects. The CPFI chapter at SU has a strong relationship with the local soup kitchen, and this past year, its members were able to provide flu immunizations to individuals at the soup kitchen. Partnering

with local organizations on an existing service project does not require a significant time commitment or funding, and it can be a great time of fellowship for its members.

Another way for CPFI chapters to serve the local community is through the creation of a new service project. Often the best ideas for new service projects develop from an identified need within the community or the passion of a CPFI member. At SU, one of the past CPFI Presidents, Erin Van Meter, had a passion for serving children. She took the initiative to reach out to the local Boys and Girls Club and organized a Pediatric Health Fair. The event included activity stations that focused on topics such as eating healthy, staying active, oral hygiene, poison prevention, and disabilities awareness. In April 2015, the chapter held its third annual Pediatric Health Fair at the Boys and Girls Club for approximately 85 children. Every year, local dentists donate toothbrushes and toothpaste for the event. The CPFI chapter also partners with SU's Kappa Epsilon chapter, whose members perform a "Poison Prevention" puppet show during the event. When students outside of CPFI heard about the event, they were interested in participating. New events can be a great

way to invite individuals from the School of Pharmacy into the CPFI community. Though planning a new event can require more time and resources, it is an extremely rewarding opportunity.

Whether it's volunteering at another organization's event or creating a new event, partnering with local organizations is an excellent way to get CPFI members involved in the local community. These types of opportunities can be a great time of fellowship for the chapter's members and may also attract the interest of individuals at the School of Pharmacy, who are not currently CPFI members. Additionally, collaborating with other School of Pharmacy organizations may be beneficial for larger service projects.

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Project Feast

By Ene Mary Omakwu, Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate 2017, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

Thursday November 23rd 2015 marked the 26th annual project feast thanksgiving dinner to feed the homeless and less fortunate individuals in West Baltimore. This event was sponsored by the School of Medicine, the University Student Government Association, and the Medical Alumni Association. Students, faculty, and staff from all six schools gathered at Booker T. Washington Middle School to serve a Thanksgiving meal, donate food, clothing, and provide health education and blood pressure screenings to residents in West Baltimore. This year there were over 100 volunteers and more than 200 participants.

After the riots in the summer in the West Baltimore area, our goal has been to have a presence there. Some members of CPFI were present at this event and even though it took a few hours of our time, this act of kindness was inspirational to many. One of the greatest aspects of the event was seeing the smiles on the faces of the residents as they enjoyed their meals. Additionally, many thanked us profusely before leaving. The CPFI faculty advisor and members of CPFI donated clothing/funds which contributed to CPFI's donation of over 50 cans of food. Members of CPFI were immensely touched by this event as shown in the following quotes.

"As I observed the hungry natives get a meal, one Bible verse came to mind. Isaiah 46:4 (NLT) says, "I will be your God throughout your lifetime" In spite of the financial hardships, many of the aged attendants have made it thus far in life by the grace of God"

"It was great being a part of this event and being able to serve people who were less fortunate and did not have enough funds to host thanksgiving dinner"

"This was a phenomenal experience, which has taught us a simple act for one may be a life-changing event for another"

We are grateful to our Father in Heaven for this opportunity to be of service to our community. God employed us to demonstrate His love for His people. Our experience increased our faith in God's providential care for us. In the future, CPFI hopes to increase participation in this event by donating Christian books, more cans of food, and offering prayer to the people. Other areas of interest include a worship performance during the event and hosting a voluntary prayer circle for the residents who are interested to join and pray with us. Overall, Project Feast was a success and CPFI is happy to have been a part of it. We look forward to next year's event.