



## Foundation Features

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A Quarterly Newsletter from Dean Foundation for Health, Research & Education

### Reflecting Back and Looking Ahead

As 2009 begins I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on 2008 and share with you our goals for the upcoming year. Before I begin, I'd like to say THANK YOU to everyone who generously donated their time and money to allow the Foundation to thrive during this hard economic time.

All of our research departments continue to grow. Medical Research has been busy with over 40 studies and welcomed nine new investigators. Psychiatric Research saw multiple medications that were studied gain FDA approval. Also, we were selected as the only site in the upper Midwest to conduct an Alzheimer's study examining the safety and efficacy of Dimebon™. This drug has gathered national attention as a potential new treatment for Alzheimer's. Oncology Research continues to receive national recognition as an outstanding research site.

Our Health and Outreach Programs continue to serve those in need. The BSP Free-Clinic is once again expecting to see close to 1,000 patients this year with referrals coming from free clinics all across Wisconsin. Plans for 2009 include adding ophthalmology and cardiology allowing the Clinic to provide more comprehensive care to patients in need.

Our Health Education Program launched a new initiative named Stop and Seat that is being piloted in Middleton. This project builds upon our Passenger Safety Program to ensure that every child riding in a car is riding safe.

And who can forget our fundraising events, Doc Star and Doc du Jour, that provide a social setting to showcase our Dean docs and their talents. If you haven't attended either event, I highly recommend you add them to your 2009 calendar.

To kick off 2009, I am pleased to announce a new clinic, Dean Foundation Reading Clinic, which uses research proven techniques to help children be efficient and proficient readers. To find out more information go to [www.dean.org](http://www.dean.org)

Dean Foundation staff and I would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

**Dr. Leslie Taylor**

Executive Director, Dean Foundation

### Dean Foundation Program Profile: Cozy Covers

Every day oncology patients feel the healing thoughts and prayers of others when they sit down for chemotherapy or radiation treatments. How do you do that? Through a program called **Cozy Covers**. This program provides a handmade blanket or shawl to patients undergoing chemotherapy or radiation at Dean. Each blanket is tagged with a note from the giver so the patient knows someone is thinking of them. The blanket is the patient's to keep and bring back to future appointments for warmth since treatments can often times make them feel chilled.

Melisa McMahan, Girl Scout troop leader and Dean Health System employee, found out about the program on the company's intranet. "As a troop leader I am always on the lookout for service projects for my girls. I saw the posting and thought- 'My girls could do that!'" says McMahan. Troop #22 from Beloit spent an afternoon learning more about oncology and making blankets. So far, they have donated 14 blankets and plan to make more. If you are interested in learning more or want to make a blanket donation visit [www.dean.org](http://www.dean.org)



## Top Chef Crowned at Doc Du Jour



Eleven Dean and St. Mary's physicians and friends competed in the first physician culinary competition at the Blue Spoon Café on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. All guests sampled an array of wines from around the world while tasting signature hors d'oeuvres prepared by the Doc Du Jour competitors.



Dr. Ehrhardt and his wife, Jessica Bartel

Over 100 votes were cast for the coveted **Doc Du Jour** title and Dr. William Ehrhardt took home the honors for his mouthwatering Gatwick Wontons. In addition to the competition, guests also bid on a variety of gourmet meals prepared by the competitors.

The event raised \$10,000 for Dean Foundation's Health Outreach Programs including Neighborhood Asthma, BSP-Free and Middleton Teen Clinics. Special thanks to the event sponsors Blue Spoon Café, Sentry Metcalfe's and Epic along with all the doctors who participated in the competition and donated a dinner to the auction.

To view more pictures from the event visit [www.dean.org](http://www.dean.org)



L to R: *Back:* Dr. Michael Frontiera, Dr. Mark Moore, Dr. Reid Olson, Dr. Jim Porter, Dr. Zorba Paster *Front:* Dr. William Ehrhardt, Dr. Susan Isensee, Dr. Leslie Taylor, Dr. Craig Samitt *Not pictured:* Dr. Frank Byrne, Mary Starrman-Harrison, Dr. Bill Scheckler

## FEATURED STUDY



### High Blood Pressure? (Study #538)

Dean Foundation is conducting a clinical research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of high blood pressure.

Qualified participants over the age of 18 will receive study related care and medication at no cost and compensation for time and travel.

For more information or to see if you qualify to participate, call **608-283-7320**.

For additional information about our current studies go to: [www.dean.org](http://www.dean.org)

## Welcome New Employees



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**Sarah Stark** recently joined Dean Foundation as a **Research Laboratory Technician** in Psychiatric Research. She has many years experience in a clinical research setting and is a certified Clinical Research Professional through the Society of Clinical Research Associates.

## 2008 Service Awards

Dean Foundation would like to recognize the following employees for their hard work and dedication.

**5 years:** Susie Shaffer

**10 years:** Lynne Edebohls

**15 years:** Sandy Rauls

**20 years:** Sherri Faust

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