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Gift Giving Ideas !



Just in time for the New Year. . . . The 2007 Family Voices Calendar loaded with wonderful pictures, great quotes and more. To order your copy and extras to give as gifts, go to <http://www.familyvoices.org/catalog.php>.

Looking for a way to celebrate a special person? During this holiday season, please consider asking friends and family to make secure, on line donations to Family Voices. Simply visit our website, <http://www.familyvoices.org> to make a donation or to learn more about how financial gifts are used. Donations may be sent directly to:

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Taming Time

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Time is precious. Ask the coach whose team is behind in the final seconds of a game. Ask the air traffic controller in charge of scheduling takeoffs and landings at a major airport. Ask the news reporter who has just received a breaking story from the AP wire. Ask the cancer patient who has recently learned they have only two months left to live.

Time management is an oxymoron. Time is beyond our control, and the clock keeps ticking regardless of how we lead our lives. Priority management is the answer to maximizing the time we have. Our days are identical suitcases—all the same size—but some can pack more into them than others. No one has a magical ability to make time, but if our lives have direction, we can make the most of the moments we have been given.

Time is more valuable than money, because time is irreplaceable. "You don't really pay for things with money," says author Charles Spezzano in *What to Do between Birth and Death*. "You pay for them with time." We exchange our time for dollars when we go to work and then trade our dollars for everything we purchase and accumulate. In essence, all we possess can be traced back to an investment of time. Time stewardship is perhaps a leader's greatest responsibility. In the words of Peter Drucker, "Nothing else distinguishes effective executives as much as their tender loving care of time."

This edition of Dr. John C. Maxwell's *Leadership Wired*, looks at five characteristics of people who use time wisely. The goal of the lesson is for us to understand how to maximize the precious minutes given to us each day. Read More at http://www.maximumimpact.com/newsletters/leadership/content/printerfriendly/9_19.htm.

National Center for Family/Professional Partnerships for CYSHCN

by Peggy Curran, Family Voices Staff

Family Voices is pleased to announce the launch of its new website section providing information and materials from the National Center for Family/Professional Partnerships for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN). Family Voices is funded as this National Center through a cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau to provide leadership on implementing the core component of a system of care for CYSHCN: ***Families will partner in decision-making at all levels and will be satisfied with the services they receive.***

This new web section, <http://www.familyvoices.org/info/ncfpp/>, provides information on:

- developing and strengthening partnerships,
- Family-to-Family Health Information Centers,
- performance measures, and
- other National Centers and other resources.

Be sure to check it out!

Online Survey about Health and Wellness for CSHCN



The Family Voices and Tufts University research team invite you to complete an anonymous online survey about Health and Wellness for Children with Special Health Care Needs. The team is looking for as many responses as possible from families who have children, 6 - 18 years old, with special health care needs (this includes special mental health/behavioral/emotional needs). Please go to <http://go.tufts.edu/familymatters> to access the survey.

SAVE THE DATE!



Family Voices 15th Anniversary Gala and National Conference
May 23-36, 2006
Washington, D.C.

Join Family Voices in our nation's capital for a celebration of 15 years of family/professional partnerships and accomplishments! Meet with veteran and emerging family and youth leaders and national and state partners from across the country. Gain new understanding of current critical issues! Working together as families, partners, and communities, we can move forward the agenda of health care and build a better future for our children.

FEATURED EVENTS:

- May 23, 2007: Leadership Institute, a 1-day training at the Grand Hyatt (registration limited)
- May 23, 2007: 15th Anniversary Gala Celebration, an evening of celebration at Decatur House
- May 24-26, 2007: National Conference, 2 1/2 days of keynote sessions, workshops, networking opportunities, and more at the Grand Hyatt

Watch for more information and online registration at <http://www.familyvoices.org>.

Network News



We're excited to report that our Family Voices national grassroots network continues to grow! Join us in welcoming **Karen Zrenda (CT)** and **Sheila Donnelly (PA)**.

Karen has been an active parent advocate for a number of years in CT. She chairs the CT Family Support Council and works at the Yale Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs. Karen joins the dynamic duo of Molly Cole and Yvette Glasper in CT.

Sheila and her family have recently relocated to western PA from DE. In DE Sheila worked closely with Beth MacDonald on several activities including the Bright Futures MCH Director Surveys. Sue Badeau is anxious to have Sheila join her in helping share information and resources with families in PA.

News You Can Use: Resources and More

MCH Timeline: History, Legacy and Resources for Education and Practice Now available on the Web

This web site and education tool traces the history of maternal and child health in the U.S., provides in-depth modules on topics such as MCH 101, MCH Systems of Care, Infant Mortality and MCH Performance and Accountability, and allows you to search for topical areas of interest to you. If you are interested in MCH history and its legacy, this site is for you. Use the MCH Timeline:

- To orient new staff, grantees or community groups to the field of MCH
- As a teaching tool in your training program
- As a source of inspiration and regeneration

For more information, visit <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/timeline>.

Quality Health Care for Culturally Diverse Populations

Recently, at the fifth National Conference on Quality Health Care for Culturally Diverse Populations, held in Seattle, The Commonwealth Fund released a series of reports exploring the role of cultural competency in improving quality and outcomes for patients, reducing disparities, and helping patients become more active and engaged in their care. Medical professionals who are culturally competent consider a patient's race and ethnicity, cultural background, primary language, health practices, and value systems when recommending treatment and providing care.

Our partners at the National Center for Cultural Competence, Tawara D. Goode, M.A., M. Clare Dunne, M.S.W., and Suzanne M. Bronheim, Ph.D. presented "The Evidence Base for Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Health Care." Promising research indicates cultural and linguistic competence improves health outcomes and patient well-being, the authors find in their study. But more work is needed, they say, to establish a solid "business case" for providing such care. To read more, go to http://www.cmwf.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=413821

Gifted leadership occurs when heart and head - feeling and thought - meet.
 These are the two winds that allow a leader to soar.

--Daniel Goleman, *Primal Leadership*

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