

A legacy of compassion SHM instructor works to save those in need

PART-TIME School of Health Management instructor and lifelong learner Kate Andrews, Ph.D., says higher education is a lot like baking a cake. “It takes sifting information, stirring the components, mixing them together, and discovering new things,” she said. “The resulting knowledge is incubated in the brain, and the final result is an ability to synthesize new behavioral skills, knowledge, and attitudes in the real world.” Dr. Andrews shares this analogy with students in Foundations of Learning, a course in SHM’s Doctor of Health Education program that explores theories on how the brain learns, as well as how to develop beneficial learning materials for students.

Dr. Andrews, known as Dr. K8 by her students, believes that as we serve others, we ourselves will be served. In 2001, Dr. Andrews created Hand in Hand, a non-profit organization that provides humanitarian, financial, spiritual, and consultative resources to Romanians in need.

Recently returning from a six-year mission in Romania where Dr. Andrews confronted the botched orphanage system to integrate orphaned teenagers into society, she also began a program for the elderly that is now funded by Romania’s government. Today, 200 elderly and ill people receive food, heat, and at-home nursing care through the program.

When she is not transforming lives or educating future healthcare professionals, Dr. Andrews enjoys the company of a women’s church group and her grandchildren. She spends her free time attending her grandkids’ school plays and soccer games. “My legacy is what I leave my grandchildren, showing them my values and beliefs,” she says. Her legacy also lives with the Romanians she devotes her time to help and the students she continues to teach.



A group of children gather in the village of Ludesi while Hand In Hand distributes clothes.



Alexandria is 94-years old and, and Bianca is her great-great-great-granddaughter. They live in Sateni with Bianca’s parents in a 7-by-6-foot room. They have no running water and no electricity. Hand in Hand provides weekly food and medications for Alexandria and clothing for Bianca.



Students win at AOA Convention

Fourth-year KCOM students Jonathan Terry and Erik Gulbrandsen, together with Jeff Suzewits, D.O., M.P.H., took second place for their research project titled “Quality and Availability of Websites for AOA Residency Programs in Comparison to ACGME Programs” at the American Osteopathic Association Convention in Las Vegas on October 27. Pictured are Terry and Gulbrandsen.

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ASDOH goes green

MORE than 100 golfers attended the 7th Annual ASDOH Golf Tournament on the greens at Whirlwind Golf Club at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler, Ariz., on October 24. Proceeds from the tournament, totaling nearly \$30,000, benefit many programs at ASDOH, including the special care clinics and Smile Forward.

Tournament Chair Enrico DiVito, D.D.S., was encouraged to see all who came to support ASDOH. “This goes to show the commitment that I see over and over again with our team in establishing our dental school,” Dr. DiVito said. “Our faculty and staff truly offer one of the finest dental programs today.”



Todd Hartsfield, D.D.S., takes a swing at the 7th Annual ASDOH Golf Tournament.

ATSU partners with Arizona governor

ATSU is a new partner in developing the Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition. The project, which stems from a Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust grant awarded to the Arizona governor’s office, will aid the state’s elder population and benefit ATSU students with fun learning experiences. The Mesa Campus Geriatric’s Initiative Committee has been working closely with the governor’s office on the issue of falls prevention in the elder population, and in September, two faculty members accompanied the governor’s representative to the States Coalition on Falls Prevention Conference in Washington, D.C.