

Entertainers, Crafty Folks, Handy People and More Needed for United To Serve

If you can sing, play an easily carried musical instrument, or provide other entertainment, you can add an extra dimension to United To Serve this year.

UT Health Science Center at Houston and UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center faculty, staff, students, residents, fellows and their friends will work Saturday, April 29, on projects at health-related facilities. Projects range from preparing brunch to arts and crafts to entertainment.

Check-in begins at 9 a.m. at the UT Dental Branch. A volunteer kickoff — featuring breakfast fare and fellowship — will be followed by volunteer projects from 10 a.m. — noon. Each volunteer may choose one of the following venues:

- Ben Taub Hospital
- Bering Omega House
- John P. McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science*
- Memorial Hermann Hospital-Texas Medical Center
- Ronald McDonald House
- St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital
- The Methodist Hospital
- Texas Children's Hospital
- The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIIR)
- Check-in and Kickoff (begins and ends earlier than other activities)
- UT House Medics again will be part of the overall volunteer service, April 22 and 29. Visit <http://is.hsc.uth.tmc.edu/projects/housemed.html> to register for that activity. Complimentary parking will be available at the Mental Sciences Institute lot across the street from the Dental Branch. For details and registration see http://www.uthouston.edu/community/united_to_serve/.

*Note: The project at the health museum is part of Healthy Little Texans Day and offers both morning and afternoon volunteering opportunities. ★



United To Serve volunteer Urmi Chakrabarti adds a painted decoration to Brandon Wicker's arm during the 2005 volunteer day.



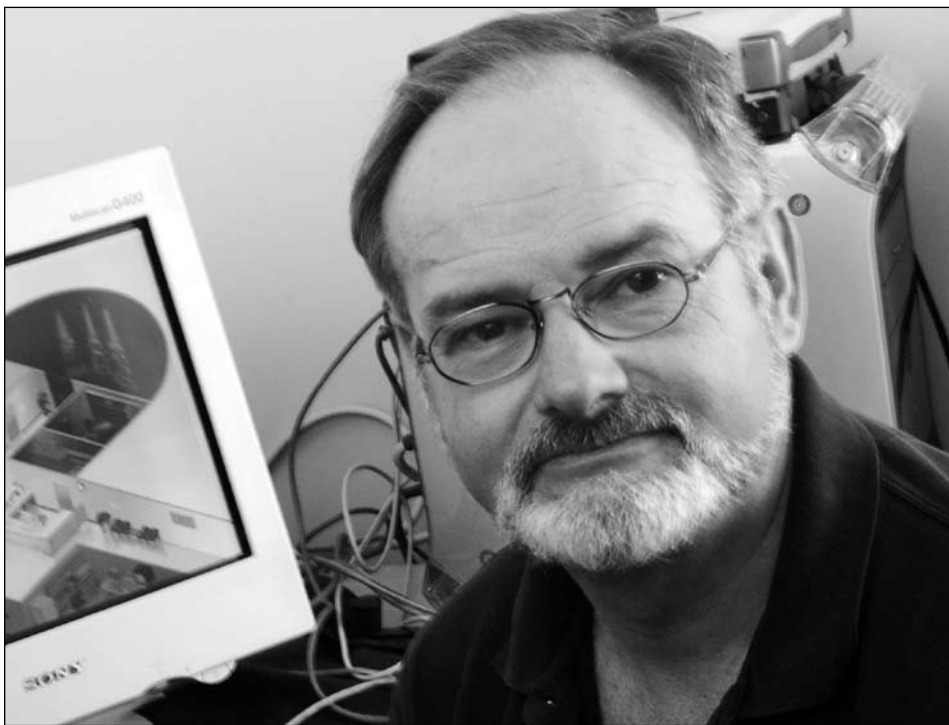
Shayne Gallaway and his daughter Alyssa obviously enjoyed their time at 2005 United To Serve.



Join UT House Medics

House Medics is one of the United To Serve volunteer opportunities available to you. Paint scrapers, brushes, hammers and screwdrivers in your willing hands can provide a better quality of life to underserved elders who would like to continue to age in place in their homes. You can work one or both of the work days, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., April 22 and 29. No experience necessary. Contacts: Krysti Suarez, (713) 500-2241, or Dennie Clemons, (713) 500-2235. *File photos.*

Educator Named Keynote Speaker for Teaching-Learning Conference



“Story-telling, Emotion and Media in Technology-based Health Science Education” is the topic of the keynote speech for the Advances in Teaching and Learning Regional Conference Thursday, May 18, at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

The speaker will be Joseph V. Henderson, M.D., professor of community and family medicine and director of the Interactive Media Laboratory at Dartmouth Medical School. In creating numerous technology-based learning programs for students, health professionals and patients, Henderson has presented scientific and technical knowledge, while retaining the psychosocial, human context.

This year's event, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the School of Nursing and Student Community Center is the seventh annual conference fostering professional excellence in education in the health sciences. It is funded by the Office of Academic Affairs and organized by a health science center-wide committee led by Cynthia Phelps, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Health Information Sciences.

Awards for outstanding poster and podium presentations will be presented at a wine and cheese reception at the conclusion of the conference. For free registration, visit <http://www.shis.uth.tmc.edu/TeachingDay>. ★

TMC Goes Smoke Free May 1

All Texas Medical Center (TMC) property will go smoke free Monday, May 1. That means that any sidewalks, grassy areas, curbs and medians that are not the property of other TMC institutions will be off limits to smokers. New signs will be going up around the TMC noting smoke-free areas.

Many institutions within the TMC are already smoke-free, including The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. A health science center task force is considering the need for designated smoking areas to accommodate patients and visitors who are smokers when they are on university property.

TMC Security officers will begin handing out cards explaining that the TMC is now smoke-free to anyone who is smoking on TMC property.

Anyone at the health science center who is interested in group or individual smoking cessation help may contact Sam Hester, WorkLife Program coordinator, or visit <http://www.uthouston.edu/worklife/services.html#SmokingCessation> for more information.

You may send comments to the task force at smokefree@uth.tmc.edu. ★



These 30-Year Stars Shine, Too

Betty Tung, left, and Faye Viola, right, each received 30-year awards at this year's STAR Awards program. Their names and photos were inadvertently left out of the March issue of *The Leader*. Please celebrate their accomplishments with them!