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FIRST WAVE OF “PEDIATRIC AIDS CORPS” HEADS TO AFRICA TO TREAT AND TRAIN

**YOUNG DOCTORS SET TO MAKE “WORLD OF DIFFERENCE” –
MANY MORE NEEDED**

**COUNTERING “BRAIN DRAIN,” EACH PEDIATRICIAN
CAN PREVENT 1,300 CHILD DEATHS ANNUALLY**

NEW YORK – (November 1, 2005) – They trained to keep children healthy. Now they will take on the toughest of health challenges – treating children with AIDS and training medical workers in parts of the world where pediatricians are scarce and children are dying at an alarming rate. For the young, brilliant physicians who have joined the Pediatric AIDS Corps since its creation in June, it is a mission that will put their medical expertise to the test in populations that are literally dying for their help.

Bristol-Myers Squibb and Baylor College of Medicine in Houston today announced the first wave of the Pediatric AIDS Corps, a joint venture that is sending 250 doctors to Africa over five years to treat children with AIDS and train local medical professionals to do the same. The announcement, made at the TIME Global Health Summit, follows the release of a new study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* showing that the US is a major contributor to African health care’s “brain drain.”

These Bristol-Myers Squibb Fellows will work out of a network of clinics, also run by Baylor and funded by Bristol-Myers Squibb, that provide the medical infrastructure crucial to providing good medical care. Funding of \$22 million from the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and \$10 million from Baylor College of Medicine will pay for the doctors’ living expenses and training, and will forgive their medical school loans while they serve in the Corps.

A “Peace Corps for Doctors”

Dr. Kebba Jobarteh is one of the more than 30 members of this new elite humanitarian team. Born in Kenya and raised in New York City, Jobarteh immediately knew the Pediatric AIDS Corps was something he wanted to be a part of. The Yale and Harvard-educated doctor has recently returned from the Botswana-Baylor Children’s Clinical Center of Excellence, which has more than 1,400 children in treatment – the largest concentration of HIV-infected children in care in any center worldwide.

“This is the Peace Corps of my generation,” said Jobarteh. “Any physician who is interested in impacting global health could find no better model. The Pediatrics AIDS Corps is helping me to realize my dream of giving back to the continent of my ancestors.”

Corps member Laura Guderian, MD of New York City will be going to Botswana in July 2006 as a member of the Corps. She trained in internal medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. Her initial encounter with the devastating effects of HIV was as an undergraduate volunteer for Community Hospice of Louisiana.

“During my three years providing respite care for hospice patients, I witnessed overwhelming tragedy and loss endured by individuals and families as a result of AIDS,” said Guderian. “I saw in them incredible strength and courage in the face of suffering and death. The experience inspired me to devote my career to improving the lives of those living with HIV and AIDS.”

Drs. Sarah Kim, a pediatrician from Boston; Ryan Phelps, a pediatrician from San Francisco; and Lineo Thahane, who has been working in Zambia since January 2005, also joined in the announcement.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation President John Damonti believes the Corps is a crucial step towards greatly reducing the devastation of global pediatric AIDS, and noted that the children’s clinics are integral to the program. The Foundation estimates that each doctor can prevent 1,300 child deaths annually.

“In this unique program, pediatricians and family practitioners are giving one year or more of their lives to treat children and train professionals in Africa,” said Damonti. “We realize that the Corps is a short-term solution to treatment for children in Africa, but it is an important bridge until local capacity can be developed. So working with our partners at Baylor, we are creating not only a cadre of highly skilled children’s doctors who will ‘treat and train,’ but also a network of children’s clinics to provide the physical infrastructure so critical to the long-term successful treatment of children with HIV/AIDS and their families.”

Bristol CEO calls for more doctors

Noting that each pediatrician in the Corps can have an extraordinary impact on children with AIDS, Peter Dolan, CEO of Bristol-Myers Squibb, called for partners to help fill the clinics with doctors.

“We want to work collaboratively to bring as many pediatricians to Africa as possible to help the thousands of HIV-infected children who will otherwise die from AIDS every week,” said Mr. Dolan. “Bristol-Myers Squibb and Baylor College of Medicine are funding 250 doctors over the next five years, many of whom will work in the network of children’s clinics we are building and staffing in Africa, as well as in more isolated areas devastated by HIV/AIDS. The need is great for additional resources as well, and we have the capacity to accommodate those resources in our clinics and elsewhere, so we welcome commitments by other companies to fund one or more physicians for this specialized corps.”

The Pediatric AIDS Corps is a natural extension of an ongoing partnership between Bristol-Myers Squibb and Baylor College of Medicine. In 1999, Bristol-Myers Squibb and its Foundation launched SECURE THE FUTURE, then a \$100 million commitment to help alleviate the HIV/AIDS crisis among women and children in sub-Saharan Africa. Over the years, the public-private initiative – the first and largest corporate commitment of its kind to fight HIV/AIDS in Africa – has grown in size and scope to encompass more than 200 grants providing medical care and research, infrastructure- and capacity-building and community outreach and education in 10 hard-hit countries in Africa. Today’s commitment is more than \$150 million.

Baylor College of Medicine’s International Pediatric AIDS Initiative has created a global network of clinical centers modeled after two landmark HIV/AIDS care and treatment centers it constructed and opened in Constanta, Romania and Gaborone, Botswana. Its director, Dr. Mark W. Kline, began his academic career in the research and treatment of HIV-infected children in Houston in 1990. With expanded treatment options and more ready access to treatment for US children, he saw dramatic improvements in their outlook.

Fewer than 1 percent of 2.2 million children in treatment

“Fewer than one percent of the world’s 2.2 million children with AIDS are being treated,” Kline said. “Children in the world’s poorest countries continue to fall ill and die from HIV/AIDS in huge numbers, most without the benefit of the therapies that transformed the health of HIV-infected children in the US a decade ago.”

“The Pediatric AIDS Corps addresses a major barrier to treatment of HIV-infected children in Africa; namely, the dearth of pediatric professionals knowledgeable regarding the treatment of the disease,” he continued. “I am especially pleased by the high caliber of the Corps members. They are a rare group of community-minded physicians who are truly following their hearts. In the end, medicine is all about compassion, and this is compassion at its very best.”

Kline’s pioneering efforts in global pediatric AIDS outreach were a natural fit with Bristol-Myers Squibb’s SECURE THE FUTURE. The partnership has led to the creation of the world’s largest children’s HIV clinical treatment center in Botswana. Two additional clinics are scheduled to open in December in Swaziland and Lesotho and two more, in Burkina Faso and Uganda, are scheduled to open next year. In addition to the Africa commitment, programs are funded in Thailand, Vietnam, Mexico, Ukraine and France.

A strategy to fight “brain drain”

Dr. Fitzhugh Mullan, professor of pediatrics at George Washington University Medical Center and chair of the Institute of Medicine’s Committee on the Options for Overseas Placement of US Health Professionals, sees the Pediatric AIDS Corps as an important solution for a growing “brain drain” from lower-income countries that has had an adverse affect on health care, particularly in third world nations. Mullan wrote of this phenomenon, in a recent *New England Journal of Medicine* article, “Foreign-trained doctors constitute approximately 25 percent of the physicians in the US, UK, Canada and Australia. Seventy-five percent of these physicians in the UK and 60 percent in the US come from lower-income countries. The number of physicians leaving a given country compared to the number of physicians remaining to do the work of health care measures the true impact of the brain drain. Calculated in this way, sub-Saharan Africa, the Indian subcontinent and the Caribbean are the leading donor regions of the world, and nine of the top 20 donor countries in the world are small, poor sub-Saharan African and Caribbean nations,” said Mullan.

“Training enough domestic physicians to meet the public’s need in wealthy nations is important to mitigate the brain drain from poor countries. But this will take time,” he added. “The most important immediate-term strategy for combating HIV disease and the brain drain in Africa is the mobilization of more US health professionals to work abroad. The Baylor/BMS Pediatric AIDS Corps is both a building block in this mobilization and a model for others to emulate.”

Bristol-Myers Squibb is a global pharmaceutical and related health care products company whose mission is to extend and enhance human life.

Baylor College of Medicine is one of the nation’s top academic health sciences centers and is committed to advancing human health through the integration of patient care, research, education and community service.

The TIME Global Health Summit will inform and engage Americans from all sectors on the international challenges to public health – and what they can do to help. The TIME Summit will highlight solutions to such challenges as AIDS, avian flu, malaria and the shortage of health-care professionals. The summit brings together non-profit, government, faith and corporate leaders like Bill Clinton, Bill Gates, Dr. Julie Gerberding, Jeff Sachs, Ann Veneman, Rick Warren and Paul Wolfowitz.

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Eileen Birmingham, M.D.

Dr. Birmingham is a graduate of Amherst College and the Brown University School of Medicine. She trained in pediatrics at the University of California at San Francisco, where she served as Chief Resident.

Dr. Birmingham was the recipient of the Rudolph Award from the University of California at San Francisco in 2004 for the resident “who has been most supportive of, and empathetic towards, nurses, faculty and fellow residents.” She has worked in Cambodia and Honduras. She speaks Spanish.

Dr. Birmingham currently resides in San Francisco. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps, beginning in July, 2006.

Jason Brophy, M.D.

Dr. Brophy is a native of New Brunswick (Canada). He is a graduate of Mount Allison University and the School of Medicine at the Memorial University of Newfoundland. Dr. Brophy trained in pediatrics at the Memorial University of Newfoundland and in infectious diseases at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He earned a diploma in tropical medicine from the Gorgas Hospital in Lima, Peru. Dr. Brophy speaks French and Spanish.

Dr. Brophy currently resides in Toronto. He has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Malawi, beginning in July, 2006.

Annie Buchanan, M.D., M.P.H.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Buchanan is a graduate of North Carolina State University and the East Carolina University School of Medicine. She trained in pediatrics at the University of Rochester, where she served as Chief Resident. Dr. Buchanan holds a degree in public health from the University of North Carolina and a diploma in tropical medicine from the Gorgas Hospital in Lima, Peru.

Dr. Buchanan was the recipient of the Meg Colgan Award at Rochester University in 2004-2005 for “outstanding dedication to her patient population, with sensitivity to the special needs of vulnerable children and their families.” She spent two years on assignment for the U.S. Peace Corps in Thailand. She also has worked in Bolivia, Nicaragua and Tibet. She speaks Spanish and Thai. Regarding her career goals, Dr. Buchanan says, “I imagine myself working in a community or migrant health center with indigent populations, where I would still have exposure to infectious diseases and tropical medicine and get to work with the patient population I love. In short, the Pediatric AIDS Corps is exactly what I have been looking for, in what I hope will be a lifelong career incorporating HIV and tropical medicine with primary care, both at home and abroad.”

Dr. Buchanan currently resides and works in Rochester, New York. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Malawi, beginning in July, 2006.

Amanda Castel, M.D., M.P.H.

Born in Liberia, Dr. Castel was transported to the U.S. as a sick newborn infant. She went on to graduate from Brown University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She trained in pediatrics at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Castel holds a degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins University. She served for two years as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She was a U.S. Fulbright Fellow to Senegal in 1995-1996.

Dr. Castel was the recipient of the Ann E. Dyson Award for Excellence in Community Pediatrics in 2003. She has worked in Senegal, Uganda and Kenya. She speaks French.

Dr. Castel currently resides in Washington, DC. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Uganda, beginning in July, 2006.

Ellie Click, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Click is a graduate of Wellesley College and the Stanford University School of Medicine. She trained in pediatrics at the University of Washington in Seattle. Dr. Click holds a Ph.D. in genetics from Stanford University.

Dr. Click was the recipient of the Ann E. Dyson Award for Child Advocacy from the American Academy of Pediatrics in 2004. She has worked in El Salvador, Thailand, New Guinea and India. She speaks German and Spanish.

Dr. Click currently resides in Seattle. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Malawi, beginning in July, 2006.

Michelle Eckerle, M.D.

Dr. Eckerle earned undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Louisville. She was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society, in 2002. She trained in pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Eckerle says, "My motivation for wanting to join you in this endeavor is probably a mixture of idealism, altruism and selfishness, starting with the fact that I would love to use the skills and training I have acquired to serve those who most need the help."

Dr. Eckerle currently resides in Cincinnati. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Swaziland, beginning in July, 2006.

Katheryn Gambetta, M.D.

A native of Indiana, Dr. Gambetta is a graduate of Valparaiso University and the Indiana University School of Medicine. She trained in pediatrics at St. Louis University and the University of Chicago and in pediatric critical care at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Dr. Gambetta says, "I have always wanted to help children with HIV/AIDS, especially in Africa where so much is needed. I never knew how to help or what avenue I could use to help. I just received the e-mail describing the Pediatric AIDS Corps with Baylor. I feel so much in my heart that I would like to be involved."

Dr. Gambetta speaks Spanish and French.

Dr. Gambetta currently resides in Schererville, Indiana. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Malawi, beginning in July, 2006.

Tony Garcia-Prats, M.D.

A native of Houston, Dr. Garcia-Prats is a graduate of St. Louis University and the Baylor College of Medicine. He trained in pediatrics at the Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital, where he served as chief resident.

Dr. Garcia-Prats was the recipient of McNamara Award presented by the Pele Chandler Endowment for contributions to child health and safety in 2004, and the Drs. Ralph and Judith Feigin Outstanding Resident Award at the Baylor College of Medicine in 2004-2005.

Dr. Garcia-Prats currently resides and works in Houston. He has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps, beginning in July, 2006.

Laura Guderian, M.D.

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Guderian earned undergraduate and medical degrees from the Louisiana State University. She trained in internal medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City.

Dr. Guderian says, "My initial encounter with the devastating effects of HIV was as an undergraduate volunteer for Community Hospice of Louisiana. During my three years providing respite care for hospice patients, I witnessed overwhelming tragedy and loss endured by individuals and families as a result of AIDS. I saw in them incredible strength and courage in the face of suffering and death. The experience inspired me to devote my career to improving the lives of those living with HIV and AIDS.

Dr. Guderian currently resides and works in New York City. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Botswana, beginning in July, 2006.

Eric Gustafson, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Gustafson is a graduate of Georgetown University and the Tulane University School of Medicine. He trained in pediatrics and internal medicine at Tulane, where he served as chief resident. Dr. Gustafson holds a degree in public health and tropical medicine from Tulane University.

Dr. Gustafson has worked in Bolivia, Honduras and Kenya. He currently is working abroad.

Dr. Gustafson has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Botswana, beginning in July, 2006.

Megan Harkless, M.D.

Dr. Harkless is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She trained in pediatrics at the University of Vermont.

Dr. Harkless says, "The Pediatric AIDS Corps offers the opportunity to be on the front lines in stopping the current devastation of HIV. This has the potential to change lives and, as a result, countries and the world through facilitating and cooperating in education, prevention and treatment. That is exciting to me. I want to be a part of bringing back hope to children and their communities."

Dr. Harkless worked for two years in southern China. She currently lives and works in Burlington, Vermont. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for the Yunnan Province of southern China, beginning in July, 2006.

Michael Hawkes, M.D.

Dr. Hawkes is a graduate of McGill University and the University of Alberta Medical School. He trained in pediatrics at the University of Alberta and in infectious diseases at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Dr. Hawkes was the recipient of the Harry Weinlos Humanitarian Prize from the University of Alberta in 2001. He has worked in Kenya, India and Guyana. He speaks French.

Dr. Hawkes currently lives and works in Toronto. He has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps to Malawi, beginning in July, 2006.

Adrian Hazbun, M.D.

Dr. Hazbun is a graduate of Yale University and the Temple University School of Medicine. He trained in family medicine at the Ventura County (California) Medical Center.

Dr. Hazbun worked for three years as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania. He speaks Swahili, French, Spanish and Arabic.

Dr. Hazbun has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps to Uganda, beginning in November, 2005.

Kebba Jobarteh, M.D., M.P.H.

Born in Kenya, Dr. Jobarteh grew up in New York City. He is a graduate of Princeton University and the Yale University Medical School. He trained in pediatrics at Columbia University and the Children's Hospital of New York. Dr. Jobarteh holds a public health degree from Harvard University.

Dr. Jobarteh is co-founder of Speak Up Young Africa, which has produced a documentary film highlighting the positive responses of young people to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Burkina Faso. He has worked in a number of African countries and speaks French, Spanish and Italian.

Dr. Jobarteh already is living and working for the Pediatric AIDS Corps in Botswana.

Amanda Kay, M.D.

Dr. Kay is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. She trained in pediatrics at the Thomas Jefferson University and DuPont Hospital for Children.

Dr. Kay recently completed an assignment to Turkmenistan for Doctors Without Borders. She says, "I believe the Pediatric AIDS Corps is a vitally important endeavor both for medicine and for humanity."

Dr. Kay has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps to Swaziland, beginning in November, 2005.

Sarah Kim, M.D.

A native of Houston, Dr. Kim is a graduate of Austin College and the Baylor College of Medicine. She was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society, in 2002. She was named the top student in pediatrics at the Baylor College of Medicine in 2003. She trained in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Boston and Harvard University.

Dr. Kim has worked in Mexico, India and Zambia. She currently lives and works in Boston. Dr. Kim has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps to Lesotho, beginning in July, 2006.

JoAnna Leyenaar, M.D., M.P.H.

A native of Ontario, Canada, Dr. Leyenaar is a graduate of the University of Guelph and the McMaster University Medical School. She trained in pediatrics at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Dr. Leyenaar holds a public health degree from Harvard University.

Dr. Leyenaar has worked in Uganda, Kenya and Romania. She already is living and working for the Pediatric AIDS Corps in Lesotho.

Amy McCollum, M.D., and David McCollum, M.D.

Drs. Amy McCollum and David McCollum are graduates of Rhodes College and the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. Dr. Amy McCollum trained in pediatrics at the Children's Medical Center in Dallas, part of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, where she served as chief resident. Her husband, Dr. David McCollum, completed training in internal medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern.

Dr. David McCollum worked for a year in East London, working with street drinkers in a men's alcohol rehabilitation center. This experience cemented his desire to work with the poor. Dr. Amy McCollum did some of her undergraduate coursework in Zimbabwe. Together, they have traveled to Ethiopia to assist with an HIV program under development in Addis Ababa.

The Drs. McCollum currently reside and work in Dallas. They have accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Swaziland, beginning in July, 2006.

Oliver Medzihradski, M.D., M.P.H., M.Sc.

Dr. Medzihradski is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Rochester School of Medicine. He holds a Master of Science degree in microbiology and immunology from the University of Rochester, and a public health degree from the University of Michigan. He trained in both pediatrics and internal medicine at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill.

Dr. Medzihradski was the recipient of the Janet L. Fischer Award for excellence in teaching in the department of internal medicine at the University of North Carolina. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honor society.

Dr. Medzihradski currently resides in Chapel Hill. He has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps, beginning in July, 2006.

John Midturi, M.D.

Raised in Texas, Dr. Midturi is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the University of North Texas Health Science Center. He trained in both pediatrics and internal medicine at the Scott & White Memorial Hospital at Texas A&M University, where he served as internal medicine chief resident. He completed fellowship training in infectious diseases at the same institution, and will shortly complete his Masters of Public Health degree.

Dr. Midturi was born and spent the first six years of his life in India. He has a longstanding interest in international health and has worked previously in Nigeria.

Dr. Midturi currently resides in Temple, Texas. He has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Malawi, beginning in July, 2006.

Timothy Minnear, M.D.

A native of Battle Creek, Michigan, Dr. Minnear is a graduate of Albion College and the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He trained in pediatrics at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Minnear has been interested in international medicine for many years, but previously had planned to wait until later in his career. He writes, "The Pediatric AIDS Corps has presented an interesting and unique opportunity that will allow me to reorganize my plan to include overseas work at the beginning to a much greater extent. I think it will build a foundation which will strengthen me for all my practice and provide me with contacts that would prove beneficial to working in Africa in the future".

Dr. Minnear currently resides in Memphis. He has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Malawi, beginning in July, 2006.

Jean Mulcahy, M.D.

A native of Oregon, Dr. Mulcahy is a graduate of the University of Portland and the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center. She trained in pediatrics at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Mulcahy is interested ultimately in a career in hematology/oncology. She writes that she had always planned to take time after residency to work in a service position, giving back to the world for the opportunities she has received.

Dr. Mulcahy currently resides in Tucson. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Malawi, beginning in July, 2006.

Ryan Phelps, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Phelps is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the Duke University School of Medicine. He trained in pediatrics at the University of California at San Francisco. He holds a degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Phelps completed one year of coursework in medical anthropology at the Universidade Federal de Bahia in Salvador, Brazil, and the Universidade de Sao Paulo in Brazil. He is a finalist for the 2005 Resident Teaching Award at the University of California. He has worked previously in Mexico, Brazil, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, and South Africa. He is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish.

Dr. Phelps currently resides in San Francisco. He has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Swaziland, beginning in July, 2006.

Laura Sauve, M.D., M.P.H.

A dual citizen of the United States and Canada, Dr. Sauve is a graduate of the University of Victoria and the University of Calgary School of Medicine. She trained in pediatrics at the University of Calgary, and completed a fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. She is currently completing work towards a degree in public health at the Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Sauve earned a diploma in tropical medicine from the Gorgas Hospital in Lima, Peru. She has worked previously in Uganda. She is fluent in French.

Dr. Sauve currently lives and works in Toronto. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps, beginning in July, 2006.

Kristin Stevenson, M.D.

Dr. Stevenson is a graduate of Denison University and the Ohio State University College of Medicine. She trained in pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

During medical school, Dr. Stevenson spent six weeks working in Tanzania. She writes of this experience, "I stayed in a home with a Tanzanian family and treated patients with AIDS and tuberculosis. I experienced first-hand the disparity between life in America and life in the third world. I knew after that trip that my medical career would have to include medical work outside of the United States."

Dr. Stevenson currently resides in Columbus. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps, beginning in July, 2006.

Lineo Thahane, M.D.

Born in Washington, D.C., Dr. Thahane is a graduate of Princeton University and the Washington University School of Medicine. She trained in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Dr. Thahane's parents were born and raised in Lesotho. Her mother, Dr. Edith Mohapi, is also a pediatrician who worked for about twenty years at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Dr. Mohapi recently accepted a new role as director of the Baylor College of Medicine-Bristol Myers Squibb Children's Clinical Center of Excellence in Maseru, Lesotho.

Dr. Thahane spent summers as a child in Lesotho, and is fluent in the local language (Sesotho). She will be joining her parents there, and has accepted a two-year assignment with the Pediatric AIDS Corps, beginning in November, 2005.

Gregory Thompson, M.D.

Dr. Thompson is a graduate of Iowa State University and the Yale University School of Medicine. He trained in pediatrics at the University of Washington in Seattle.

During residency, Dr. Thompson was a nominee for the AAMC Community Recognition Award for the Boost Kids! Project, which involved curriculum development for booster seat education and distribution among immigrant communities in Seattle. He has worked previously in India, Equatorial Guinea, Taiwan, China and Korea. He speaks Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and Korean.

Dr. Thompson currently resides in Seattle. He has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Lesotho, beginning in July, 2006.

Tamara Todd, M.D.

A native of Louisiana, Dr. Todd earned undergraduate and medical degrees from the Louisiana State University. She trained in pediatrics at the Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Dr. Todd lived in Jakarta, Indonesia during her high school years, an experience which sparked her interest in international work. She also has worked in Mexico and Belize, and has worked extensively during her residency with recently resettled immigrants and refugees in Portland, Maine.

Dr. Todd currently resides in Portland, Maine. She has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Botswana, beginning in July, 2006.

Dwight Yin, M.D.

A native of Clear Lake, Texas, Dr. Yin is a graduate of Duke University and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas. He trained in pediatrics at St. Louis Children's Hospital at Washington University in St. Louis.

During medical school, Dr. Yin made two trips to Zimbabwe. On these medical mission trips, he had the opportunity to witness the effects of heavy rain followed by droughts, political corruption and farm seizures on nutrition and other aspects of health. These experiences motivated him to seek a career in international medicine. He speaks Mandarin Chinese, French and Spanish.

Dr. Yin currently resides in St. Louis. He has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Botswana, beginning in July, 2006.

Jeffrey Zsohar, M.D.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Dr. Zsohar is a graduate of Texas Tech University and the University of Texas at Houston School of Medicine. He trained in both pediatrics and internal medicine at the University of Tennessee.

During medical school, Dr. Zsohar spent two months working in a government supported public health clinic in Guguletu, South Africa, which is an impoverished shanty town outside of Cape Town. During this time, he successfully raised \$15,000 from the Dallas community for improvements to the clinic facility.

Dr. Zsohar currently resides in Memphis. He has accepted an assignment through the Pediatric AIDS Corps for Botswana, beginning in July, 2006.