

CAVU Update

CAVU Investment Addresses Acute Need

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CAVU's most recent local investment at the **Greater Lawrence Family Health Center (GLFHC)** in North Central MA has led to a strong working partnership to address pediatric needs. Working with GLFHC CEO Bob Ingala, CAVU was able to identify a target program in the treatment of pediatric **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)**.

This ADHD program seeks to provide treatment while keeping in mind the cultural, social, and socioeconomic complexities that can influence patients' behavior. The program works with families, patient educators, public school teachers and clinicians to develop a holistic approach to treating this persistent problem in pediatric health. CAVU looks forward to continuing this high-impact partnership with GLFHC into the future.

[Click here to read more about our GLFHC program.](#)

CAVU Expands CHCFHC Partnership

CAVU's long-term partnership with the **Community Health Connections Family Health Center (CHCFHC)** in Fitchburg, MA, has led to an innovative program to address a lack of adequate communications between the medical and educational communities.

The **Collaboration with Schools (CWS)** program employs several components to improve children's overall health. By formalizing the relationship between the CHCFHC and public schools, access to the broad range of services provided by the health center will be improved. Additionally, the addition of a child psychiatrist to the health center staff and increased cultural sensitivity training for all staff members will increase the quantity and quality of services provided by the health center.

According to CHCFHC CEO Bob Johnson, the response to the CWS program has been outstanding. CAVU will continue to monitor the success of this innovative and exciting endeavor.

[Click here to read more about our work with CHCFHC.](#)

Lt. Governor Featured at CAVU Event

On Dec. 6th, 2005, CAVU held its second annual fundraising event: a Community Health Center (CHC) Launch. Held at the offices of The Boston Consulting Group, the breakfast event featured **Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey** as well as CEOs **Bob Ingala** and **Bob Johnson** of CAVU's CHC partners. The three speakers shared their thoughts on the effectiveness of the CHC partnerships CAVU has established, and informed the audience on the role of CHCs in providing healthcare to children.

Lt. Governor Healey noted that "We have in our administration long supported the idea of community health centers and we believe that the majority of care should be given in community health settings... this is the most efficient way to provide healthcare for everyone." The Lt. Governor went on to congratulate CAVU for "their dedication to this important issue and especially their dedication to children."

[Click here for more on the CHC Launch Event.](#)

CAVU Spotlight

CAVU Reaches Out to Hard-hit Area

In the majority of our investments to date CAVU has maintained a local emphasis, which has proven beneficial for our hands-on, interactive approach. In light of Hurricane Katrina, however, CAVU decided to branch out to sponsor a sister site project on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi.

The **Coastal Family Health Center** serves the entire Gulf Coast region of Mississippi, and operated nine locations prior to the Hurricane. Currently, only four of those locations are still in operating condition. By partnering with **Hands On USA** (www.handsonusa.org), an NGO located in Biloxi, MS, CAVU has been able to assist in removing barriers to rebuilding these critical health facilities.

So far, CAVU's role has centered around actively seeking volunteers, and funding airfare and other related expenses to accelerate the flow of volunteers to the Gulf Coast. As part of this volunteer coordination, CAVU has established a partnership between Coastal and Community Health Centers in Massachusetts to connect volunteers with specific needs.

In upcoming months, CAVU will take on a more active role in rebuilding the organizational structure of Coastal by providing pro-bono business resources and assisting in identifying and obtaining funds for ongoing operations.

[Click here to read more about our Sister-Site Program.](#)