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The Pharmacy Student Geriatric Interest Group (GIG)

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INTRODUCTION

Individuals age 85 and older are the fastest growing segment of the population. Today, individuals 65 and older consume more than 30% of all prescription medications and this number is expected to rise to nearly 60% by the year 2050. No matter which area of the pharmacy profession our members pursue, older adults will be among those served.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Assemble and deliver Thanksgiving and Spring gift baskets to home-bound older adults
- Organize the *Aging in Stride* 5K fun run/walk, which raised over \$500 in 2005 for the Orange County Department on Aging Wellness Program
- Participate in the UNC Health Fair, educating the UNC student body on community connections
- Participate in the Orange County Department on Aging *Friend to Friend* Program through which student members visit and care for older adults in their homes

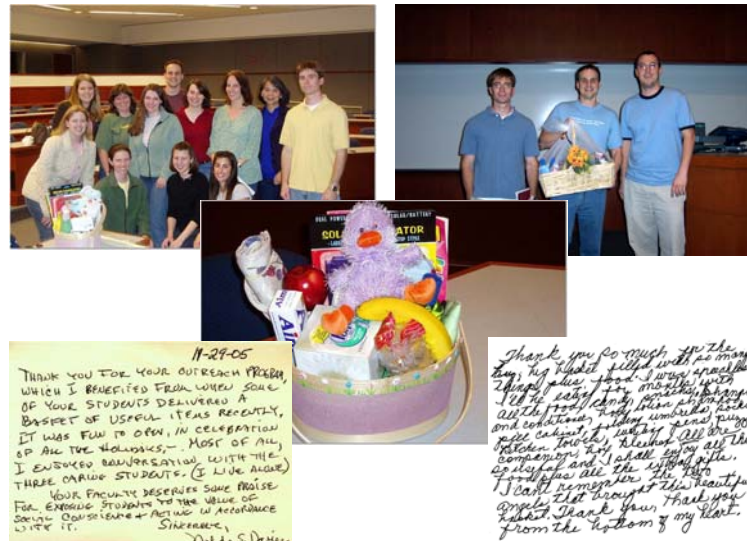
EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

- Invite guest lecturers to speak on topics related to aging at our bimonthly meetings
- Organize and sponsor a symposium entitled "A Showcase of Pharmacy Careers" to educate pharmacy students on career opportunities
 - Learn about and assist seniors with Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit questions and enrollment
- Provide information and support for pharmacy students in the Certificate in Aging Program and all students with an interest in geriatrics

ORGANIZATIONAL MISSION

Our mission is to provide students with opportunities to explore the role of pharmacists in caring for and serving the geriatric population and to actively engage in the care of older adults.

We do this by increasing student knowledge and skills in geriatric pharmacotherapy, increasing student awareness of current events and topics relevant to aging, providing opportunities for students to interact with older adults, and collaborating with community organizations and healthcare professionals to provide services to older adults.



RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

- Visit our website
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