Through the **USF Health Service Corps**, USF Health students contribute to the community in a wide variety of health-related community service projects. These projects encompass:

(I) Health Fairs

The USF Health Service Corps collaborates with community agencies to provide screening and health education services to low income medically-underserved residents, many of whom do not obtain preventive health care services (due to the barriers of lack of transportation, lack of insurance coverage, lack of income, and fear of being ‘reported’ as an undocumented citizen).

USF Health students participated in 25 different USF Health Service Corps sponsored health fairs and screening events between 7/1/07-6/1/08. Over 4000 community members received FREE screenings (blood pressure (BP), blood sugar (BS), blood cholesterol (BC), body mass index (BMI), physical therapy assessments (PT), memory skills, and vision screenings) and FREE flu shots at these events.

A cumulative number of 224 COM and CON students and 23 DPT students and 12 undergraduate ‘Students Saving Sight’ volunteers provided these FREE screening services.

Over 850 adults and children benefited from the non-clinical services at these health fairs and screening events (e.g. health education displays for adults and children; health education and fitness and Reach Out and Read activities for children; and bicycle helmet fitting for children).

The cumulative number of non-clinical volunteers (including COPH, COM grad students and undergrad students) who participated in these non-clinical activities was 62 students.

The cumulative number of all student volunteers was 321.

Notes:

1. Many students participated in more than one health fair event throughout the year, so the numbers listed above do not reflect total numbers, but the sum of the number of students who participated in each of the 25 different screening events. Assuming 4 hours of service per volunteer per event, this can also be interpreted as a total number of 321 x 4 = 1284 student volunteer hours at health fairs throughout the year.

2. COM and CON student volunteers in health fairs sponsored by the USF Health Service Corps have received training in BMI, vital signs, flu shots and blood sugar/cholesterol screening through their respective educational programs. Likewise, Physical Therapy student volunteers have received training in physical therapy assessments/procedures through their DPT program. Clinical supervision is provided for USF Health students for all health fairs. Supervision is also provided by Prevent Blindness Florida for undergraduate Student Saving Sight volunteers. USF Health Service Corps also provides community members attending these health fairs with lists of free/low cost health clinics where they may receive follow up health care.

3. USF Health students who are not enrolled in a clinical training program (e.g. COPH and COM graduate students) assist with non-clinical activities at many health fairs such as health education and fitness activities; fitting children with bicycle helmets, Reach Out and Read; and serving as interpreters.
(II) Non-Clinical Special Events

TOTALS: 160 USF Health students participated in 10 special events (e.g. picnics, parties, arts and crafts activities, movie nights, and musical entertainment) for senior citizens, children with special health care needs and cancer patients, which benefited over 250 people.

Notes: Again, many students actually participated in more than one non clinical event throughout the year. Assuming 3 hours per volunteer per event, this can be interpreted as a total of 480 student volunteer hours.
Examples of these non-clinical special events included: Hope Lodge Dinners; Love a Senior Day at Weinberg Village; Halloween party at John Knox Village; Picnic for Childrens Cancer Center; Fall Festival for children at the Spring; Movie night at Shriners; staffing a phone bank to provide information on depression and suicide prevention to the public; and making ‘Krafts Kits for Kids’ to send to children in orphanage and domestic violence shelter in Peru.

(III) On-Going Health-Related Service Projects

Fall USF Department of Pediatrics Reach Out and Read Program: Number of student volunteers: 5 COPH, CON Students at the USF Clinics right on campus and 29 undergraduate students at the USF Health south clinic and at the Genesis Health Park clinic. Spring Number of student volunteers: 4 at USF North clinic (grad students) and 28 undergrad students at USF Health South and Health Park (formerly Genesis) clinics.

3) Other ongoing projects that USF Health students have participated in, throughout the year, have included: Catholic Mobile Medical Services Monday evening clinics; serving as mentors and tutors in the Brain Expansions Scholastics Training (BEST) program in East Tampa; volunteering at the Judeo Christian clinic; and serving as counselors at camps for people with Special Health Care Needs (e.g. Boggy Creek Camp, Florida Diabetes Camp and Faces of Courage Camp for cancer survivors).

(IV) Teaching Events

(A) November 14th and 16th and 20th - Great American Teach In:
10 schools and ~ 17 classes were served by 24 student volunteers from COM, CON, COPH, PT and also CAS (College of Arts and Sciences - Occupational Health Psychology students). With an estimated number of 20 students per class, over 375 students in grades K-12 were reached by the 24 USF students.

(B) Wiregrass Ranch High School ‘School to Work’ Program:
Total number high school students reached: ~ 375 in 9 classes (Sept, Nov, Jan and April)
Total number student volunteers from USF Health 14

(C) Monday, March 31st, health education fair at Benito Middle School:
14 COPH Students planned/implemented health education activities related to hand washing/infection control, safety, environmental health and nutrition. Approximately 500 7th grade students participated in these interactive learning activities.

Total for teaching events:  52 student volunteers taught 1250 students in a total of 12 schools

(V) Collection Drives

Six different collection/gift drives of toys, clothing, school supplies, food and cell phones benefited low income residents in Tampa, Hillsborough County, as well as foreign countries.

July: Tools for Schools Drive to benefit children attended elementary schools in University Area Community: over 20 boxes were collected. These school supplies were given to the children at the Back to School health fair on August 18th at University Area Health Center and USF medical students volunteered at this health fair!
September 22nd: Community Service Barbeque at USF’s Riverfront Park! Number of volunteers: Approximately 30 CON, COPH and graduate students participated. Over 25 boxes/bags of school supplies and one bag of toys/books were collected and donated to Cardio Start International to bring to children residing in orphanages in Peru, Serbia and other countries.

October: Cell Phone Drive to benefit The Spring of Tampa Bay, in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month during October. The cell phones are reprogrammed and given to women at the Spring, so they can call 911 for help. USF Health Service Corps donated over 60 cell phones during the Fall Festival for children at the Spring.

November: Canned/box food collection drive to benefit inter-denominational groups. Approximately 10 large boxes/bags were collected and donated to: Tampa Jewish Family Services and Catholic Mobile Medical Services.

December Donations for the Dominican (Republic): School supplies, Spanish books, clothing, school uniforms and sunglasses/glasses were collected for children in the DR. This drive was conducted by USF Health Service Corps and International Health Service Collaborative (IHSC); items were delivered by IHSC volunteers in December. Approximately 12 large bags/boxes of items were collected.

December- Foster Angel Trees: USF Health collaborated with Volunteer USF in setting up 2 foster angel trees; 1 in COM student affairs office and 1 in USF health library. Toys were donated to foster children in Tampa Bay.

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(VI) Fundraising Projects

Over 104 students participated in fundraising events to benefit American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Susan G. Komen Foundation, American Heart Association and Freedom Playground Foundation. Total amount of funds raised: $11,245.

(VII) Blood Drives and Bone Marrow Registration Drive

Florida Blood Services: 43 individuals donated blood in two drives (Oct and April)

USF Cures Bone Marrow Registration Drive - February 27 2008; 180 students and staff signed up for the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Registry.