

# HealthVisions Update

HealthVisions Midwest, Inc.—Lake County, IN  
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*In each of our newsletters we will be featuring an article that reflects how someone is living one or more of the PHJC values.*

Shirley Borom is a Nurse Practitioner by trade. She received her Bachelor of Science-Nurse Practitioner from Purdue University in May 1991. If asked what she is most proud of accomplishing in life she would answer serving the medically underserved.

Shirley is coordinating the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Project for HealthVisions Midwest. She collects data on deceased infants and offers grief counseling and resources to the family.

She recently resigned as Director of the Maternal Child Health Clinic in Gary where she supervised staff, and developed collaborative →

## Welcome Maria Burk



Maria Burk joined the HealthVisions staff as Director of Grants and Communications on May 7, 2007.

Maria brings a wealth of experience to HealthVisions Midwest. Prior to accepting this position, she worked in the nonprofit sector as Development Manager with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago at the St Jude House Domestic Violence Shelter located in Crown Point. Before that, Maria worked with Opportunity Enterprises, Inc, one of the largest nonprofits in Porter County as an Enrichment Services Coordinator. Maria obtained her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Purdue University. She is presently working on her MMNA in Business Management for Non-Profit Organizations.

Maria said, "Coming to HealthVisions Midwest is truly a blessing and I'm very excited to be joining such a dynamic, unique organization, with which I hope to learn and grow for many years to come. Thank you to everyone for making me feel welcome".

relationships with community agencies such as Maternal Child Health Network of Lake County a HealthVisions Midwest program.

Shirley has chosen to do community service throughout her medical career. She was one of the early Health Educators when Healthy Start was founded assisting in developing and coordinating programs for pregnant women. One such program was "The Sister Friend program" which sought to mentor young women of child bearing age and act as a nurturing support system.

She continues to mentor and educate women from all walks of life. Shirley is never too busy to help another person and does so with a humble spirit.



## Maternal Child Health Network of Lake County

The Maternal Child Health network continues to help pregnant women get needed healthcare and education. So far this year we are serving 328 clients.

We have entered into an agreement with AmeriCorp Volunteers. We have seven persons assigned to our program under this agreement. We presently have nine volunteers working at the different program sites. Five of the nine women speak Spanish.

“Kribs for Kids” project continues to supply cribs to any family in Lake County who cannot afford a crib. We also have \$2500 for diapers for the “Covering Wet Bottoms” program.



## Goodbye Charlotte

While studying at Indiana University Northwest, Charlotte Noble interned at HealthVisions as an assistant on the 4Community Health project funding obesity programs in Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties.

In May, Charlotte earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Indiana University Northwest and has been accepted to the graduate program at the University of South Florida in Tampa. She intends to pursue a double major in public health and medical anthropology.

Her future goal is to move to Haiti and work for a clinic or hospital with a Faith-based organization "I want to work with a program that combines HIV prevention and education with HIV treatment and sustainable development, bringing money/economic development to families," she said. Last summer she volunteered in Haiti and this month she is in Boston working at a Haitian AIDS clinic and living with a Haitian family learning the language -- Haitian Creole -- in preparation for her ministry after graduate school.

Charlotte was invaluable to the 4 community project and readily embraced the PHJC values. Charlotte we wish you luck and God's blessing and know you will be a great minister in Haiti serving those most in need.

## Congratulations Dave!

We are happy to announce that Dave McCormick, a HealthVisions Board member is the new Indiana State Director of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Dave previously held the position of Director of the Marion County Child Lead Poison Prevention program. He has been a valuable board member for over four years. We are so happy to have Dave working and advocating with us.

## Landlord Ordinance

HealthVisions and the Maternal Child Health Network have been working with Gary housing to provide a Gary Rental Ordinance that will focus on safe housing for tenants. This ordinance will require routine inspections and removal of lead, mold and other health hazards. It is expected to pass the city council this summer.