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Douglas Education Center's Medical Students Give Back To Their Community

MONESSEN, PA, APRIL 14, 2011 – Two years ago at Douglas Education Center (DEC), the medical programs launched an enthusiastic plan: to create a community service organization within the school that is initiated and governed by medical students. DMEDS (Douglas Medical Students) was formed in an effort to give back to the community while gaining hands-on experience in professionalism.

“Many of our medical students select the field of medicine because most want to ‘help people,’” said Ellen Pritchard Medical Coordinator. “This is a way for them to do just that.”

Each semester, the medical students of DMEDS make it a group priority to choose a local charity, cause or organization as well as fundraising activity that they wish to aid. These organizations have included Toys for Tots, donated toys for children; Washington County Humane Society, donated cat/dog food, antiseptic hand cleaner, paper towels, etc.; and Monongahela Valley Hospital - Emergency Room, donated new sweats so that patients leaving would have something to wear home, just to name a few.

DMEDS most recent semester has lead the philanthropic medical students to donate high chairs and bouncy seats to the Angela Lipscomb Day Care in Monessen, PA. Megan Kolick, second semester Medical Assistant student and DMEDS Treasurer noted, “It’s such a wonderful feeling to give back to the community. I love that we are able to help local people and organizations!”

DMEDS officers include: Holly Barnett, President; Denise Bristol, Secretary; and Megan Kolick, Treasurer. To learn more about Douglas Education Center’s medical programs visit www.dec.edu.

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ABOUT DOUGLAS EDUCATION CENTER

Established in 1904, Douglas Education Center (DEC) is the premier career institution located in Monessen, PA. DEC creates an educational atmosphere that not

only fosters the highest standards of excellence in all students, but also helps these students develop an awareness of social responsibility and ethical behavior. DEC offers programs in special make-up effects, digital film, illustration, fantasy art, graphic design, cosmetology, medical and business. DEC instructors are industry professionals who have actual working knowledge and experience in the programs in which they teach.