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BIRTHDAY PARTY--Patient Helen Kirshbaum recently celebrated her 94th birthday with help from E-7 staff members. Kirshbaum is pictured here with Linda Jones, R.N. (Photo by April Lindner)

HOME MEDICAL SERVICE OF UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NAMED A MODEL PROJECT SITE IN \$7-MILLION PROGRAM

University Hospital's Home Medical Service (HMS) recently was named among 19 model project sites for a new \$7-million program that will help elderly people spend their later years at home and avoid premature or inappropriate placement in institutions.

This nationwide, multi-foundation effort, called the Living-At-Home Program (LAHP), has granted \$350,000 to HMS for the next three years. The grant will be used to coordinate local partnerships of organizations serving elderly people.

The HMS project will work specifically with elderly people challenged by language barriers, emotional or mental-health problems, family or caretaker abuse, or the threat of displacement from their homes. The project will provide direct service and educational outreach, and also establish a database to collect information that will have an impact on public policy in Boston and throughout the Commonwealth.

Unlike the other organizations awarded grants, HMS will use its funding to address both health care and housing, issues of particular concern to the elderly. "In Boston, the lack of safe and affordable housing exacerbates the health problems among older persons," says Anna Bissonnette, R.N., M.S., project administrator for LAHP at University Hospital and associate director of HMS. Bissonnette believes that the program will serve approximately 340 at-risk elders over the next three years, and will assess and refer an additional 1145 individuals to other existing agencies and services.

According to Bissonnette, HMS will begin providing these services in October. The first official council meeting for the Living At Home Program recently was held earlier this month in UH's Shapiro Conference Room. At that time, representatives of agencies affiliated in the

Program posed for the photograph below. Pictured, in the front row from left to right, are Joanne Potter, development coordinator of Boston Aging Concerns; Joan Cho-Sik, chief social worker, New England Medical Center; Rose L. Sidman, attorney, Greater Boston Elderly Legal Services; Norma Moseley, director of home maintenance and repair, Ecumenical Social Action Committee; Eileen Bogle, executive director, Southwest Boston Senior Services; and Anna Bissonnette, R.N., M.S., associate director, UH's Home Medical Service. Pictured in the back row are Bob Marshall, executive director, Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly; Rod Wojcik, housing advocate, Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly; and Sheila Ardery, elder services coordinator, Boston Housing Authority.



LIVING AT HOME--The first official council meeting for the Living At Home Program recently was held in UH's Shapiro Conference Room. Representatives of agencies affiliated in the Living At Home Program pose for Take One's camera. (Photo by Lucy Milne)

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UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL LAUNCHES SERIES OF EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAMS

A series of new-employee training programs will be launched by University Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 22, with an open house in the Employee Training Center in Talbot 206.

Trainer Lynn Gaertner invites all UH staff members to visit the new training space and to sign up for free workshops and classes in word processing, telephone skills, typing, and other job-related areas. Hospital employees are also invited to sign up for a monthly breakfast series on topics of personal interest to employees.

New equipment on display at the open house will include Canon electronic typewriters, Wang OIS workstations, and Sanyo transcribers. Visitors also can view the offerings of the Center's new reference and lending library, which contains medical and general dictionaries, along with books on business writing, time management, assertiveness and other topics on personal development.

All training and development programs will be free to University Hospital employees. A Green Top to be released on Thursday, Oct. 16, will provide further information about the open house and training workshops.

CONFERENCES FEATURING BUMC PERSONNEL DRAW MEDIA ATTENTION TO THE MEDICAL CENTER

Boston University Medical Center recently has received much media attention due to several conferences featuring BUMC personnel. "The First International Conference on Interstitial Cystitis" at University Hospital, which was held on Tuesday, Sept. 16, attracted experts from around the world who gathered to discuss causes, epidemiology, evaluation and diagnosis of this painful and difficult-to-treat disorder. Surgeons from Ireland, Sweden and the United States discussed

current surgical approaches to interstitial cystitis, a painful voiding disorder that affects more than 500,000 women between the ages of 15 and 40. Among the physicians featured at the conference were Robert Krane, M.D., chief of Urology at UH and David Staskin, M.D., of the Urology Department.

Earlier this week, Boston University School of Medicine sponsored a three-day conference entitled "Interventional Cardiology 1986: An International Update." The conference, which follows the 10th World Congress of Cardiology, addressed important issues currently facing cardiologists. Featured speakers included Thomas Ryan, M.D., director of Cardiology at UH, and Timothy Sanborn, M.D., of the Hospital's Cardiology Department.

A conference entitled "Hypertension and the Elderly: Policy Implications" began on Thursday, Sept. 25 and continues on Friday, Sept. 26. The conference, which is sponsored by Boston University School of Medicine's Cardiovascular Institute, focuses on the development of policy recommendations to cope with increasing numbers of elderly hypertensives. Featured speakers include William Kannel, M.D., director of Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology at UH; Aram Chobanian, M.D., director of the BUSM Cardiovascular Institute and head of the UH Hypertension Section, and Claude Lenfant, M.D., director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE FORMER GIRL SCOUTS SOUGHT FOR GIRL SCOUT ALUMNAE ROSTER

University Hospital employees who are former Girl Scouts are being sought by the Patriot's Trail Girl Scout Council for their alumnae roster of former Scouts. The Council hopes to highlight achievements of former Scouts and discover what influence Girl Scouting has played in their lives.

This search is being conducted in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of the American Girl Scouts. For more information, please call Patriot's Trail Girl Scout Council at 482-1078 or 1-800-882-1662.

SUFFERERS FROM NIGHTTIME LEG CRAMPS INVITED TO TAKE PART IN HOSPITAL STUDY

Leg cramps occurring at night are a common medical problem. Physicians at the Evans Medical Group of University Hospital currently are studying ways to help people with this condition. Anyone who suffers from leg cramps and would like to take part in this study is invited to call x8030 (638-8030) for further information.

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1977 DODGE COLT for sale. Two-door, automatic transmission, 88,000 miles. New radiator, brakes, battery and exhaust system. Asking \$1,500 or best offer. For more information, please call Beth at x8048 (638-8048) or 786-7453 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1978 Toyota Celica GT Liftback with air conditioning, AM/FM radio, automatic transmission and lots of new parts. Asking \$1,800 or best offer. Please call Anne at x8869 (638-8869) for further information.

CONDO RENTALS AND SALES: Three two-bedroom apartments for rent on a quiet block on East Newton St. Rents range from \$600 to \$650. Also available for sale, ranging from \$114,000 to \$120,000. Please call Moffie Associates at 731-3233.

CONDOS AVAILABLE: For rent, two-bedroom duplex for \$750 plus utilities. For sale, one-bedroom condo for \$110,000. Both condos are two blocks from Boston University Medical Center. Quiet neighborhood, attractive space. Good investment. Please call Ron Cheney, 742-3810 or 964-0037 in the evening.

ROOMMATE WANTED for three-bedroom apartment in Boston's Savin Hill area. Apartment is completely renovated, with wall-to-wall carpeting. Semi-furnished. \$250 plus shared utilities. For more information, please call Dolores at 770-1444.