Go, Baby, Go!

On Saturday, October 7, more than 30 UNMC Students of the University of Nebraska – American Physical Therapy Association (SUN-APTA) members volunteered at a GoBabyGo! Nebraska! ‘build’, an event that modifies and adapts ride-on toy cars for children with movement difficulties. GoBabyGo! is a national, non-profit initiative started by Cole Galloway, PT, PhD, at the University of Delaware. Galloway and his team “are committed to a single, urgent vision: all people exploring their world via independent mobility!” Research clearly demonstrates that self-initiated mobility changes cognition and social interaction in children as young as six months of age. Since its inception in 2012, GoBabyGo! has grown internationally to include 40+ chapters. In Nebraska, the effort was spearheaded by UNMC alumnus and MMI Physical Therapy director, Sandy Willett, PT, MS, PCS. Willett, partnering with SUN-APTA, Children’s Hospital and Medical Center, UNL’s Biomedical Engineering Student Organization, and UNO’s Peter Kiewit Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (PKI-IEEE), secured initial grant funding in 2016 through the Munroe Meyer Institute’s Guild for start-up. Four GoBabyGo! events have produced more than 30 cars that went directly to children in Omaha, Bellevue, Elkhorn, Gretna, Syracuse, Lincoln, Council Bluffs, Columbus, and Verdigre. Generous donations from the MMI Guild, Olsson Associates, the Wells family, the Willett family, the Lindsay Family Foundation, Dr. Betsy Becker, and Dr. Jeff Woldstad have funded all car expenses to date. On average, these cars cost $1000 to build.

Attention, UNMC Alumni and Clinical Instructors!

On Saturday and Sunday, August 25-26, 2018, the Division of Physical Therapy Education, with support from the UNMC College of Allied Health Professions Alumni Engagement Council, will host a Continuing Education conference, Lumbar Spine Manual Therapy Management. This course will feature lecturer Jeff Moore, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, MTC, Cert. SMT. This course has been approved for 16 contact hours by the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association.

This will be the eighth Continuing Education course hosted by the Division of Physical Therapy Education in seven years. Director of Clinical Education Nikki Sleddens, PT, MPT, CEEAA, noted, “These Continuing Education courses are primarily offered as a benefit to our UNMC Alumni and Clinical Instructors. As a result, their registration cost is approximately half that of the regular registration cost.”

“We are pleased to be able to support these events for our alumni,” said Kat Hamilton, Strategic Engagement Coordinator for UNMC Alumni.
The Students of the University of Nebraska – American Physical Therapy Association (SUN-APTA) Career Fair was held on Friday, October 6, in the Truhlsen Events Center at UNMC. There were 38 physical therapy vendors in attendance. PT students were introduced to possible employment opportunities, clinical sites, and many aspects of physical therapy. A total of $9,770.00 was raised for SUN-APTA. Thank you to all our vendors!
In August, 2017, Assistant Professor Satera Nelson, MS, joined the College of Allied Health Professions (CAHP) faculty in Kearney as an anatomy instructor. Satera earned a master’s degree in Medical Anatomy from UNMC in May, 2017. Ms. Nelson earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

“While at UNL, I had the opportunity to be a teaching assistant in the Human Anatomy Lab for 2.5 years. I learned a lot about the human body and about adapting my teaching style to students who learn differently. It was a fun and challenging experience.”

The first section of physical therapy students on the Kearney campus entered in August, 2016. Assistant Professor Ryan Splittgerber, PhD, core faculty member in the Division of Physical Therapy Education and Director of the Health Science Education Complex (HSEC) Gross Anatomy Lab, assisted in the coordination of their anatomy course during the Fall 2016 semester. A planned increase in the number of PT and PA students in the lab, in addition to Dr. Splittgerber’s transition to a new role as Assistant Dean for the HSEC, created a need for an additional faculty member with expertise in anatomy.

“Ms. Nelson has been a tremendous asset to the faculty and students in four CAHP programs in Kearney – participating in anatomy labs, living anatomy sessions, and holding tutoring and review sessions,” said Dr. Splittgerber.

In her free time, Satera enjoys playing with her little cousins, reading, and traveling.
PT3 Farewell

On October 12, the Division of Physical Therapy Education sponsored a farewell pizza party for the PT3 students (pictured above) prior to their departure for clinical rotations.

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Modified ride-on cars (ROC’s) cost between $200 to $250 to complete. Plans to expand the program to Kearney are currently in the works.

Engineering students, physical therapy students and physical therapy clinicians work together at each ‘build’ to modify electrical wiring and adapt seating specific to a child’s needs, a process that takes three to four hours. Children and families arrive for fittings and test drives at the end of the event. The joy is palpable as children explore their new-found independence and mobility! Building on the program’s current success, GoBabyGo! Nebraska! is working with UNL and UNO engineering teams as well as the Kansas City Chapter to broaden car options for older children and to enhance cars with smoother acceleration, improved steering capabilities, and sensors that provide auditory cues about obstacles.
LUMBAR SPINE MANUAL THERAPY MANAGEMENT

Location: Bennett Hall Lab (Room 4016), UNMC, Omaha, Nebraska
Registration: Registration opens to UNMC alumni and clinical instructors on May 21, and to the public on June 18.
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Space is limited. Register soon!

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Lecturer:
Jeff Moore, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, MTC, Cert. SMT
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Relations. “When alumni support the UNMC College of Allied Health Professions Alumni Engagement Council, we are able to re-invest in the continuing education of our alumni.”

“Jeff is an extremely engaging instructor who does an excellent job merging the latest evidence with solid clinical reasoning,” said Megan Frazee, PT, DPT, OCS, MTC, FAAOMPT, Chair of the Division of Physical Therapy Education’s Continuing Education Committee.

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For more information: unmc.edu/alliedhealth/resources/opportunities/pt-ce.html

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