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HELLO FROM MAINE

Dr. Shihfen Tu

By now, I am sure most of you know that I have accepted a faculty position at the University of Maine, and that CHRIS has a new project director, Dr. Christine Delgado. I would like to take this opportunity to formally say good-bye to all the CHRIS users.

For the last two and a half years, I had the pleasure of working with the dedicated and hard-working CHRIS team. Together, we improved the CHRIS training program, upgraded the CHRIS software, implemented the quarterly back-up system, and started the process of revamping the CHRIS program. Of course, all of this could not have been accomplished without the help of the TAWG board members, and all CHRIS users.

The primary goal of my project at the University of Maine is to establish a database system that electronically links birth records, hearing screening records, and metabolic screening records for the State of Maine. This information will be used to determine early childhood risk factors for developmental, emotional, and behavioral disorders in children. It will also to be used by the State of Maine Bureau of Health as a service

resource for identifying and tracking children at risk for future hearing impairments. The coordination of this information will ensure that parents receive necessary services and information so they can make informed decisions regarding their child. As you can see, there are aspects of the project that resemble CHRIS. So, although I am far away from Florida, I feel that CHRIS is still here with me.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your support over the last two and half years. I can assure you that CHRIS is in good hands, under the leadership of the new CHRIS director, Dr. Delgado. If you would like to contact me please feel free to email me at shihfen.tu@umit.maine.edu.

Best regards,



(from left to right) Joan, Han, Craig, Tao, & Shihfen

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NEW USER AND DBA TRAINING UPDATE



As you know we have scheduled New User Training and New Database Administrator (DBA) Training sessions for November. Keep in mind that "Training by Request" is always available to CHRIS users. If you have six or more users from your region needing New User Training or New DBA Training, contact the CHRIS Help Desk so we can coordinate a training session in your area. Remember CHRIS users interested in training do NOT need to be from the same site. If you have fewer than six users who need training, please contact the CHRIS Help Desk and we will try to pair you up with another center located near you.

ON-LINE REPORTER TRAINING UPDATE

In the past On-Line Reporter Training had only been available to users who had completed Reporter Training and had dial-in access. Currently, we are testing a new option for those who have not had the training; however you still need to have dial-in access. We have a library of File Maker Training CD's available to CHRIS users on a "check out" basis. We also have a FileMaker workbook that reviews FileMaker concepts to prepare the user for Reporter Training. Users who successfully complete the training CD's and the CHRIS workbook will be eligible to participate in On-Line Reporter Training. If you are interested in this option please contact the CHRIS Help Desk for more information.



Call the CHRIS Help Desk to set up your On-Line session
today 800-231-5747

On-Line Reporter Training schedule:
Tuesday-Thursday 1:00PM - 5:00PM

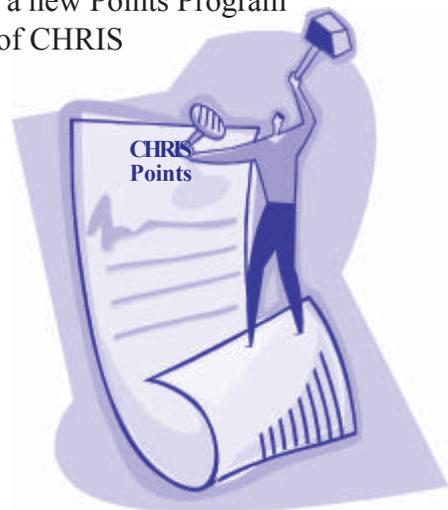


CHRIS UPGRADE UPDATE

Our summer CHRIS upgrade was executed quickly and efficiently by Aimee and Olga at the CHRIS Help Desk. A big thank you to both of them for helping us break the record for the fastest, least disruptive CHRIS upgrade.

CHRIS POINTS PROGRAM 2000-2001

We announced last year, in the Spring 2000 newsletter the commencement of a new Points Program for CHRIS users. The response from users was very positive: Eighty percent of CHRIS users actively participated in the points program. We greatly appreciate all the time and effort of our users that has made this program a success.



Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for participating in the **CHRIS POINTS PROGRAM 2000-2001!**

For more information on the CHRIS Points Program 2001-2002 go to www.chris.miami.edu Good Luck!

Aimee Aste, CHRIS Points Commissioner
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CHRIS POINTS PROGRAM PRIZE PATROL 2000-2001

Individual CHRIS Points Program

This program was open to any CHRIS user. Prizes were sent to the DBA of each site for distribution.

The prizes for the individual winners are as follows:

- First Place (15-20 points)
CHRIS Travel Alarm Clock
- Second Place (10-14 points)
CHRIS Flip Top Calculator
- Third Place (1-9 points)
CHRIS Mouse Keychain with Red Flashlight

Individual First Place Winners

<i>Name</i>	<i>FDLRS/Associate Center</i>	<i>Points</i>
Gail Brown	Crown	20
Chris King	Micosukee	19
Susan Duffy	Reach	18
Cathy Bonnell	Gulfcoast	16
Susana Cossio	South	16
Arnetta Givens	Micosukee	16
Jennifer Adams	PAEC	15
Patty Smoot	Gulfcoast	15

Site CHRIS Points Program

This program was a group effort and was open to all locations that have a CHRIS database.

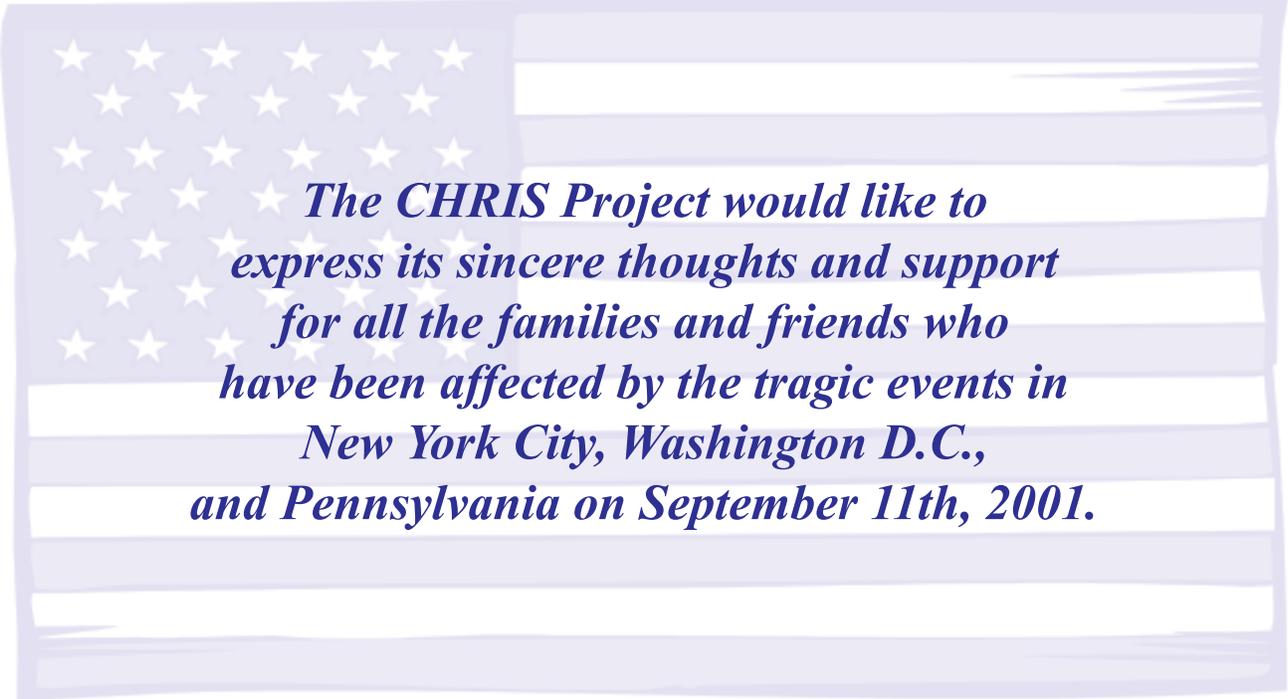
The four top centers received a CHRIS Gift Basket with a variety of office drinks and treats, including a software CD rack and a durable plastic tote that can be utilized for storage.

FDLRS/Associate Center Winners

Crown Associate Center
Galaxy Associate Center, St. Lucie County
Gulfcoast Associate Center, Hernando County
Hillsborough Associate Center



*CHRIS Gift Basket
(monitor not included)*



*The CHRIS Project would like to
express its sincere thoughts and support
for all the families and friends who
have been affected by the tragic events in
New York City, Washington D.C.,
and Pennsylvania on September 11th, 2001.*

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