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#### SPAHP STUDENTS HOLD OLDER ADULT HEALTH FAIR AT OMAHA PARISH

Omaha, Nebraska (March 23, 2007) --- On March 23, 2007, students from across the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions held a Spring into Health Fair at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Omaha. Over 30 older adults attended the health fair organized by St. Leo's Pastoral Care Minister, Sarita Penka, St. Leo's Parish Nurse Mary Stevens, and the Office of Interprofessional Scholarship, Service and Education (OISSE). This is the first event held through the partnership with St. Leo's Parish.

Overall, participants could visit 9 booths providing a variety of health information and screenings geared towards older adults. Students from across the SPAHP provided booths on Heartburn Awareness Booth and Operation Diabetes Booth sponsored by the Association of Student Pharmacists (ASP); Home Safety and Fall Prevention sponsored by the second year Occupational Therapy students; and Upper Body Home Exercise Program sponsored by the Creighton University Student Occupational Therapy Association (CUSOTA). Physical therapy (PT) faculty member, Kelly Nelson, supervised PT students in health equipment education, proper use of pedometers and healthy walking, and blood pressure checks. Pharmacy faculty member Dr. Shana Castillo provided osteoporosis screenings while Drs. Kelli Coover and Ann Ryan Haddad provided vitamin D counseling. Plans for future such events are in the planning stages with other parishes around Omaha. For more information, please visit the OISSE website at: <http://oisse.creighton.edu>.



Above left: Pharmacy students Anthony Allee and Ann Foede talk to a participant about heartburn.

Above right: Physical therapy student, Dustin Lahman, completes a blood pressure check.