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**CNN.com Features Phoenix Children's Physician Randy Christensen  
As a "CNN Hero"**

*Doctor awarded for his community outreach work with "Crews'n' Healthmobile" healthcare service for homeless teens*

PHOENIX, Ariz. (April 30, 2007) – Dr. Randy Christensen, a General Pediatrics physician with Phoenix Children's Hospital, is currently featured in CNN's website promotion for its upcoming CNN Hero Awards, slated for December 2007. CNN.com calls Christensen a "Medical Marvel" for his work with the "Crews'n' Healthmobile" healthcare service for homeless teens. The online feature is located at <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2007/cnn.heroes/>. CNN will also air a full story about Christensen's work later this year when the network previews its "Hero" program.

"Randy Christensen is a living example of Phoenix Children's mission to provide hope, healing, and the best healthcare to children – and he knows, as we do, that kind of work can't just stop at the Hospital's walls," said Bob Meyer, president and CEO of Phoenix Children's Hospital.

"It is very nice to be mentioned with all those out there who really are heroes ... I just get to do a job I love," Christensen said.

Crews'n Healthmobile, established by Phoenix Children's Hospital and HomeBase Youth Services with the help of The Children's Health Fund, brings medical help to some 5,000 homeless children and teenagers in Arizona, and served more than 2,000 teens last year for free. The mobile unit is staffed with medical practitioners from Phoenix Children's Hospital and case managers from HomeBase Youth Services.

Health services include examinations, immunizations, dispensing of medications, treatment for sexually transmitted illnesses and infections, various medical conditions, minor surgical procedures, health education, with counseling and referrals to specialists and sub-specialists at Phoenix Children's Hospital. Case managers coordinate referrals, complete AHCCCS applications, and transport patients as needed.

Staff also screen, test, educate and counsel youth on sexually transmitted infections, abstinence, HIV, Hepatitis A, B, and C, depression, anxiety, mood disorder, anger management, suicide risk, substance abuse, pregnancy, smoking cessation, nutrition, relationship and safety issues and self care.

Christensen's commitment to community service runs deep. In addition to his duties in the General Pediatrics department of Phoenix Children's Hospital and on the Crews'n Healthmobile, Christensen is a member of the Governor's Task Force on Homelessness. He serves on the advisory boards of the local chapters of the American Diabetes Association and Healthcare for the Homeless. He runs Camp AZDA, one of the largest camps for children with diabetes in the country.

Christensen said, "I truly believe that we should all be judged by how well we take care of the young, the sick, the poor. I believe that we as a society often don't understand these populations, or worse, we tend to forget them. It seems to me that we all share in the responsibility of caring for those suffering."

Beyond Arizona, Christensen traveled to Louisiana in September 2005 to provide medical care to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Along with Dr. Mark Rudinsky, Dr. Jonathan Lee-Melk, and Nurse Catherine Fogerlie, Christensen spent 10 days in a region 80 miles northeast of New Orleans caring for patients, distributing food and diapers, and surviving on Ready-to-Eat meals.

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's leader in pediatric care and is one of the 10 largest free-standing children's hospitals in the nation. The most comprehensive array of pediatric specialists in the State practice at this one organization. The outstanding clinical expertise, as well as high patient volume, and an unwavering commitment to caring only for children, all contribute to Children's leadership position. For information about Phoenix Children's, visit the Hospital's award-winning website at [www.phoenixchildrens.com](http://www.phoenixchildrens.com).