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Please plan to attend the SWIAHU Holiday Party. This year we will have an Award ceremony to honor members of our chapter who have had outstanding service!

SWIAHU Holiday Party

Date: December, 13, 2007

Time: 4:00–6:00

Location: *Acropolis*

(Green River & Virginia)

Once again we will have a Silent Auction at the Holiday Party. We plan to expand this fun event with even better items. Don't miss out on the chance to get some gifts for family and friends.

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- Turoni's
- Western Ribeye

How Does the Silent Auction work?

The annual Silent Auction to benefit Impact Christian Health Center is bigger and better this year. To date we have received gift cards and other donations from 14 companies, and the list is growing. To bid on an item during the party, simply write your name and the amount you wish to bid on the form in front of the item. If you are outbid, you are permitted to bid again. At the end of the party, the item will be given to the highest bidder. If the high bidder is no longer present, the item(s) will be delivered to the bidder by a Board member.

And as always, SWIAHU is accepting cash/check donations for Impact Christian Health Center, which will be delivered with the Auction proceeds.



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LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING...

U.S. Senate and House leaders continue to meet about The SCHIP reauthorization bill, but we keep hearing from friends on both sides of the aisle that the negotiations aren't going too well. President Bush has signed another Continuing resolution funding the program at current levels through December 14. It appears that state SCHIP plans would stay at status quo for the coming year and That we will have to continue to fight our SCHIP battles into the coming year.

Another top issue in the coming weeks is funding for high-risk pools. NAHU continues to lobby members of the appropriations committees in both chambers to make sure that the high-risk pool funding stays in the legislation as it goes through various revisions.

Funding for the current Health Care Tax Credit (HCTC) was also extended through December 14. The House Ways and Means Committee passed revised TAA legislation that NAHU feels would severely limit the purchasing options for HCTC recipients. Since the HCTC is the only federal tax credit for the purchase of health insurance in existence, NAHU feels that it is crucial that the credit is structured well, even if it is targeted at a small population.

The full House still has yet to take up H.R. 1424, the extreme mental health parity measure opposed by NAHU and our coalition partners. This bill would do things like make coverage of "disorders" like caffeine addiction and jet lag on par with not only serious mental health conditions like manic depression, but also other serious health conditions like heart disease. In contrast, the bill passed by the Senate on September 18, S. 558, is bipartisan in nature and represents a reasonable compromise on this issue. NAHU has an active Operation Shout request to members to ask their representatives to support the Senate bill.

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