in 2004. As director of the School’s Of- fice of Research, she works to enhance the research enterprise at the School by engag- ing faculty, staff, students and others across the School, campus and beyond.

Dr. Ivan Rusyn, associate professor of environmental sciences and engineer- ing, received the Society of Toxicology’s Achievement Award at the Society’s 47th annual meeting on March 16, 2008, in Seattle. Rusyn received his doctorate at UNC in 2000 and worked as a postdoctoral fellow before joining the faculty in 2002.

Dr. Anna Maria Siega-Riz, associate professor in the departments of epidemiology and nutrition, was the recipient of the March of Dimes’ 2007 Agnes Higgins Award.

The annual award distinguishes achievement in research, education or clinical services in the field of maternal-fetal nutrition. Awarded recipients receive a $3,000 prize and the invitation to lecture at the American Public Health Association’s annual meeting, which, last year, was held in November in Washington, D.C. Siega-Riz’s lecture topic at the meeting was “Maternal Obesity: The Features and News

Societies of Experimental Biology interna- tional lecture on March 16, 2008, Hedgecock shepherded the School’s second annual “A World of Difference” dinner honoring the School’s fore- most benefactors. Over a dinner of arugula salad and halibut in Pernod, conversations buzzed between scholarship donors and recipi- ents, faculty members, school advisers and other benefactors. Fred Brown (MPH ’82) president of the Public Health Foundation Board of Directors, welcomed guests and thanked them for their gifts of time and money. Donald Holzworth described why he and his wife, Jennifer, chose to establish scholarships in honor of their fathers. Former professor Den- nis Gillings talked about why he and his wife, Joan, decided to make the largest gift in the history of the UNC system to the School of Public Health. They were joined by Stacy-

I n Czech, it’s Děkuji. In Mandarin, it’s Xie Xie. In Turkish, it’s Teşekkür ederim. In English, it’s Thank You. On Nov. 29, 2007, the atrium in the Michael Hooker Research Center was trans- formed into a magical setting. Each linen-covered table held a “thank you” sign in a different language, reminding guests that their gifts and support for the School reach all around the globe.

In all, 130 people attended the School’s second annual “A World of Difference” dinner honoring the School’s fore- most benefactors.

Ann Christian (MPH ’06), who earned her masters in public health in 2006 on a scholarship and already has set up a scholar- ship of her own to honor her late brother. (See inside back cover.)

“The dinner is our oppor- tunity to say ‘thank you’ in a special way to our most gener- ous friends,” says Peggy Dean Glenn, associate dean for exter- nal affairs. “We hope more and more people will join us for this fun evening. The dinner hon- ors all endowment donors and members of the Cornerstone and Roseanu Societies.”

The Roseanu Society, named in honor of Milton J. Roseanu, the School’s first dean, com- prises donors who annually give $1,000 or more, provid- ing current funds to be used where they are needed most. President’s Circle members ($5,000-$25,000), Chancellors’ Circle ($2,000-$4,999) and Dean’s Circle ($1,000-$1,999) are honored members of the society. The Cornerstone So- ciety recognizes donors who have named or other spaces within the School’s building complex.

To join the Roseanu Society, or make a donation of any amount to the School of Public Health, please see www.sph. unc.edu/giving, or contact the School’s Office of External Af- fairs at (919) 966-0198.

“All of our friends make a world of difference in our abil- ity to anticipate public health needs and accelerate public health solutions,” Glenn says.

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Celebrating friends who make a World of Difference

Dr. F. Dubois Bowman, (Biostatistics ’00), associate professor of biostatistics and direc- tor of the Center for Biomedical Imaging Statistics at Emory University, received the Gizzle Outstanding Alumnus Award in April 2008. The award was presented at the departmental meeting of the UNC School of Public Health’s annual Fred T. Foard Jr. Memorial Lecture in April. McGrew is deputy director and chief operating officer of the Arkansas Department of Health. His career spans more than 35 years of public health service to the people of Arkansas. Estab- lished in 1975, the Barr Award recognizes the achievements of alumni and their contribu- tions to public health. The award car- ries the name of its 1980 recipient—Harriet Hyton Barr—who earned her master’s in public health from UNC in 1948 and is clinical associate professor emeritus in the School’s Department of Health Behavior and Health Education.

Alumni Dr. Steve Zeisel received the Osborne and Mendel Award from the American Society for Nutrition, in recognition of outstanding recent basic research accom- plishments in nutrition. The award was presented at the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology interna- tional meeting in San Diego in April 2008. Zeisel also was recognized at the confer- ence by the American College of Nutrition (ACN). He received the ACN Lifetime Achievement Award for research accom- plishments in nutrition.

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