On November 9, 2005, 300 people gathered in the new Atrium to honor three very special people who have made significant contributions to the Institute: Constance S. Constantine, Dr. Herbert A. Hauptman and Dr. William Duax.

Connie Constantine received the Helen Woodward Rivas Award which was named for her grandmother, one of the founders of Hauptman-Woodward in 1956.

For 25 years, Connie served HWI as a member of the Board of Directors including terms as Chair and Vice Chair, Connie spearheaded the Cures Begin Here Capital Campaign that has raised over $26,000,000 to date. She is a tireless community leader who has served many organizations including The Hospice Foundation, The Library Foundation of Buffalo and Erie County, Gow School, The Park School and many others.

Dr. Herbert A. Hauptman, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry in 1985, and President of the Institute since 1986 received the Dr. George F. Koepf Award which recognizes scientific achievement and significant contributions to the advancement of biomedical research. Dr. Hauptman’s innovative work in developing “direct methods,” where his application of classical mathematics resolved an issue that had stymied crystallographers for more than four decades. His methods have been used to design hundreds of drugs in the last 20 years.

Dr. William L. Duax received the Dr. David Harker Award for his significant contributions to the field of x-ray crystallography. Having joined HWI in 1968, Dr. Duax has devoted his career to investigating the molecular basis for the action of hormones, drugs and antibiotics; studying steroid-related enzymes that cause a wide range of human diseases.
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Grants and Awards Received by HWI for Research and the New Building

NIH Awards $1.6 million to Dr. Vivian Cody

Over the next four years, Dr. Cody will use this grant to continue her studies of opportunistic pathogens that affect people with compromised immune systems. Patients with AIDS, those on chemotherapy or dialysis are more likely to contract certain types of pneumonia. Dr. Cody’s research is aimed at designing drugs that are more selective in the treatment of these infections. These drugs will improve the quality and longevity of immune-compromised patients.

2005 Brick by Brick Award Given to HWI

An award given to honor exceptional architectural achievements in Western New York, the Brick by Brick Award for 2005 was given to Hauptman-Woodward in honor of its new home. Named “Best Medical Complex” for the year, the award honors area construction projects and their development partners for “having faith in the area and providing architects with great opportunities.” Sponored by The Bonadio Group, First Niagara Bank and Frey Electric Construction Co., it is an annual Business First award.

HWI and Cannon Design Receive NAIOP Award

The National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) presented its 2005 Architectural/Engineering Award to HWI and Cannon Design in recognition of the outstanding design of the new building at 700 Ellicott Street.

The awards ceremony held in Rochester, New York in November was attended by HWI representatives, Dr. Jane F. Griffin, Vice President of Development, Dr. Vivian Cody, Principal Scientist, Donald Hess, Chair- man of the Board and Finley R. Greene, Jr, President of Development.

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Dr. Duax has served as the President of the American Crystallographic Association. He was instrumental in relocating this organization to Buffalo and it is currently headquartered at Hauptman-Woodward. He is also the immediate past President of the International Union of Crystallography.

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HWI Capital Campaign Donations are Eligible for Additional 25% NYS Tax Credit

Donors who give to the Cures Begin Here Capital Campaign at Hauptman-Woodward are eligible for an additional New York State tax credit.

In the simplest of terms, these tax credits are available to individuals and for-profit corporations, basically any entity that pays tax in NYS. These credits are worth 25% for any cash gift up to $400,000, made specifically to the capital campaign. This credit is in addition to the standard NYS and federal deductions, but limited to 50% of your total NYS tax liability.

For additional information, please contact Laurie Krajna at (716) 898-8597. She can answer questions you may have, or send you the qualifying form which is needed to accompany your tax return.

Hauptman-Woodward Now Able to Accept Gifts Through Discover and American Express Credit Cards

A new giving web site, www.justgive.org, now enables Hauptman-Woodward donors to give online using their Discover or American Express credit card. All you have to do is go to their web site, search for Hauptman-Woodward, click donate now, and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Development Office at (716) 898-8597.

HWI Team Brightens the Holiday Season for Roswell Families

For many of us, the holiday season is marked with parties and celebrations and time with friends. But for families coping with a terminal illness, the holiday season may not be filled with cheer.

The team at HWI decided to share some of the holiday spirit with families of Roswell patients this past December. To do that, team members donated baskets and bottles and other festive items which were auctioned off to the HWI staff. The money raised – more than $3000 - was distributed among a select group of needy families.

“The generous donation from the staff of Hauptman Woodward Medical Research Institute to the Pastoral Care Program at Roswell Park as part of its annual holiday gift giving program benefited Roswell Park patients by allowing for the purchase of furniture, gift items and food,” Beth Lenegan, director of Pastoral Care at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, said. “Our sincere thanks for your contribution which helped to make the holiday season brighter for so many people.”

We Love Taxes! That’s the new motto around Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute these days. HWI has partnered with Frontier Tax & Accounting and will be offering their Taxes2Charity program to the community for the 2005 tax season.

Taxes2Charity works by allowing any individual to prepare and file their federal and state tax returns online at the: Taxes2Charity website http://www.taxes2charity.com for just $39.95. Ten dollars of each return filed will be donated back to Hauptman-Woodward.