

Planning for the Future in Genetics Education

Our Mission

The Greenwood Genetic Center is a nonprofit institute organized to provide clinical genetic services and laboratory testing, to develop educational programs and materials, and to conduct research in the field of medical genetics.

We hope you find this information useful.

This newsletter is the result of evaluations and suggestions submitted by attendees in our *Summer Courses for Teachers* program.

Let me hear from you with ideas for topics in future issues.

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The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) has awarded a grant in the amount of \$860,000 to the Education Division of the Greenwood Genetic Center (GGC). Funding will be over a two year period with the project under the direction of Dr. Leta M. Tribble, Director of Education at the Center.

Funds will be used to expand the Center's Outreach Education programs which serve to support and encourage a greater understanding of the field of human genetics. The project has two components:

- **Genetics Education Center**, housed in an existing building on the GGC campus, will provide laboratory-based activities in human genetics and biotechnology for visiting biology classes.
- **Mobile Genetics Education Laboratory**, a 40 foot coach, designed and equipped as a science laboratory, to provide laboratory-based activities in human genetics and biotechnology. The Mobile Lab will focus on serving students and teachers in communities from which travel to the Center's main campus is not practical.

According to Dr. Tribble, "This project is a natural extension of our long-standing education programs and will allow for expanded service to South Carolina's students, teachers, and their communities. There is a need for strengthening genetic literacy as we deal with issues of ethics, technology, personal healthcare decisions, and future employability."



The Education Center will be ready for use in March and the Mobile Laboratory for the start of the 2010 school year.

Teachers, keep checking the website or e-mail me for more information on our summer opportunities and how to schedule a visit to the GGC or schedule a visit by the Mobile Lab.

