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FSU *Cares* is \$1,658 richer thanks to fudge

Temporarily turning the atrium into a combination dance club and fudge factory, the College of Medicine on Nov. 19 raised more than \$1,600 for FSU *Cares*.

The event was the annual Fudge Cook-off. It's a popular fundraiser for FSU *Cares*, whose mission is to provide health services to people who otherwise wouldn't have them while providing an interactive, clinical learning environment for College of Medicine students.

First-year medical student Katie Longardner nudged aside the veterans and took first prize among both the judges and the People's Choice voters with her Orange Dreamsicle fudge. Second place in the People's Choice voting went to Andree Aubrey's coffee fudge. The judges, on the other hand, gave second place to Rhonda Collins' root-beer-float fudge.

The total of \$1,658 impressed organizer Barbara Shearer.

"That's almost twice what we raised last year," she said in an e-mail to the college. "Thank you all and a special thank you to the contestants and everyone who helped put this together!"

The godmother of the event is Carolyn Klatt, a former librarian at the College of Medicine who used to tempt co-workers frequently with her fudge. She has since moved away, but she returns for the cook-off – this year donating more than 20 pounds of her fudgy handiwork to be auctioned off for FSU *Cares*.

The live music was performed by the Hypocritic Oath, including faculty members Eron Manusov and John Giannini, plus Aaron and Ryan Peck. Faculty members Michele Manting and Elena Reyes were among the dozens of faculty, staff members and students – plus a dean or two – who danced in the shadow of Mercury's statue. Even philanthropist Charlotte Maguire was moving to the music.

The money will go toward improved health care for farm workers in the Immokalee community, where the College of Medicine has a health education site.