



The Care Connection

Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care

CELEBRATING SUMMER WITH STYLE!

Our Mission

To provide health care and support services to all, including the medically indigent, in a nondiscriminatory manner and setting, dedicated to continuity with quality medical care.

FHC Values— Equality

We believe in the inherent worth of each individual and strive to interact respectfully and fairly with each person, particularly those who are most vulnerable by approaching each individual with compassion and caring.

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Family Health Care's annual summer fundraiser Tacos & Beer on the Boulevard took place on a beautiful summer evening at the Boulevard Brewing Company. Guests enjoyed live music from

hot local band "Making Movies Social Club" along with a smorgasbord of amazing food from nine local restaurants:

**Chelly's Café
Jalapeno's
Margarita's
On the Border
Salty Iguana**

**El Patron Cocina & Bar
Jose Pepper's, Lee's Summit
Ponak's Mexican Kitchen & Bar
Tavern in the Village**

Our hosts at Boulevard Brewing Co. kept the glasses full as guests enjoyed the music and checked out our vast array of auction items.

We are very grateful for our Event Co-Chairs David & Jill Hathaway and Carl & Sheri Cuda for all of their hard work and commitment on behalf of Family Health Care!

We would also like to extend a special thanks to the many individuals who made the evening a success:

- Mary LaPlante and the State Line Service League for their catering expertise
- Chris Campbell for photographing the event
- Kathy Hoggard and Sheri Cuda for the beautiful centerpieces
- “Making Movies Social Club” for donating their amazing musical talents! Check out their music at mkngmvs.com.
- Once again we would like to thank the generous and talented GAP staff. We could not do this without them!
- Our hard working volunteers
- A huge thank you to our Tacos & Beer on the Boulevard Host Committee:

Lauren Carter
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Punky Thomas
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Brent Thompson & Keith Buck
Dr. Alie Scholes

The generosity of sponsors and donors allows FHC to continue providing services to those in need. Thank you for your support!

Photos courtesy of Chris Campbell



Event Co-Chairs David & Jill Hathaway with friend Joanne Dondlinger



Event Co-Chairs Sheri & Carl Cuda, owners of Brookside Jewelry



Host Committee member Representative Emily Perry was joined by fiancée Lucas Short and friend Adri Tallman



Longtime FHC supporters Brent Thompson and Keith Buck enjoyed the festivities!

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Notes from Dr. Lee



AIDS was first recognized as a specific illness in 1981. In 1983, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) was identified. Since then, there have been about 50,000 new cases diagnosed annually in the U.S. HIV is clearly spread from one person to another through specific behaviors. The unchanged incidence of infection reflects our nations' public health failure to implement behavioral changes.

Development of a vaccine to prevent HIV has floundered due to the complexity of the infection. However, a preventive medicine has been tested and approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and has been recommended by the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Studies have shown that Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) can reduce the risk of becoming HIV-infected when taken as part of a package of prevention services.

Over two years ago, Truvada (tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine) was approved for use in prevention and not just treatment of HIV infection. But, not many doctors are comfortable prescribing it and there are some who object to this use of the medicine.

I helped in the CDC consultation reviewing prevention studies in several populations and I agree with the recommendations for the daily use of Truvada in people who are in high risk relationships or are participating in risky behaviors. This medicine and other methods work to reduce the likelihood of acquiring HIV for people who are in relationships with others who have HIV. (Example: an HIV-negative woman wishes to have a child with her HIV-positive spouse or a gay man whose partner is HIV-positive.)

Family Health CARE is establishing a new clinic, PrEP CARE, which will be one of the first clinics in the nation to provide this medication for uninfected individuals not involved in a study. Truvada is a prophylactic medicine. Similar to birth control pills, it does not treat a disease state, but may help prevent an unwanted effect of behavior. It is our hope that access to this preventive medicine will save lives.

Tacos and Beer on the Boulevard — Thank You to Our Sponsors and Auction Donors

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Waldo Pizza
Shari Webster
Woof's Play & Stay
World's Window

Literacy For All!



Family Health Care's Literacy Specialist, Punky Thomas, was honored at our annual *Tacos & Beer on the Boulevard* fundraiser for her continued commitment to our many clients who need a little extra help. Tom is just one of her many success stories! Tom was in tenth grade and was failing. His school recommended he be held back to repeat the tenth grade. No one knew quite what to do. He would barely read and said it was a real chore. He was the lowest ranked student in his school in math, and his national tests were off the chart (low). Tom's mom brought him to the Family Health Care's Literacy Program. He sullenly attended during the spring and summer. Tom squeaked into the eleventh grade due to the long and often frustrating hours that Punky invested in him. Once he got the hang of it, he actually began to read for enjoyment and not just to get through assignments. By the close of the eleventh grade Tom was making A's and led his grade in math. He tested again. He achieved the highest score in his entire school (including higher grade level students.) Family Health Care (and especially Punky!) was there for Tom.

15th Annual River Run A Huge Success!

Family Health Care hosted our annual River Run on June 21. This was our final ride! Many thanks to everyone who supported the River Run all these years!

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Wish List

- * a volunteer dentist
- * pulse oximeter with printer
- * commercial fax machine
- * commercial printer

We're Thankful For...

- * Heather Paxton for donating a digital scale
- * Kathy Hanis for her PR expertise
- * Scott Pyers for the beautiful flowers
- * Linda Lancaster for the wonderful cookies
- * Debbie Ramirez for flowers for the front desk

Save the Date for *Champagne & Chocolate* 2014 an event benefiting Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care

**Champagne
& Chocolate**

SOUTHWEST BOULEVARD FAMILY HEALTH CARE

Saturday, November 8, 2014 6 - 9 PM

At the home of Jenny and Warren Erdman

5340 Ward Parkway

Kansas City, Missouri

Event Co-Chairs:

Heather & Tim Pluard and Shelley & Jon Copaken

Reservations are limited, purchase tickets via PayPal at swbfhc.org. For more information contact Shari Webster at 913.722.3100, ext. 272 or shariwebster@swbfhcs.org.