



The Care Connection

Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care

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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.

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The mood was festive November 20th, as FHC friends and supporters gathered for our annual *Champagne and Chocolate Party*. Adele and Donald Hall welcomed 175 guests into their beautiful home to sample the scrumptuous chocolate treats made by forty local chocolatiers.

The event was a huge success! The money raised at the event will be used to continue our outreach both at the Southwest Boulevard location, and at the "Q" for continued renovation and expansion.

Words cannot express our gratitude to the Halls for their generosity in hosting this year's party. The food served was fabulous and the setting could not have been more lovely. Attendees had a marvelous time sampling the delicious chocolate creations while enjoying the beauty of the Hall's home.

A special thanks goes to the following individuals, as well:

Jill Terry, for again donating her time and talents in the graphic design of all event materials.

Chris Campbell, for donating his time as the official photographer of the event.

Chris Purcell, of Hallmark, for the calligraphy of the place-cards for the chocolate donations.

Lon Lane's Inspired Occasions, for the wonderful meal and the beautiful display of the chocolates.

Our hard-working planning committee, who invested many hours making this event happen: Jamie Berg, Jenny Erdman, Sally Groves, Kathy Hoggard, Sharon Lee, Cyndy Price, Jill Quigley, Alleen VanBebber, Carol Warman Leligdon and Shari Webster.



Mrs. Adele Hall and Dr. Sharon Lee enjoy the evening.



Event Co-Chair, Jenny Erdman, and friends are all smiles!



Event Co-Chair, Jamie Berg, and her husband, Jeff, enjoy the festivities.



What a fabulous array of chocolates!

Notes from Dr. Lee

Help for Haiti

In September, Rebecca Liberty, staff Billing/IT specialist, made a week-long trip to Haiti with Heart to Heart/ Operation Haiti. Family Health Care was glad to be a part of this worthy cause. The clinic was able to act as the group's 501c3 sponsor and provided the bookkeeping aspect of it. FHC also supported the effort by providing space for a trip fundraising party, and by giving them numerous medical supplies and basic equipment to take along with them.

Rebecca, a talented and well-traveled photographer, did fundraising by selling some of the lovely pictures she's taken over the years. She is grateful to FHC for permitting her to be away from the clinic for a week!

Operation Haiti also expresses their thanks to FHC for all that was donated. They are grateful for the clinic's support and for Rebecca's presence on the trip.



Family Health Care has provided more than 14,000 visits this year. The entire staff works at \$14/hour in order to extend our capacity to provide for our patients. Our staff includes some of the most effective and dedicated health and welfare workers in the metropolitan area. This is an opportunity for me to publicly thank each one.

Our front office team (Evie, Maria, Xochitl, Erin, Elana, Miriam, Carla) juggle the scheduling, the calls and people at the desk. Thank you for handling patients who mumble, who curse, who do not know what they are calling for, who are crying - all with good humor.

Our medical assistant team (Angie, Shanita, Samantha, Nicole, Irma) listen to the patients problems, provide the testing needed and keep things moving. Thank you for being so efficient and supportive of the patients and the providers.

The medical provider team (nurse practitioners Dirk, Michele, Suzanne and doctors Alliman, Nelson, Hume, Coates) and dental provider team (hygienists- Kim and Brenda and dentists Bender, Deskin, Meredith, Ellis and other volunteers) provide the highest quality of care to a sometimes very difficult patient population and mostly with a smile. Thank you for your dedication to those we serve and for the lifestyle you sacrifice on behalf of the FHC mission.

Our dental assistant team (Tina, Angelica, Dontasha, Roberta), keeps our dental department buzzing with the most extensive scope of practice of any indigent care dental clinic in the region. Thank you for your caring for patients who are often anxious.

The fitness team (Pris, Rick, John, Haley, Melissa, Nancy M) keep everyone moving and have opened even more hours and more opportunities for people to be active. Thank you for helping people find their healthier selves.

The billing team (Rebecca, Jannean, Don, Rachel K, Kelly) assure that Medicaid, Medicare and the few private third party payer charges are kept up and along with the fundraising and community awareness team (Nancy G, Shari, Becky) keep enough in the bank to cover our patient services costs. Thanks for helping us to allow us to continue to serve.

The legal team (Dana, Patricia) and all the volunteers and law students help keep our clients out all sorts of financial and legal potholes. Thank you for giving our patients another tool to change their lives for the better.

The team at the Q (Dennis, Rachel J, Jennifer, Paulette) have extended our outreach to the NE KC, KS neighborhoods with FHC health and social services. Thank you for applying your skills and wisdom on behalf of the community we are serving.

The education team (Punky, Dollie, Jane, Gerry) make patients' literacy and education their priority. Thank you for your commitment and for your willingness to take on those challenges.

The IT team (Pat and various helpers) who keep the now so necessary web networking and computers up and at 'em. Thank you for coming to FHC at a critical time and jumping right in!

The maintenance team (Pedro, Tom, Dave, and with help from Moose) keeps all the facilities neat and clean inside and outside. Thanks for all your really hard work keeping the space nice.

The social services team (Joe, Keith, Tammy) Thanks for helping our patients/clients.

The administrator (Kevin) keeps it all together by wearing hats from maintenance, to IT, to counselor, and many more. Thank you for your dedication to the work and how we do it.

A special thank you to the family of Beverly Courtney who shared Bed with us through the years of her work as a volunteer and staff.

Thanks to all these teams and all these individuals who make it possible for Family Health Care to continue our important work. Sharon Lee

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Champagne and Chocolate — Thank You to Our Chocolate Donors

3 Women and An Oven	Classic Catering	Le Fou Frog	Russell Stover
American Restaurant	Classic Cookie	M & S Grill	Salsman Catering
Andre's	Confectionately Yours	McCormick & Schmick's	Scrape the Plate
Annedore's	Consentino's	MeMa's Old-Fashioned Bakery	Sherry's Classics
Big Momma's	D'Bronx	Moxie Catering	Smallcakes
Blue Bird Bistro	dot desserts	North Corner Cupcakes	Tall Grass Toffee
Blue Grotto	Global Fork Catering	Paddycakes	The Upper Crust
Café Europa	Halls Kansas City	Panache Chocolatier	Westport Flea Market
Chip's Chocolate Factory	Happy Gillis Cafe	Pierpont's at Union Station	Whole Foods
Christopher Elbow Artisanal Chocolate	Laura Little's Candies	Room 39	You Say Tomato

News & Notes

THANK YOU COMMITTEE MEMBERS! Also essential to the success of this year's *Champagne & Chocolate Party* are the following people who served on the Host Committee: Donna & Darren Abbot, Sandy & Fausto Campuzano, Lora & Cameron Garrison, Betsy & Brian Glick, Carlene & Bill Hall, Annie & John Houlehan, Elaine & Jeff Jacobs, Jenny & David Kim, Jennifer Klemp & William Brunkhardt, Jan-Marie & Brad Kroh, Mary & Jeff Morris, Yon & Jin Park, Katy & Joe Platt, Cyndy & Pat Price, Corinne & D.J. Schmidt, Erin & Jason Stahl, Mary & Richard Wetzel and Mindy & Josh Wilson. We could not have done this without your support and assistance!

STAFF NEWS: FHC Personnel Director, **Dollie Rainey**, was appointed to the Planning Council for the Kansas City Health Department. She is working on the Advocacy Committee. **Jane Fowler**, founder of HIV Wisdom for Older Women, has been named to POZ Magazine's top 100 list. This recognizes the most powerful, influential and inspirational people fighting AIDS/HIV in America .



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- ♥ Beth Sauer, and Teri and Jeff Neustaedter for the many magazines for our waiting and exam rooms.
- ♥ MW Builders for donating chairs for our offices; you made our work areas much better!
- ♥ Walgreens, Family Dollar, Sav A'Lot and CVS for their donations to our Health Fair on October 30th.
- ♥ Missie B's for making the holidays merrier by donating 30 children's gifts.
- ♥ Kiwanis Chapters of Greater Kansas City for the donation of 240 turkeys which were given out to families before Thanksgiving.
- ♥ Shannon, Daniel and Madison Schneider, and the following Girl Scout troops from Christa McAuliffe Elementary School in Lenexa for providing Thanksgiving food boxes for FHC patients in need :Troops number 905, 1922, 1783, 1784, and 1864.
- ♥ All our FHC family—Friends, Fans, Volunteers and Supporters—HAPPY NEW YEAR!