



# 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.

## 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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## Successful Champagne & Chocolate Event Shines!



For eighteen years supporters of Family Health Care have gathered for Champagne & Chocolate, a very unique fundraiser which supports health care and

support services to those in need in the greater Kansas City area. Many thanks to this year's Honorary Co-Chairs LesLee and Pete Smith who generously opened their home to this wonderful cause. A crowd of over three hundred sampled savories and desserts from more than forty of Kansas City's top restaurants, bakeries, and chocolatiers. Wonderful hosts and beautiful weather provided us with a truly grand event!

Our gracious Event Co-Chairs Mary Morris and Julie Zwillenberg and their outstanding Host Committee: Heather & Jon Bortnick, Melissa & Jim Carnes, Gaye & Mark Cohen, Jenny & Warren Erdman, Heather & Derek Feagans, Betsy & Brian Glick, Courtney Goddard & Dana Hawkinson, Jenny & David Kim, Amanda & Kirk Lambright, Lee Page, Yon & Jin Park, Katy & Joe Platt, Jill & Kirk Presley, Cyndy & Pat Price, Megan Rupp, Erin & Jason Stahl, Mary & Richard Wetzel and Reagan & Brian Wittek spent months insuring the success of this vital fundraiser for Family Health Care.

Longtime FHC supporter Katie VanLuchene and her staff from KC Magazine covered Champagne & Chocolate along with our friends from the Kansas City Star.

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We are incredibly grateful for all of our event sponsors and donors. We could not do this without you!

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FHC Medical Director, Dr. Sharon Lee poses with Host and Honorary Event Co-Chair LesLee Smith.



Event Co-Chairs Mary Morris and Julie Zwillenberg



Jenni Bryan, Cindy Ullman, Marcia Clapp and Nancy Williams enjoy the festivities!



Longtime FHC supporters Kate and Dale Beckerman

## News & Notes

- \* Congratulations to The Big Changes Program which had their first 100 lb. weight loss!
- \* A successful Women's Day Out was held at the FHC Fitness Center on October 22nd. Join over 20 vendors featuring chair massages & mini manicures, jewelry, clothing, purses, pastries, and Christmas decorations. again on December 15th, 1:30-4pm in the fitness center. Proceeds benefit the Big Changes Program.
- \* Kudos to the members of the gym who ran the KC 1/2 Marathon.
- \* A Christmas party will be held at the Fitness Center for the karate kids in December.
- \* The Czar Bar has generously agreed to host our annual holiday party on December 8th. Friends, volunteers, and staff members will have a chance to eat, drink, and be merry.
- \* The Big Changes group will run or volunteer at the TLC Groundhog Race on January 27, 2013.



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### Notes from Dr. Lee



Walt Disney said, "Disneyland will never be completed. It will continue to grow as long as there is imagination left in the world." A corollary is developing at Family Health Care. FHC continues to grow as long as the spirit of caring is left in our community.

Our newly enlarged facilities are matched with increased initiatives to improve health in our community. The expanded clinical space allows us to bring in new providers and new programming. This coming year Family Health Care will be adding a physician, a nurse practitioner and other staff and volunteer providers.

Our little sister clinic- the JayDoc Free Clinic will be adding more volunteer providers to serve more patients and will be adding dental and other direct services. Family Health Care will be partnering with a new clinic, Healthcare Options that Matter, for a new program- Maternal Options that Matter (MOM) that will be housed at Family Health Care. MOM is a collaboration between FHC, KU School of Nursing and KUMC Department of Family Medicine formed to address maternity care gaps in Wyandotte County. Currently dismal statistics with often tragic situations behind the statistics have Wyandotte County ranked last for black infant mortality based on maternal residence in the nation.

It is our sincere hope that the efforts of Family Health Care through our staff and with the help of our supporters will continue to make a positive difference as long as there is need in our community. We offer thanks to each of you whose spirit of caring shows through in your support of our mission to make our world better.

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## **Capacity Expansion Campaign a huge success!**

**Please join us as we celebrate the opening of our new facility :  
Dedication & Open House  
Friday, December 7th  
4-7pm.**

Family Health Care would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who reached deep into their pockets to help us reach our one million dollar goal! We are successful in serving the medically indigent in Kansas City because of your generosity!

