



The Care Connection

Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care

Champagne & Chocolate 2018--- A Sweet Success!

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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Co-Chairs, Anna and Michael Hockey, Rachel Sexton and Brian King along with Darcy and Lindsey Stewart began work in July to produce this wonderful evening. Guests sampled savories and delectable desserts from nearly 60 local restaurants, bakeries and chocolatiers. This year's signature table was hosted by Banksia Australian Bakehouse and Café. Their mouthwatering presentation was filled with lamb chops, meat pies, sausage rolls and much more. The Monarch Cocktail Bar & Lounge, on the Country Club Plaza, hosted a specialty cocktail bar that kept people coming back for more. We are truly grateful for our partnership with Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants who provided all of the wine and champagne for the event. Many thanks to our amazing Host Committee who reached out to their friends and colleagues on our behalf:

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It is the support of friends like you that allows us to continue to provide important and much needed services to meet the growing needs of our community.

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Honorary Co-Chairs and Hosts Aaron and Lauren Blazar



Event Co-Chairs Rachel Sexton, Darcy Stewart and Anna Hockey



Dr. Kevin and Ada Koch with Liz and Paul Uhlmann



Hoda Tavalali with Host Committee members Cori Culp, Meg Haas and Courtney Goddard

FHC Adds New Providers and Expands Services

We are busting at the seams to meet the demand to serve the many families in need of quality health care. To meet that demand Family Health Care has added several new providers and expanded our services. In order to support our new providers we have also hired additional medical assistants and billing professionals. FHC provides preventative and chronic healthcare for infants through adults including HIV, Hepatitis and other serious illnesses. Care for pregnant women and their newborns is provided in our Maternal Options that Matter clinic. We strive to be a true medical home for people with low resources. We currently have plans to renovate the main dental clinic and add new facilities which will include a mental health clinic. In addition, we will add a second dental clinic at the Quindaro location, 538 Quindaro Boulevard in Kansas City, Kansas along with a three level parking facility at our Southwest Boulevard location. These renovations for dental and mental health expanded special services take up every bit of our available space. For more parking we need to go up! Through leveraging of local and regional foundation and donor support FHC will need to raise \$4.2 million to meet goals for the renovations to complete the work by the end of 2019.

Jessica Crocker



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Stella Ngeditch



Dental Clinic Now Accepting Children

The dental staff at Family Health Care encourages all parents to bring their children in at the eruption of their first tooth. Getting children used to the dentist and establishing a good start on oral health is very important. Children should be evaluated for sealants when their 6 year molars erupt and again at age 11/12 when their second molars appear. Children that are existing patients at FHC and have Medicaid or Kan-Care may call to schedule an appointment at 913.722-3100.



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Notes from Dr. Lee



“Idealism detached from action is just a dream. But idealism allied with pragmatism, with rolling up your sleeves and making the world bend a bit, is very exciting. It’s very real. It’s very strong.” Bono

The following is an inside view of the combination of real work and idealism paired at Family Health Care.

From a Student- “As a part of my Family Medicine rotation, I had the opportunity to learn from the patient population served by Dr. Sharon Lee and Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care. The time spent was more than just fulfilling a clerkship requirement, it was an experience that opened my eyes to new perspectives on how medical care should be delivered. Through working there, I felt as though the values and ideas about medicine that I held before starting

medical school were finally reinforced. I originally began pursuing medicine with the underlying assumption that I could go beyond the mere treatment of illnesses for those who had the means to access care and help bridge the gap that exists for so many people in need. Dr. Lee taught me not to give up on that hope.

From the very first day, I was thrown into the hustle and bustle of what is a routine day for Dr. Lee. I began the day seeing patients and attempting to present and construct a plan as I would on any typical rotation but soon realized that the way this clinic functioned was in no way typical of the “normal” day in clinic. As I began learning about the lives, backgrounds and experiences of the patients that are seen at FHC, I saw what a truly special place it is. Many of the patients I cared for confessed stories of being turned down by other providers, facing discrimination on the basis of race, gender, even disease state, and not being able to access medications that are crucial to their well-being.

Family Health Care addressed all of these issues and more. Beyond the clinic’s mission of providing medical care to any and all patients, the overlying culture of equality exists outside of patient care. This is reflected in all areas of the clinic from the structure of compensation for the employees to the lack of a hierarchical structure promoting more open communication between different levels of the care team and its patients. Even as a medical student, I was granted a great deal of personal agency to see patients at a comfortable pace and engage in learning opportunities that interested me.

My experience working at FHC has left a long-lasting impression. In today’s medical structure, it seems to me that there is a growing disparity between those who have the resources to access care and those who do not. From what I have seen thus far in my training, many medical providers, those who are the vehicle of care, are more concerned with their institutional status and financial safety rather than being an agent of social change. Having worked at FHC, I am now more certain that those motives do not have to become my own. Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care truly practices what the culture of medicine claims to support and through this experience I have finally been shown an example that deviates from the current status quo.”

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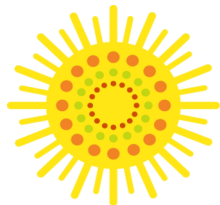
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- ▶ Office chairs
- ▶ Rototiller for the community garden
- ▶ Vitals Machine
- ▶ Shredders
- ▶ Sewing Machine for patient

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- Local Kiwanis chapters for the turkeys they generously donated for those in need
- The FHC Youth Council for the bags of groceries they donated and put together to go with the turkeys for Thanksgiving
- After the Harvest for all of the apples, tomatoes, peppers, pears, corn, lettuce, squash and cucumbers for our patients
- The anonymous donor who donated cash for a new scanner

Save the Date for...



Good Morning for Health
Building a Healthy Community

an event benefiting Family Health Care
Thursday, March 7th
7:30-9:00 am

Our most sincere apologies to the owners of Pierpont's at Union Station, their Catering Manager Robbie McGowan, and their staff! They were mistakenly left out of our program at Champagne & Chocolate and deserve recognition for 300 of the most amazing chocolate truffles!



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