



The Care Connection

Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care

Champagne & Chocolate has Record Breaking Year!

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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Many thanks to Event Co-Chairs, Jordan & Marcelo Claire and Kathy & Mark Donovan for helping to make this a record breaking C&C, there was a

significant increase in funds raised this year. Cheers to the Claire's who graciously opened their amazing home to support Family Health Care's services to low-income, uninsured and underinsured patients. A sold out crowd sampled savories and desserts from fifty-three of Kansas City's top restaurants, bakeries, and chocolatiers. Our community partners, Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants, generously provided all of the wine and champagne for the event. The weather cooperated and we could not have asked for a more perfect evening.

We also want to thank our outstanding Host Committee:

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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 Hosts, Marcelo & Jordan Claire (right) and Event Co-Chairs, Mark & Kathy Donovan (left)



Advisory Council members, Dr. Whitney Shoults, Melissa Wagner Kazmi and Chandra Clark



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Notes from Dr. Lee



"I came to you as an immigrant, with no money and could not speak English. I did not even know the nature of my ailment. I just knew sometimes I did not feel good. You accepted me and treated me better than I have been treated at places in my home when I could afford to pay. Your staff has always treated me respectfully. I am not sure why or how I was able to get the treatment and care I needed, except by knowing you. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity you gave me to rid myself of this ailment and the grace with which you did it."

This letter came in October, 2015 from a young woman who came to us from a mostly Muslim country on the other side of the world. She had been through a lot, including a blood transfusion that had not only saved her life at the time, but had transmitted Hepatitis C. She did not choose Kansas City and she happened to come to Family Health Care. She did not choose much about her life. Refugees have few choices. They become the flotsam and jetsam of wrecked states that wash onto the beaches of far away places.

Loren Easley was a twentieth century academic and writer. The following is a paraphrase of a well-known story that he wrote as the "Star Thrower" and then revised a few times:

A writer, while walking along the shore early one morning, spotted a stranger repeatedly pick starfish from the sand and throw them one-by-one into the sea. "Why are you throwing starfish into the water?" the writer asked. The stranger answered, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. They will dry and die here." The writer pointed out there were thousands of starfish on the beach, one person could never make a difference. "I made a difference for that one", the stranger answered, tossing another starfish into the welcoming sea.

Making a difference can happen in many ways. Each of you has helped "throw starfish back into the sea" by supporting Family Health Care's work with the vulnerable who happen to be part of our community.

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Crock Pots for Those in Need



Family Health Care employee Kat Terry took it upon herself to reach out to members of the community for crock pot donations to assist those in need. We spoke with Kat about her motivation for this project. “I thought with the opening of The Grove Grocery I would do a crock pot drive to donate to customers shopping there. I put out a notice in “Next Door Neighbor” asking for gently used crock pots to donate. My goal was 10— and I ended up with over 30! Clients spending \$10 get a free crock pot. We also share simple recipes using items that are available at The Grove. Many of our customers have limited resources such as no stove. The crock pots help provide a hot meal for their family. This was a “team effort”!!! Thanks to all employees and others who donated and collected crock pots for this unique project.”

 DELTA DENTAL

Delta Dental of Kansas has provided Family Health Care with a generous grant to purchase equipment for the dental clinic along with 500 toothbrush kits to distribute to those we serve.



Kiwanis Donate 180 Turkeys to FHC Clients

The spirit of giving abounds with members of the local Kiwanis chapters. Their generosity has provided Thanksgiving meals to FHC families for more than 17 years. They spent two days handing out turkeys to needy families.

Happy Thanksgiving 



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▶ Xerox Documate Scanner	▶ Volunteer dentist	-Dr. Ron Deskin for donating a ham to our Thanksgiving feast! -Ed Galisewski, for a day of hard labor at "The Q" and a load of dirt.
▶ Oximeter	▶ Clorox wipes	
▶ Spirometer	***We are very grateful for the in-kind donations we receive, they are tax deductible!	
▶ Crock pots (new or used)		

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Building a Healthy Community

an event benefiting Family Health Care

Thursday, March 3rd
Lidia's Italy Kansas City
101 West 22nd Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

7:30-9:00 am

