



FAMILY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP CLINIC



SUMMER 2010

A Note from Suzanne:

Welcome to summer! Although summer harkens back memories of lazy days, summer is just as busy at the Clinic as ever. One of the great things that happens during the summer is we see an influx of volunteers to the Clinic, most of them high school or college-aged students who are seeking some experience in the medical field, or simply to give back to the community. We utilize these volunteers for a host of projects, including chart pulling and filing (a never ending job!), data collection, photocopying, and a variety of other things. We are blessed to have such great volunteers at the clinic - without them, we could not do what we do! So many people think that they need to be a medical person to volunteer here. While we are excited to have doctors and nurses, we have a lot of behind the scenes work that needs to happen, as well. Our volunteer coordinator, Kathy Rauch, is great at finding out what things a person might be interested in, and then helping craft a project around them. If you've always thought about volunteering and never got around to it, now's the time! Come help us provide high quality medical care to the uninsured in our community. You won't be sorry!

Suzanne Hoban, *Executive Director*

Community Partners

Gavers Community Cancer Foundation was established in 1999 by Steve Gavers, a cancer survivor. What started as a simple idea to have a bonfire in 1999 to raise money for cancer research and awareness has grown in to an Annual Barndance that attracts 2500! Steve and the Foundation Board are dedicated to educating the public about the importance of being checked and to furthering cancer research. Since 2000, the foundation has awarded more than 3 million to various organizations. Family Health Partnership Clinic is one of those organizations. Beginning in 2002 and through to 2009, the foundation has awarded the clinic \$350,500.00 which is used for early cancer screening and detection, as well as education for the uninsured and underinsured residents of McHenry County.



Gavers Board Members; Dave Plote, Denise Graff-Ponstein, Steve Gavers at the 2009 Care4 Breast Cancer 5K

Each year, Steve Gavers and Foundation Board Member, Denise Ponstein-Graff have been present at the clinic's Care4 Breast Cancer 5K to present an annual gift to Family Health Partnership Clinic. ***This summer's Barndance is Saturday, July 17th! Hope to see you there.***

Catalent Pharma Solutions, with a location in Woodstock, believes that successful companies encourage their employees to participate in the philosophy and mission of where they



Suzanne Hoban and Cathy Patenaude surrounded by Catalent's management team

work. To this end, Catalent launched its first employee affinity group this year called Catalent Women's Network on International Women's Day, March 8, 2010. This particular day, is a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women. Catalent held a reception in honor of Suzanne Hoban, as their chosen local community healthcare advocate of McHenry County. As well, the employees of Catalent held a month long collection of items from the clinic's wish list which provided much needed supplies for clinic patients.

Clinic Wish List

There is an ongoing wish list of items for the clinic to operate. The list is ideal for youth groups, schools or churches who are interested in doing collection drives. Items needed regularly include:

- bandaids (of all sizes)
- small bottles of Tylenol or Advil
- small bottle of OTC allergy relief items
- paper coffee cups
- paper cups (4 & 6oz)
- quart & gallon size to zipper lock bags
- zipper zip lock bags (for storing medication)
- toilet paper
- copier paper
- sharpies
- black ink pens
- wipes
- highlighters
- K-Mart or Wal-Mart gift cards, \$15.00 value (for RX)
- standard kitchen supplies
- bug repellent and sunscreen (for patients who are homeless)

On the clinic website www.hpclinic.org there is a more comprehensive list of all items that are needed.

Important Clinic Phone extentions:

Appointments, ext. 10

Donations, ext. 24

Executive Director, ext. 15

Volunteering, ext. 18

815.334.8987

Care4 Breast Cancer 5K in its 10th Year!

We have watched the annual 5K grow every year since it began in 2000. We welcomed about 100 participants in our first year. Fast forward and we welcomed 1,600 participants in 2009. This year on Sunday, October 24, 2010 we anticipate 2,500 supporters who will run or walk to raise funds for uninsured patients at the clinic in need of breast cancer services.

This year the Care4 Breast Cancer 5K will have a new location at Woodstock North High School. The event will be held on the streets and in the neighborhoods near the high school. With our increasing growth, it became necessary to find a safer and larger running area. Mike Ziener, the Executive Director of the Chicago Susan G. Komen Affiliate will be our guest and will award

medals and awards to participants.

The 5K website is accepting registrations and donations at this time. Please begin to form your team as early as possible! To help keep race organization costs to a minimum, encourage your friends to register before race day. We accommodate serious runners, leisure walkers, and families. Come on out, pass the word along and join a great cause! All monies stay in McHenry County to help local women!

Register today on-line at www.hpclinic.org, and click the 5K logo or print out a registration form from the site.

To be a sponsor please contact Cathy Patenaude at 815-334-8987, ext. 24 or cpatenaude@hpclinic.org

Health Care Reform and FHPC

Two of the biggest questions we are asked since the Health Care Reform was passed are "how will health insurance reform affect the Clinic? Will you even be needed in 5 years?"

While we cannot predict the future, I can say with strong certainty that yes, we will continue to be needed in the future, regardless of the health care reform measures. We are grateful for some of the measures that are currently being implemented - extension of benefits up to age 26 on the parents' coverage, elimination of pre-existing conditions for children for insurance purchase, and a temporary reinsurance program for early retirees (over 55 years old). This may have the effect of offering insurance to these three groups within the next year.

But there are many people who will still be uninsured and underinsured in 2014 when the plan is fully implemented (pending no changes in the plan from a legislative aspect). The Clinic currently has a strong medication program. It is not yet clear how individual policies would work and whether people's medications will be covered by the new law and we may be seeing people who need help in getting their medications. Similarly, if people will have to purchase their own

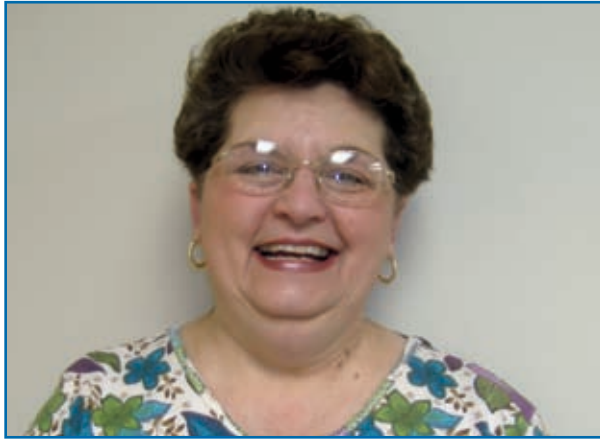
insurance, they may be able to afford only high deductible, high co pay policies which will effectively render them without insurance, as they would be unable to afford their co pays and deductibles.

And then there is the issue of Medicaid expansion. Medicaid would be expanded to help cover childless adults (unlike the current structure). Medicaid is a shared federal and state program, that is, the state pays first and then the feds match those payments. In essence, they split half and half. However, if the state cannot come up with its share of the cost, then providers will not get paid for their services and they will stop taking people with the Medicaid card. While some people will theoretically have Medicaid, if there are no providers willing to take it, someone will have to help provide services to this "underinsured" population.

These are just three of the populations that we expect to be continuing to serve in the future regardless of the implementation of the health reform. We are hopeful that many of our current patients will be covered, but we are anticipating that there will still be a fairly large group who will still need the services of the Clinic.

Suzanne Hoban , Executive Director

A Patient's Story



Pictured above Pat Tillett of McHenry

Pat was sent to FHPC while living at Home of the Sparrow in 2001. She was told she could be taken care of on a sliding fee scale based on her income. Her 30-year marriage had ended and she moved to McHenry to be closer to family. She had no income or job at the time. Her chronic high blood pressure needed to be addressed. Pat began to see Dr. Mowery and he has been her physician ever since. FHPC has enabled her to afford healthcare, by keeping patient visit fees reasonable. And, with the continuity of care given to her by Dr. Mowery, her hypertension has been kept under control.

Did You Know... for every \$1.00 in donation to the clinic we are able to provide \$2.24 worth of medical care!

McHenry Clinic Update

We are thrilled about the progress of the McHenry Clinic since it opened November 1, 2009. We opened the Clinic through a generous grant from the Blowitz Ridgeway Foundation to better serve the needs of the eastern portion of the county. The Clinic is located in the Centegra-McHenry Medical Office Building in Suite B201. The Clinic, open Monday through Thursday mornings, is staffed by a nurse practitioner, volunteer physicians, nursing staff and bilingual clerical. Since November, we have seen 387 patient visits, or an average of 65 patient visits a month. The majority of these patients are from the McHenry area and are very grateful to have a place closer than Woodstock to come for their medical care. Dr. Jim Mowery and Dr. Jim Skopec are our primary volunteer physicians, and Victoria Faustino is our nurse practitioner at the McHenry clinic. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the main clinic number at 815-334-8987, ext. 10.

Gala Results

This year we were blessed again with almost 300 friends of the clinic joining us for an evening of fundraising, fun and awareness! Our "Tropical Paradise" Gala & Auction gave everyone a chance to grab their comfy beach attire and let loose to the sounds of the "Od Tapo Imi" Tropical Pop & Steel Drums band!



Howard Prather of Catalent Solutions

An astounding \$72,000.00 was raised at our Gala which translates into \$150,000 in medical care made available to our patients. This provides patients with needed lab tests, prescriptions, treatments and, in many cases, management of

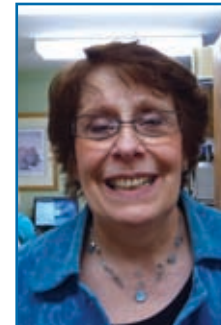


Dr. Tungol and Chuck Ruth enjoy the band

chronic diseases. We thank our sponsors of this year's Gala: Centegra Health System, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Northwest Herald and American Community Bank. And, we are most appreciative of all those who came out, enjoyed the evening and graciously gave to further our service in the community!



GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF



Diane Fuller is the Clinical Manager at the Clinic. Diane has been with the FHPC since our Harvard days, back in 1998. Diane has a BA from Trinity International University and started as an LPN from Minneapolis

Vocational College, and received her Associates Degree in Nursing from Elgin Community College. What keeps Diane at the clinic? "I feel like I'm making a difference every day that I work here and just the fact that I can touch people's lives and help them with their health care. The best part of the job is being able to connect people to resources that they were struggling to find. The least favorite is when I hit a brick wall if they need specialty care and I cannot find them any resources in the county. Often I have to send them out of the county for specialized care." Diane adds, "I'm never quitting." Thanks Diane for all the great work you do!



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OPEN HOUSE

The Clinic Welcomes You,
*to come & learn about our growing ability
to reach residents on the eastern side of McHenry County!*

*Family Health Partnership Clinic
Announces its McHenry Open House
Hosted by
State Senator Pamela Althoff,
McHenry Township Supervisor Donna Schaefer,
McHenry Mayor Susan Low & FHPC Board of Directors
Thursday, June 17th
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
McHenry Township Hall
3703 N. Richmond Rd., Johnsburg*

*Come celebrate the opening of the new satellite clinic
for Family Health Partnership Clinic located in McHenry!*

RSVP to cpatenaude@hpclinic.org

Save the Dates...

**Open House for
McHenry Satellite Clinic**
Thursday, June 17

McHenry Township Office Building, Johnsburg
More information at www.hpclinic.org

**Gavers Community
Cancer Foundation Barndance**
Saturday, July 17

Emricson Park, Woodstock
More information at www.hpclinic.org

Care4 Breast Cancer 5K
Sunday, October 24th

NEW LOCATION: Woodstock North High School
More information at www.hpclinic.org

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