



# FAMILY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP CLINIC



SUMMER 2009

## A Note from Suzanne:

With the beginning of a new administration, like the beginning of spring, there is always the fervent hope that something will be done to alleviate the number of uninsured in the country. This administration has a solid background in health care issues, and has put on its team many strong supporters of better access to care. It is no secret that it is my wish that our Clinic would no longer be needed in the community, and that those in need would have equal access to high quality medical care. I watch the papers closely to see what types of initiatives are underway and am heartened by the attention being given to health care, both quality and quantity. There is no doubt that we have the best health care in the world technologically speaking. But there is something wrong when we cannot provide even basic health care to over 37 million people in this country.

Suzanne Hoban, *Executive Director*

## Community Partners

The Clinic could not fulfill its mission without the tremendous support of its community partners. **Sage Products**, in Cary, Illinois, has been a tremendous help to us over the last several years. Vince Foglia, CEO and President of Sage, is well known in the area for his devotion to philanthropy that enriches the lives of the area residents. Sage includes the Clinic in its philanthropy through their diverse workplace giving

program. Several agencies are invited in each year to talk to Sage staff about the work they do and engage them either as volunteers, donors, or even as resources for family members. Sage has also donated products to the Clinic which help in keeping our patients healthy. Scott Brown, COO of Sage, is a new board member of the Clinic and we welcome his talent and his philosophy on our board.

The Philanthropy Team from the Crystal Lake Covidien facility recently toured the Family Health Partnership Clinic and presented a \$15,000.00 donation to Suzanne Hoban, Executive Director. Covidien, a global healthcare products company contributes to its local communities through its program, Covidien Partnership for Neighborhood Wellness, which focuses on bringing quality, affordable



*Pictured are Sarah Levin, Suzanne Hoban, John Ksiasek, Kim Kaecker, Ellen Pyrek, Jamie Corradini.*

healthcare to all. We thank Covidien for their commitment and support of our services!

## Gala Results

Results are in and it looks like it was a fantastic event at the Clinic's Annual Gala and Auction. With the theme of Fiesta del Sol, the Clinic was able to raise more than \$70,000 to provide critically needed lab tests, prescriptions and treatments to the over 4000 patients we serve! In addition to the live and silent auction, attendees were treated to the tremendous music of Sonos de Mexico, a Grammy and Latin Grammy nominated band from Chicago. Many people came in colorful costumes, adding to the festive atmosphere



*Brian Sager, auctioneer*

attended by over 300 people. One of the live auction items which drew a lot of interest was the instant lottery wheel. Over \$100 of instant lottery tickets were placed on a board and auctioned off. The winner could have made over \$30,000 if he had some winning tickets! Also popular was the raffle for the diamond earrings, donated by Studio 2015. Thirty boxes of cubic zirconium earrings were sold, each with a number on the box. Later in the evening, the winning number was drawn and the winner walked away with a \$500 pair of earrings!



*Brad Mayer with the Advocate Health System group*

## New Look!

At its annual auction and gala on May 1, the Family Health Partnership Clinic revealed its new logo, a stethoscope in the shape of a heart designed by Andrew Behnke of Studio One Zero Charlie. "We are thrilled with the new look," said Peter Lopatin, Chair of the Board of Directors.

"When approached by the Family Health Partnership Clinic, our immediate reaction was to discover who they are and what they do. It just felt 'right' to get involved. This logo was our gift to them – a gift of merely time and talent – all affordable resources. One Zero Charlie is proud to have had the opportunity to partner with such a great organization," noted Laura Witlox, Account Manager.



### Important Clinic Phone extentions:

Appointments, ext. 10

Donations, ext. 24

Executive Director, ext. 15

Volunteering, ext. 18

## Defraying the Cost of Prescription Drugs

Prescription drugs are the fastest growing component of the health care system, and Americans spent over \$216 billion dollars on them in 2006. Last year, one in four people said they are having trouble paying for prescription medications they are prescribed.

Whether you have full comprehensive insurance coverage, or are completely uninsured, there are several ways to save on your prescription drugs and get the help you need to stay healthy.

1) Retail drug discounts: Many retail pharmacies have deep discounts on a number of drugs. Target, Walmart and KMart all offer substantial discounts on many of their drugs, some as low as \$4.00. Meijer has a list of antibiotics that they offer for free. Check the websites of the participating stores to see if the generic version of your prescription is on the list. These prices are available to all, regardless of insurance coverage.

2) If you have no prescription drug coverage, you may qualify for a PAP (Patient Assistance Program). Most drug companies have certain drugs that they will give to needy patients, depending on income levels. Each company is different, so an easy way to find out if your drug is offered by one of these programs is to use the website [www.rxassist.org](http://www.rxassist.org). This free website allows you to search for medications, and even contains

the application forms necessary to apply for free medication. Some specialized drugs have higher income limits, so it pays to check the website.

- 3) If your doctor prescribes a medication for you, ask if he or she has any samples. This is becoming more difficult, as many physicians no longer accept samples into their practice, but it is worth asking.
- 4) Seniors or the disabled having trouble with their prescriptions have two additional programs to assist them. Senior Care Illinois helps low income seniors with medications, and can be reached at [www.seniorcareillinois.com](http://www.seniorcareillinois.com) as does Circuit Breaker [www.cbrx.il.gov](http://www.cbrx.il.gov).

Medications are an integral part of staying healthy, particularly with chronic conditions. In these days of tight budgets and shrinking resources, it's important to know what type of help may be available.



### What a Donation Can Do...

*...a \$50.00 donation can provide 1 diabetic patient with 2 months of diabetic strips.  
We have over 200 diabetic patients at the clinic.*

## Centegra Partners with Clinic



Dr. Gupta



Dr. Hasan



Dr. Patel

The Clinic has launched a new partnership with Centegra Primary Care. Under the leadership of both Mike Eesley and Dr. Bob Turngren, new providers who are recruited into Centegra Primary Care are encouraged to spend three hours a month at the Clinic while their practices continue to build. Utilizing this type of physician manpower has made a significant difference in the Clinic, adding 8 new physicians to the Clinic starting in February of this year. We could potentially increase our patient visits by up to 90 a month! That makes a big impact on the lives of our patients, as well as keeping people out of the emergency room and giving them a medical home. This benefits the community by delivering health care in a cost effective way and benefits the patients by keeping chronic conditions under better control.



Dr. Tungol

We are thrilled to welcome our new Centegra Primary Care providers, Dr. Tungol, Dr. Gupta, Dr. Hasan, Dr. Dilla, Dr. Osadnik, Dr. Patel, Tanya Tanzillo, NP and Dr. Wellendrop.

## Clinic Receives Grants for Services

The Clinic has recently received three grants for critical programs.

The first is from the Visiting Nurses Association Foundation of Chicago which has helped provide funding for a more in depth diabetic program. This grant is the second year of a two year grant. Some of the outcomes that we have tracked through this program include ensuring that people with diabetes are given the flu shot annually and the pneumonia vaccine when necessary. Additionally, we saw a decrease in the A1c levels of patients in our diabetic program. The A1c level is an indicator of what the patient's long term blood sugars look like. Through this grant, we can continue to monitor at a close level to make sure are patients are receiving the best care possible.

The Clinic also received a grant from the Susan G Komen Foundation to continue its work in education and early detection programs for breast cancer. This program helps fund some of our nursing hours.

The Clinic also received money from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois to help increase its work in recruiting and retaining volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the work of the Clinic and this grant allows us to expand how we conduct our volunteer outreach.

## Clinic in the News

The Family Health Partnership Clinic was chosen by the Non Profit Quarterly, a national magazine geared toward the non profit world, to be one of the several organizations followed throughout the year to see how they are weathering the recession. The clinic was chosen from a large pool of organizations, and went through an extensive interview process before being chosen. The first article will appear in the Spring Issue of 2009. The Clinic is thrilled to be profiled by a national magazine! Please see the magazines website at [www.nonprofitquarterly.org](http://www.nonprofitquarterly.org)



GETTING  
TO KNOW  
OUR STAFF



Kathy Rauch, our Coordinator of Volunteers has been with the Clinic for over 4 years. With a background in summer camp management and recreation as well as athletic event planning, she brings a wealth of knowledge and capability to the clinic. Kathy is also a Certified Personal Life Coach and runs her own business, Pathways to Growth. This wonderful combination of talents has allowed Kathy to help volunteers find a good fit at the Clinic in their assignment. Kathy's particular passion is in getting youth to volunteer at the Clinic, and she has succeeded tremendously in working with Woodstock and Marian High Schools to bring in youth as regular volunteers. Additionally, she is helping spearhead the new initiative between Centegra and the Clinic by helping new physicians get involved with the Clinic on an accelerated scale. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Kathy at the Clinic at ext. 18 or [krauch@hpclinic.org](mailto:krauch@hpclinic.org).



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## Changes Underway at the Clinic

Thanks to the Paul and Suzanne Hanifl Family Foundation, the clinic has undergone some renovations that will increase privacy for the patients, efficiency among the staff, and make better use of the facilities we have. The renovation included building out a patient welcome area, as well as a patient privacy area. It increased the amount of shelving and storage space we have in the front, as well as giving the office a more professional all around look. Additionally, we were able to add an additional chart rack to help accommodate the increase in patients.



## Save the Dates...

### Gavers Community Cancer Foundation Barndance

Emricson Park  
Saturday, July 18th

more information at  
[www.gavers.org](http://www.gavers.org)

### Care4 Breast Cancer 5K

Lippold Park  
Sunday, October 25th

more information at  
<http://www.Care4.kintera.org/2008>

*Please join our monthly newsletter to learn about current happenings, send your e-mail address to [cpatenaude@hpclinic.org](mailto:cpatenaude@hpclinic.org).  
Our lists are not shared with other organizations.*