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Call and Response
 Fall 2013

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Three Time Cancer Survivor Finds Health & Hope at Duchesne Clinic

A Mother, Grandmother, and Sister to six siblings, Connie Brintle has lived on the same street since she was three years old...and she has had insurance most of her life.

Connie was denied disability after getting hurt at work and losing her job and insurance. As a three-time cancer survivor, she was unable to afford insurance on her own. In pain from her injury and with a long list of medical issues the future was bleak. "I was lying around a lot because of the pain, and was going without my medication to buy food."

Connie's niece learned about Duchesne Clinic at a United Way presentation and suggested her aunt contact the clinic. Having always had insurance, Connie found it hard to ask for help, but the clinic was her last hope. She was nervous the first day she came in to qualify and enroll, but says that Gloria Guerra, Clinic Manager, made her comfortable and set aside her fears.

Just before she started coming to the clinic Connie had lost a kidney to cancer. She was upset and worried a lot about needing renal scans to check on her remaining kidney. At her first visit "I felt like a new person before I even had the scan. They were so comforting and it made me feel better knowing they would do everything they could to help me".


Connie credits her grandkids for keeping her going, but the clinic for restoring her health and hope; making her the active grandmother they deserve. The medication she receives through the pharmacy assistance program means that she can get out in the yard and play with her grandkids, and the care she receives for a clotting disorder and her remaining kidney, gives her piece of mind.

The first time she had cancer she was a young mother and she asked the Lord for more time with her infant son and to live to see him grown. Now each day she prays the same for her grandkids.



“ Everyday healthy people ought to realize how blessed they are...so many take it for granted. ”

- Connie, 3x Cancer Survivor and Duchesne Clinic Patient



Snowflake Streak
 2014

What's the *Snowflake Streak* you ask?

It's Saint Vincent Clinic's brand new, super fun one-mile walk to be held on January 25th, 2014.

For all the details, check out:
www.snowflakestreak.org

And be sure to mark your calendar for the Team Captain Rally, November 6, 3 p.m. at Ten Penny Restaurant in Leavenworth.

Each team of 10 people, who each gather \$75 in donations, gives ONE YEAR of life-saving medical care to a Saint Vincent Clinic patient!

Is it going to be cold? Probably.
 Is it going to be fun? *You betcha.*
 Will it make a difference in the lives of our patients? **Absolutely!**

In 1963 Marietta & Carl Soukup were young, ambitious and had no money. Over the years they worked hard and were blessed with success. They knew the blessings were from God and have always been compelled to share those blessings.

This year they discovered a true win-win using their IRA Required Minimum Distribution.

If you are at least 70½ and facing an unneeded IRA Required Minimum Distribution contact your tax advisor, or Heather Solis, Manager of Planned Giving (913) 321-2626, for information on how a direct rollover can benefit both you and our patients.

“ The clinics operate very efficiently with great utilization of the space available. We are happy to give support through our retirement account. ”

- Marietta & Carl Soukup




Clinic Counts

Over the last 5 years:

42% more patients at Saint Vincent
71% more patients at Duchesne

97% of patients say:

“I like the clinic because I'm treated with respect.”
“I refer my family and friends.”



To witness the work of the clinics firsthand please contact either clinic to schedule your tour.

Nominate a Hero!

Nominations are being accepted for volunteers, groups, community servants, and businesses for the Sister Rosalie Mahoney, Caritas and other awards.

Nominate online at www.caritasclinics.org or call Debbie at (913) 651-8860.

Nominations close October 31, 2013

Winners will be honored at the 15th Annual *Caritas Celebrates* on April 26, 2014.



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A Letter from the Leadership

Duchesne Clinics will continue to be the place in our community where the uninsured and medically underserved can seek refuge from fear of the unknown. At this time, Kansas is not expanding its Medicaid program, meaning that most of our patients will not see any changes in their ability to receive care at our clinics.

The clinics have a long tradition of stability for our patients. The reality is, **your support, partnership, volunteer hours and prayers are the source of that stability and our patients' renewed hope for the future**, the presence or lack of a government program does not change your direct relationship to our patients. We ask you to continue to make stability and hope possible in an uncertain world.



Judy Scott
Board Chair



Amy Falk
Executive Director

For a quarter century, our clinics have helped patients move from sickness to health and fear to hope. Fear and uncertainty is all too common in the lives of our patients. Fear of getting sick when they have no insurance. Fear of not living to be there to care for their family. And even the fear of a diagnosis with no way to pay for care or medicine.

What you may not realize is that the approaching implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has added a new fear for many of our patients... "Will I still be able to receive the quality care I rely on from the clinics?" They once again find themselves scared and confused.

Since coming to the clinics, their uncertainty has been replaced with hope, putting our patients in a position to look forward to the future.

So what is the answer? Simply put, they need not be afraid.

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Giving Back, Back Where It All Started

Pharmacist JoAnne Gilstrap attended grade school at St. Anthony's, in the very building where Duchesne Clinic has been located for the past 24 years. She grew up in the parish and learned from her parents early on the importance of helping out when something needed to be done.

While aware of the clinics, it wasn't until she attended Caritas Celebrates that she came to understand the impact of the lifesaving work happening each day. She was called to give back, and the clinics' Pharmacy Assistance Program was in need of a Pharmacist to provide oversight for the \$2.2 million in medication provided to patients each year.

The program ensures continuity and hope where there would be none. For patients who are scared and hurting with nowhere to turn, this program lifts a huge burden. Unlike going to the doctor's office and coming home with a sample, the Pharmacy Assistance Program means ongoing access to life sustaining prescription medication.

Each week, since 2006, JoAnne has worked as part of a team of staff and volunteers at both clinics who serve as the bridge between our patients' needs and large amount of paperwork and details it takes to access the drug companies' assistance programs. In addition to the time she gives, JoAnne has become an advocate for the program by recruiting fellow pharmacists to volunteer at Saint Vincent Clinic.

The Pharmacy Assistance Program and work of volunteers like JoAnne is just one of the many ways that the clinics leverage additional support in order to grow your \$1 donation into \$3 worth of patient care!

Volunteer Spotlight



Duchesne Team (l to r): Sr. Mary Jo Downey, PA*; Barbara Thomas; JoAnne Gilstrap, RPh*; Amy Maloy. Not pictured: Sr. Peter Parry*; Greg Shondell*; Saint Vincent Team: Carolyn Chambers, RPh*; Chris Clark, JoAnne Gilstrap, RPh*; Maureen Lee*; Nicole Siebenmorgen* (*Volunteer)

2013 Caritas Celebrates Sponsors & Guests Raise \$53,601 for Patient Care!

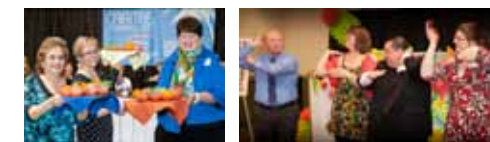
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2013 Honorees: Kenneth Bergeron (seated), Jodi & Charlie Carter of Abrams Pharmacy, Ed Weger of St. Agnes Catholic Parish, Mayor Kenneth Bernard, Judy Scott - Board Chair, Diane & Ron Booth of The Corner Pharmacy, Amy Falk - Executive Director, Len Jennings of KMBC - Emcee



Doctor's orders for the evening...fun, fun, fun!



Kudos to the planning committee. Their hard work and attention to detail resulted in a fun AND successful evening. Nice work ladies.



Thanks to the compassion and generosity of the 260 guests this year's Fund-a-Need raised enough money to cover the 1st month of care for nearly 1/2 of the 800 new patients who will be seen at the clinics this year!

NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations to Duchesne Clinic's, Lulu Herrera (r), on completing her **Medical Interpreter Certification** through a grant from the Latino Health for All Coalition. Lulu is also assisting Sr. Helen Bristow (l) with patient care coordination, ensuring patients receive the full range of care they need.



During **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and in recognition of the special challenges uninsured women face in receiving preventive care, Saint Vincent Clinic will "PINK IT UP!" on Halloween.

Your congregation or group can help make well-woman exams a LOT less scary by providing: Decorations, Goodie Bag Items, Healthy Treats, or Door Prizes. Please contact Briana at 913-651-8860 for more information.



Spanish speaking diabetic patients can now receive **onsite education and support** to managing their disease through a grant from the Unified Government of Wyandotte Co. and Hollywood Casino. Welcome to Diabetes Educator Melinda Krautmann, MS, BSN, RN., and volunteers Libby Herring, and Maryann & Jeremy Lumianski.



This fall the clinics are converting to an **electronic medical record system**. Grants from Health Care Foundation, REACH Healthcare Foundation, William T. Kemper Foundation at Commerce Bank, and Wyandotte Health Foundation have made this much needed upgrade a reality. Please join us as we pray to St. Isidore of Seville, Patron Saint of Computers, for a smooth transition.



In Memory

On March 12, 2013, Retired Duchesne Clinic Translator, **Eucivia "CeCe" Alvarado** entered eternal life. CeCe's work at the clinic touched the lives of both patients and staff, and her presence is missed by all.