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Clinic With A Heart

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Our mission is to help ensure good health for area residents by providing access to medical care for residents of Lincoln and the surrounding communities who have encountered barriers to care including: financial, insurance, language, legal, and awareness.



2008 Fundraiser: Rx For Hope

Clinic With a Heart will hold its Third Annual "Rx for Hope" Fundraiser on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at Hillcrest Country Club.

Advance ticket purchase is required, and seating for this great event is limited. The cost is \$45 per person, e mail cmcnair@clinicwitha-heart.org, call 421-2924, or mail to P.O. Box 22851, 68542.

7 p.m. - Silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar

8:30 p.m. - Brief Clinic With a Heart program

9 p.m.-midnight - Dance with music provided by the Wheezetones

New Arrivals:

Sheridan Lutheran Church joined forces with Clinic with a Heart beginning April 8. This will allow clinic to have primary medical care available at all four clinics. We are excited to have them team up with us... and welcome!

UNMC College of Dentistry began offering a "Share" clinic March 26. This clinic will be offered one time per month at the COD. Patients will need to be screened at a clinic night by a dentist and referred to the Share clinic for follow-up care. Dr. Roger Fisher and Dr. David Brown have been so helpful in diligently working to get this done. Thank you, Dr. Fisher and Dr. Brown!

UPCOMING CLINICS

*Clinic times are 5:30-7 p.m.,
no appointment necessary*

April: 15 and 24

May: 6, 13, 20 and 29

June: 3, 10, 17 and 26

Volunteer Spotlight: Cheryl Peterson



Cheryl Peterson is the Clinic Coordinator for St. Mark's United Methodist Church and has been a volunteer for more than four years.

Cheryl is dedicated to the success of CWAH, often serving more than 2-3 times a month. Cheryl coordinates clinic on the first Tuesday of each month as well as attends other clinics to help out where needed. Whether in a leadership capacity, utilizing her RN abilities or just to share a smile or a hug, Cheryl touches the lives of both the patients and the volunteers. She has witnessed the changes and growth that clinic has experienced, helping where ever she is needed along the way. She is the true definition of flexibility, working with all aspects of CWAH, on the craziest of clinic nights, or at the monthly meetings, Cheryl is calm, warm and friendly, often saying "Flexibility is my middle name!"

Cheryl also shares her passion for CWAH by speaking to community groups about the clinic, working with the fundraisers and most recently, as an instrumental piece in bringing on our newest church partner. Thank you Cheryl for all you do for CWAH, we appreciate you!

A note from Cheryl: "CWAH has a special place in my heart. Seeing the smiles on the faces of the patients as they leave the clinic and knowing that their lives have been touched by so many of the special volunteers continues to amaze me. Knowing that we may create just a glimpse of hope for these patients keeps me coming back. There are an increasing number of those that are under insured or have no insurance and they don't know where to turn. By using our volunteers and resources we have the opportunity to assist these patients in getting on the right track and knowing the importance for their own healthcare."

From the desk of

Executive Director Cindi McNair

Here's how CWAH and its volunteers are making a difference:

- A patient experiencing agonizing tooth pain was on his way to the Emergency Room on a Friday at 9 a.m., not knowing where else to turn. CWAH was able to reach him on his cell phone, referring him to a volunteer dentist he could see immediately. He was next referred to a volunteer oral surgeon who was able to do a tooth extraction that same day at 12:30. The patient came back to tell us "Thank you" the next week.
- A patient was sent to the Emergency Room from clinic night and was admitted to St. Elizabeth. A volunteer stopped in to see her the next day, while she was still undergoing diagnostics. The patient and her mother were most appreciative of the help from CWAH – they thought clinic was wonderful!

Volunteer Testimonial

As a volunteer was leaving one night, she saw a young woman that had been at clinic, sitting on the curb and seemed to be huddled and quiet. The volunteer stopped to talk with this woman to see if she was waiting for a ride. She was waiting for a ride so the volunteer asked if she could wait with her. As they waited about 20 minutes together, the volunteer discovered that this young woman had been raped when she was 15 and was very scared. Her ride finally came and she thanked the volunteer for waiting with her. This is a story of a volunteer reaching out past the walls of CWAH. These stories touch all of us and are a reminder of how much you all give to our CWAH patients.

Clinic With a Heart in the Community and in the News

Clinic With a Heart was featured in a Lincoln Journal Star story on February 23, 2008. The story summarized the history of the Clinic and gave real examples of how Clinic is working in the community. To see the story, visit www.clinicwithaheart.com.

CWAH was the guest of the Downtown Rotary 14 club in February. Many people had positive comments about the program. "I didn't know it existed... what a great thing for Lincoln..." etc.