

OCTOBER

Volunteer Highlight: Redeemer Fellowship Church

Volunteers from Redeemer Fellowship Church held their FIRST clinic at KC CARE on Saturday, September 27. Medical volunteers of Redeemer Fellowship Church will hold a general medicine clinic on the fourth Saturday morning of every month at Kansas City CARE Clinic, helping to expand the hours that the Clinic is open. Redeemer has a special connection to KC CARE because it is located across the street (Baltimore) from the Alcazar Hotel where the clinic started as the Westport Free Health Clinic in 1971.

We thank these special volunteers for coming together to care for underserved patients.



September, 2014, was the first month in the history of KC CARE that THREE (3) Saturday morning clinics were held! Church of the Resurrection held clinic the first Saturday, Village Presbyterian Church held clinic the third Saturday, and Redeemer Fellowship Church held clinic the fourth Saturday.

Update from a Volunteer

It's great to hear from prior KC CARE volunteers who have gone on to further their careers! Here's an email from a Patient Assistant volunteer who gave 168 hours during 19 months of service:

Hi Suzanne!

It is so great to hear from you!! I'm finishing up a busy semester of PA school and preparing to begin my clinical rotations. Volunteering for KC Care was an amazing experience for me, and went so far beyond "clinical" experience. I hope you know that KC Care gave so much more to me than I could have given to the clinic.

The program I attend is with the School of Community Medicine at OU in Tulsa. My work with KC Care actually helped me to chose this particular program over others, as I was familiar with Community Medicine and my interest was growing into a passion. Our program here runs a clinic for the un- and underinsured, both urgent and chronic care. It is nowhere near as large as KC Care, but the sentiment is the same. We learn a lot about the influence of social and behavior factors on an individual's health, and how we as providers can positively impact those areas. I will be seeing patients at our clinic (soon), in addition to my other clinical rotations. Our program is one of the only PA programs to have a student run longitudinal clinic.

I think of my time at KC Care on almost a daily basis. I learned an amazing amount of medical knowledge in my time there. I also learned about the kind of provider I want to be, through the example of the many volunteer providers I met and the influence of the staff and patients I encountered. ~~Nicole Showalter, PA-S2

Service Anniversaries

October 2014

Thank you to all of our volunteers for their years of service!

Thank you for your dedication to KC CARE Clinic patients!

21 Years

Dr. John Hall, Physician, Gen Med Clinic, Village Pres

12 Years

Dr. Kevin Treffer, Physician, JCOA Clinic

6 Years

Sharon Korzdorfer, Newsletter Editor

4 years

Lauren Grimes RN, Gen Med Clinic

2 years

Elonda Brown, Data Entry, Evaluation

Health Literacy MO Trailblazer Award:

We are excited to announce that the Clinic is a finalist for the Health Literacy Trailblazer award for the state of Missouri! The winner of this award will be announced at the Health Literacy Summit on October 23rd in Kansas City. The winner is decided by popular vote, and voting ends on October 7th. Please go to the link below to vote for the Clinic and then tell your friends about us:

<http://www.healthliteracymissouri.org/Trailblazer-Award>



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Sharon Korzdorfer is celebrating her 6th year as a volunteer at KC CARE this month! Sharon has been volunteering at KC CARE since 2008 and has given over 400 hours of volunteer service! Her main role in

volunteering currently is to edit the monthly newsletter; however Sharon has also assisted in many fund raisers as well as additional projects for the clinic.

Prior to Sharon's volunteering, she held a Kauffman internship with KC CARE back in 1999. While obtaining her Masters at UMKC, Sharon assisted in development and grant writing at the clinic. Her roles at the clinic included identifying sources of funding for HIV/AIDS outreach, educated inner city neighborhoods on HIV/AIDS and prevention as well as educated beneficiaries and those who funded KC CARE.

Currently, Sharon is the System Director for Health Information Management at Saint Luke's Health System, and with the hustle and bustle of everyday life including; family, work, and keeping track of her 3 year old son, Flynn – she still finds time to contribute back to her community by volunteering at KC CARE. Sharon is very family oriented and enjoys wine tastings as well.

Service Anniversaries Cont.

1 year

James Brooks, Patient Assistant
Gen Med Clinic

Eric Dean, Patient Assistant,
Gen Med Clinic

Pam Dietz, NE Volunteer,
Prevention

Volunteer Notes

I enjoy my volunteer service because of all the good people I have come to know. KC CARE Clinic is a very special place and I am proud to be a part of it.

~~Delia T

Success never rests.
On your worst days, be good.
And on your best days, be great.
And on every other day, get better.

~~Carmen Mariano

Here is the test to find whether or not your mission on earth is finished: if you are alive, it isn't.

~~Richard Bach