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Spring 2018

Health care for uninsured families

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## OUR BUILDING A HEALTHY COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN CONTINUES



Come and check us out at our new location 1218 Court Street in Clearwater! We have finally made much-needed improvements in nearly all facets of Clinic operations by relocating to a new, larger facility. These improvements will increase patient access to care and allow us to make an even bigger impact on the health of the community!

Learn more at [clearwaterfreeclinic.org/new-building-campaign](http://clearwaterfreeclinic.org/new-building-campaign).

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The Clearwater Free Clinic's Mission is to deliver comprehensive medical care to uninsured families through volunteerism and community partnerships... Building Healthy Communities



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**SHOTGUN START 1:00PM**

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more information and registration!



We honor the memory and commitment of our dear friend, Clearwater Free Clinic board member, and community activist John Meek, Jr., again this year at our John H. Meek, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament. For many years, John dedicated his time and effort to the CFC, making a significant impact in the growth and sustainability of our organization. Proceeds from this event will provide funding to maintain ongoing medical & behavioral health programs for uninsured, low-income families in Pinellas County.

# THE CLEARWATER FREE CLINIC WELCOMES...

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS:



### DEBBIE WHITE

Former Safety Harbor Commissioner Debbie White came to Florida from the Northeast in 1982. A graduate of Allegheny College with a B.S. in Economics, her successful business career has been matched by her commitment to community involvement. Currently serving as the President of the Safety Harbor Public Library Foundation, Debbie has served on the Board of Directors for many organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County, Leadership Pinellas and Morton Plant Mease Health Care Foundation. "I've been so fortunate to always have good jobs that provide health insurance. To help the working poor with their health issues is so very important. I am pleased to be able to help." We are pleased to have Debbie as a new board member!



### DR. JOSEPH PERNO

Dr. Perno joined All Children's Hospital in 2003 as an attending pediatric emergency medicine physician and in 2005 became Assistant Medical Director for the pediatric emergency department. In 2009 he was named Chairman, All Children's Medicine Quality of Care as well as Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine. Dr. Perno has been a participant and/or chair for several system and quality improvement efforts at ACH and has authored numerous emergency center protocols and guidelines. He helps to educate the community on child health issues during "On Call with ACH" segments on Fox 13's Good Day Tampa Bay and is a volunteer with the Clearwater Free Clinic, where he was honored as 2009 Physician of the Year. Welcome to the board Dr. Perno!



### TRACE MEEK

Trace Meek, Rollins College graduate, husband and father of two is proud to continue his father's legacy by joining the Clearwater Free Clinic Board of Directors. John H. Meek, Jr. faithfully supported the Clearwater Free Clinic and is now memorialized each year at the Clinic's annual golf tournament. Trace became involved with the Clinic through volunteering his time on the John H. Meek, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament committee, and now his passion for the mission of the Clinic has grown by leaps and bounds. "I truly appreciate the way that the Clinic leverages each dollar donated to create the biggest impact for the health of the community," he says proudly. We are thrilled to have you on the Board, Trace!

## NEW STAFF MEMBER:



### STUART BERGER

The Clearwater Free Clinic is pleased to announce that Stuart Berger has joined the staff as the Director of Development and Marketing. Stuart brings with him 15 years of fundraising experience and is well known within the local community. "Helping to make sure that uninsured working families have access to great healthcare is something I care very deeply about." Very civic minded, Stuart serves on the loan committee of Project Prosper, and is the co-chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the local Jewish Federation. Stuart is an Eckerd College graduate, has lived in Clearwater with his wife Helene for nearly 30 years, and has two grown Seminoles.

## NEW CLINIC VOLUNTEERS

### PHYSICIANS

Dr. Gordon Goodman  
Radiology  
Dr. Stuart Strikowsky  
Family Practice

### NURSES

Karen Evans  
Marilyn Kirchner

### CLERKS

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### EMR ASSISTANTS

Unna Sijercic  
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**MAKE** a difference

**MEET** new people

**LEARN** new skills

**GAIN** valuable experience

**HELP** those in need

Both Clinical and non-clinical  
volunteers needed.

[ClearwaterFreeClinic.org/Volunteer](http://ClearwaterFreeClinic.org/Volunteer)



# MARTINI'S + MATISSE

## ON A COOL AND LOVELY WINTER EVENING...

On a cool but lovely winter evening, over 800 guests enjoyed the sold out 15th annual Martini's and Matisse event benefitting the Clearwater Free Clinic. As attendees sipped martinis and fine wine, drank craft beer and nibbled the fine food, they slipped their lottery tickets into huge martini glasses with the hope of going home with one of the 130 coveted pieces of art, jewelry, furniture and more.

Special thanks goes to our Honorary Chairs Kate Tiedemann and Ellen Cotton, our fantastic and hard working committee led by Susan Murbach, our featured artist Gail Gamble, our wonderful artists and, of course, our generous sponsors. Without them, this evening would not have been possible!



*Thank You Martini's & Matisse  
Participating Artists!*

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# COMMUNITY PARTNERS: WORKING TOGETHER FOR UNINSURED FAMILIES

## FROM DIAGNOSIS TO RECOVERY

Albert was nearly at the end of his rope and had endured several difficulties with his personal life and health. He eventually listened to his mother's advice and came to the Clearwater Free Clinic for treatment to gain control over his health issues and get his life back on track. However, transportation to and from his appointments proved to be a real challenge. The bus pass program, funded by a grant from the North Pinellas Woman's Club, was implemented to assist with patient transportation. This program allowed him to eliminate this hardship and continue to receive much needed care from the CFC.

Prior to receiving care at the Clinic, Albert's symptoms were inconclusive and did not lead to a diagnosis. The results of Albert's lab tests, ordered by the Clinic and provided by Baycare, revealed abnormalities that required immediate follow-up care. During the Clinic appointment that followed, irregularities with his heart led to a recommendation from Clinic nurse practitioners to have him visit the ER. Ultimately, Albert was admitted to the hospital with a blood infection, endocarditis. Not only was the blood infection a very serious concern, but a damaged heart valve meant he needed open heart surgery as soon as possible.

The coronary artery bypass procedure was a success and Albert is now in recovery and no longer smoking. His mother, also a CFC patient, says with relief, "The help he received here saved his life!" The expertise of the Clearwater Free Clinic staff combined with the willingness of the community to embrace our mission creates life-saving results.



## THANK YOU, H&H COMMUNICATIONS!

Shout out to Frank Harrison of H&H Communications for your generosity in donating your services and equipment for our new phone system! Frank has a special place in his heart for the work of free clinics - his father helped found the New Kensington Free Clinic in the early 1970s in Pittsburgh. The respect he had for his father's work along with his close relationship with Melanie Leimer, former CFC Board Member and beloved volunteer, inspired him to give back and contribute so profoundly to the CFC's transition. Thank you for helping us build healthy communities, Frank!



# ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS IMPROVE HEALTH CARE

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!



Along with the move into the new CFC building came the implementation of new technology that is now essential to our day-to-day operations! Electronic medical records (EMR) have been the industry standard for patient record keeping and clinical workflow for years, and now the Clearwater Free Clinic has been brought up to speed with the help of grant awards from CVS Caremark Foundation and the Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics combined with the Lewis G. Schaeneman, Jr. Foundation. This grant funding helped to provide the technology, training, equipment, and consulting required to make this transition possible.

To say that this program has the capability to streamline clinical operations is an understatement! The roughly 30,000 prescriptions per year that are dispensed through our facility no longer require hand written labels; these labels are able to be printed with ease through EMR. Additionally, nurse practitioners and volunteer physicians can seamlessly communicate with our network of community partners through the system, expediting patient care and follow-up.

Clinical volunteers have stepped up to the plate and worked hard to make the dream of EMR a reality at our Clinic. "We are so proud of our volunteers for their patience and determination in learning the new EMR system," says Volunteer Coordinator Susan Murbach. Thank you to our volunteers, staff and partners in health for helping to make this transition possible!



# MEMORIALS & HONORARY GIFTS

THE CFC IS GRATEFUL FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

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