

CARE GIVER

Spring 2020

Health care for uninsured families

COLLABORATION & TEAMWORK MAKE US SHINE!

Bruce Gets the Support He Needs Through CFC Programs & Partners

Last year, Bruce ended up at Morton Plant Hospital with atrial fibrillation due to an enlarged heart, causing heart failure. Once his condition was under control, it was very important that he received proper follow up care, which included physician surveillance, medications and labs. The hospital referred Bruce directly to the CFC for the care of his diabetes, heart disease and inadequate circulation. This intervention has proven to keep those with serious health problems out of the Emergency Department and avoid re-admissions.

Bruce works long hours at Wawa and does not earn enough to afford private health insurance. Through the Clinic's compassionate care and attention, he can now make his health a priority and is getting back on track! Here at the Clinic, Bruce receives his medications, bloodwork, wound care and more! Through our valued partnership with HEP, he was even able to get highly overdue dental work done. He is so grateful and shows much appreciation to the clinicians who provide his care. We are all rooting for you Bruce and are glad we can work together with you and our partners!



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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.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Our physical therapy program is growing!

Fyzical Therapy & Balance Centers in Largo has joined our network of partners in the community to provide outpatient physical therapy at their facility. Additionally, **Nova Southeastern University** students and instructors are now offering their services to CFC patients! Thank you to these two organizations for their generous support of the CFC and our physical therapy program.



ANNUAL JOHN H. MEEK, JR. MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

John H. *Meek Jr.* MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us for a spectacular day of golf and fun with great friends to benefit the Clearwater Free Clinic! The Annual John H. Meek, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Innisbrook's championship Copperhead Course on Monday, May 11th. Each player will enjoy a full day on the course with lunch, refreshments, raffles, prizes, dinner, auction and more! We hope you join us in supporting the CFC's mission and honoring the memory of our dear friend, John Meek.



Date:

May 11, 2020

Location:

**Copperhead Course at
Innisbrook Resort**

Schedule of Events:

11:30AM – Registration & Lunch

12:45 – Golf Ball Drop & Announcements

1:00PM – Shotgun Start

6:00PM – Awards Ceremony &
Dinner Banquet

Details:

Four-person scramble

Entry fee includes refreshments, lunch, goody bags, golf carts, dinner reservation & more!

Prizes for top foursomes, closest to the pin, putting contest and holes-in-one on Par 3's

Dinner reservations & golf ball drop tickets available for purchase!

Please call Meredith Reagin at **(727) 443-3504** or for sponsorship opportunities and more information!

Visit clearwaterfreeclinic.org/meekgolf or text 71777 to register!

AMERICAN HEART MONTH AT THE CFC



February is Heart Month, and it is important to observe this health holiday each year because of how prevalent and preventable heart disease can be! As the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States, it is important that we all are aware of ways to keep our hearts in good shape by leading a healthy lifestyle and knowing warning signs of heart issues. Stay educated and spread knowledge to family, friends and colleagues!

CFC HOSPITAL REFERRAL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO IMPACT PATIENT SUCCESS

What began as a grant-funded, pilot program is thriving & making a big difference! The hospital referral program, a coordinated effort between the CFC and local hospitals, has become essential to ensure those who are uninsured and low-income receive proper care following a hospital admission, reducing their chances of readmission. The purpose of the program is to identify hospitalized, uninsured patients and facilitate their transition to the CFC for follow-up acute and chronic care management.

Here's how it works! A designated hospital team member, who has been educated on Clearwater Free Clinic eligibility requirements and program services, meets with the patient to determine if they are eligible for CFC assistance. Next is to review post hospital follow-up needs, and assist them with their transition to the CFC - all before discharge from the hospital! Finally, the hospital team member communicates the referral to the Clinic and makes arrangements for the initial follow-up appointment.

Through this program, patients are provided uninterrupted health care and are established into a medical home. The success of this program has shown radically reduced hospital re-admissions and emergency room visits while significantly improving the health of the community!

Most Recent Fiscal Year Data:

1. Number of hospital referred patients transitioned:
TOTAL 78
2. Number of patients who remain active CFC patients:
TOTAL 67
3. Of the total patients, how many had hospital readmissions:
TOTAL 12

(2 patients accounted for 7 of the readmissions - 1 with serious cirrhosis and another with end stage COPD)



MARTINIS + MATISSE 2020

On Saturday, January 18th, Frank & Brenda Crum hosted the Clearwater Free Clinic's 16th Annual Martinis + Matisse fundraiser. The event draws hundreds of art-loving community members each year to enjoy an evening of tasty libations, eats from favorite local chefs, spectacular donated artwork and more to benefit the Clearwater Free Clinic's programs serving low-income, uninsured families.

Attendees experienced an evening of beautiful Florida winter weather, breathtaking décor & live entertainment with friends, neighbors and fellow supporters of the Clinic. Lucky winners of the lottery style drawings go home with unique pieces of art!

Sponsors, volunteers, artists and vendors make this event truly special and greatly impactful. Special thanks to Honorary Chairs Sandra Nesbit & Greg Willsey, Featured Artist Kelly Nash along with Susan Murbach and the Martinis + Matisse Committee. Please visit martinisanandmatisse.org to view more event photos!



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WHITE FAMILY FOUNDATION

We welcome the White Family Foundation to our family of funders! This foundation, made up of a group of dedicated, community-minded individuals, is an integral part of our community, helping to support programs serving those with healthcare, education and religious needs. This \$10,000 grant will help to fund our Family Nurse Practitioner Support position, positively impacting patient care and the CFC as a whole!



SCHOENBAUM FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Schoenbaum Family has supported the Clearwater Free Clinic's Diabetic Health Programs for many years and we are so grateful for their continued partnership. This foundation has made a lasting impact on the lives of so many families in need of our community through this grant!

PINELLAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Pinellas Community Foundation is a truly impactful organization that works hard to make our community a better place every day through their support of so many local nonprofits. They are also one of our valued grant partners! Again this year, we received a \$10,000 grant award to support our operations here at the CFC. Thank you for this gift that will allow us to continue saving lives!



CFC VOLUNTEERS WE WILL NEVER FORGET

We would like to honor the memory of three wonderful, dedicated and unforgettable volunteers of the Clearwater Free Clinic. Each made a mark on so many of our lives and made the community a better place. We miss you all dearly but the legacy of service left here at the Clinic will always be remembered.



Jo Hughes
Katie Rogers
Michael Wildfeuer

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

CAROL TOSCANI: HEART OF DUNEDIN NOMINEE



Congratulations to our absolutely fabulous volunteer, Carol Toscani, who was recognized as one of Rotary Club of Dunedin North's Heart of Dunedin nominees! This award honors those in our community who give Dunedin its heart and make our community such a special place to live. Carol has been committed to volunteering with the Clinic and supporting our mission for 17 years - we just don't know what we'd do without her! We are so grateful and proud to honor her dedication to the community. We are also grateful for the support of our local Rotary Clubs!

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Thank you Sandpearl Resort for your support of the Clinic's programs serving the uninsured in our communities! We're proud to build healthy communities with you!



WELCOME TO OUR STAFF: JANET

Janet is our new Medication Nurse! We are very proud to welcome her to our staff to assist in our Medication Room, which stays very busy filling prescriptions for our patients - up to 250 per day! We are especially thrilled to partner with the Free Family Foundation in funding this much-needed position. Janet and her husband George have two daughters, Julia (22, Air Force) and Hannah (16, attends Palm Harbor University High School). She has been a nurse for 25 years and loves camping, boating and spending time with family and friends!



NEW VOLUNTEERS

SCRIBES:

Josh Hancock
Hayleigh Martin
Anna Pekarsky

NURSES:

Sylvia Wang RN
Judith St. Onge RN
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VOLUNTEERS...

MAKE a difference

LEARN new skills

MEET new people

GAIN valuable experience

HELP those in need

Both Clinical and non-clinical volunteers needed. www.ClearwaterFreeClinic.org/Volunteer



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DOCTORS' DAY IS MARCH 30TH!



Now is the time to show appreciation for the valued compassion and hard work of the doctors who care for us! We are especially grateful for the generosity of the volunteer doctors who dedicate their time and expertise to our uninsured patients.

Make a donation to the Clearwater Free Clinic in honor of a wonderful doctor in your life! We will send them an acknowledgement of your gift so they feel the love on Doctors' Day this year. Visit clearwaterfreeclinic.org to donate!

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8:30 AM - 6:00 PM



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