

CARE GIVER

Spring 2022

Health care for uninsured families

The Clearwater Free Clinic Turns 45!

Celebrating Building Healthy Communities in Clearwater



Every contribution of time, talent and treasure is woven into the fabric of the Clinic and creates a strong foundation for our uninsured neighbors.

We plan to celebrate all year long, and use this “big” birthday as motivation to fuel our mission, serving more families who need medical care for years to come!



In 45 years, it's impossible to count how many families' lives were improved by the Clearwater Free Clinic. Since 1977, the CFC has served as a medical home for our communities in need through compassionate, comprehensive medical care provided with the support of generous volunteers. From humble beginnings helping the uninsured with their medical needs in a rented home on Rogers Street to operating in an 11,000 square-foot, specialized medical facility in 2022, the magnitude of the Clearwater Free Clinic's impact has grown with the needs of our low-income population over the years. Patients who come to the CFC receive help, healing and hope.



There are countless individuals, businesses, family foundations, nonprofit organizations and hospitals, that have partnered with the CFC in our mission and are the reason for our continued growth and success.

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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.

CFC CELEBRATES AMERICAN HEART MONTH!



FUNDRAISING



MARTINIS + MATISSE

Martinis & Matisse 2022 was an unforgettable evening at FrankCrum raising more funds for the Clearwater Free Clinic than ever before! Guests came together to enjoy the fabulous art, tasty food and icy martinis.

Thank you to our hosts, Frank and Brenda Crum, honorary chairs Bruce and Deidra Livingston and all who made this event such a wonderful night and a successful fundraiser.



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unforgettably delicious!

AT THE CLINIC

EXPANDING THE CFC EYE CARE PROGRAM

SLIT LAMP COURTESY OF WestCMR™

WestCMR has again partnered with the CFC to ensure those in need have access to preventative and sight-saving eye care! When the Clinic expressed an urgent need for a new slit lamp, Randy Ware and his team eagerly provided the funds to purchase a replacement. With two optometrists and an ophthalmologist generously providing services for our patients, the timing couldn't have been better! Early detection and treatment of glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy is vital to avoid blindness, and our patients will receive the care they need thanks to the collaboration of our volunteers and community partners! We are so grateful to WestCMR for their support and partnership in building healthy communities.



**BLUE OCEAN
WEST
CLINICAL RESEARCH**
PARTNERSHIP

The CFC is partnering with Blue Ocean West Clinical Research and Dr. Deupree of The Macula Center to provide a unique and exciting opportunity for healing! Our patients will now be able to receive critical screenings with the use of the donated DRS camera. This special camera takes a photo of the retina to screen for eye disease such as wet or dry macular degeneration, and determines the need for further treatment. Patients may ultimately qualify for the clinical research study that provides highly effective and costly injections to treat their eye conditions. All of this specialized care will come at no cost to the patient and will help others through the research process. This program can open doors for uninsured individuals suffering from severe eye diseases!



EYE CARE PROGRAM IMPACT

Mark came to the CFC with concerns about his vision. Through the Clinic's eye care program, he was referred to specialists at St. Luke's through Operation Sight, where his cataracts were diagnosed. Thanks to these impactful partnerships, Mark's cataract surgery was covered and his eyesight was restored!

"It was a blessing that I was able to get the care I did and have my cataracts taken care of. The care I received was wonderful. I don't know what I'd do without you guys." - Mark

USF INTERNSHIP MSW PROGRAM

WELCOME MORENA



We welcomed Morena, a social worker intern, to the CFC in January. Currently, she is earning her Master of Social Work degree from the University of South Florida. By partnering with USF, interns can be placed at the Clinic in order to fulfill their field hour requirements. We are delighted to have Morena join our Behavioral Health Program, allowing our patients to benefit from her knowledge of community resources and an additional counseling provider.

“My favorite thing about the Clinic is how the medical staff will link patients with specialized services and resources with community partners in situations where those services aren’t able to be provided by the Clinic.”

MEET CFC DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

MEREDITH REAGIN, CFRE

Meredith, proud Clearwater native and UCF Knight is the CFC’s Director of Development & Marketing. She has been on the development staff for 5 years, is passionate about furthering the Clinic’s mission and sharing the impact of its services with the community.

“I am so fortunate to work with such generous donors, committed volunteers and dedicated staff every day! It is beyond rewarding to play a role in serving the community that I love.”

She looks forward to seeing you at our next fundraising event or on a visit to the Clinic!



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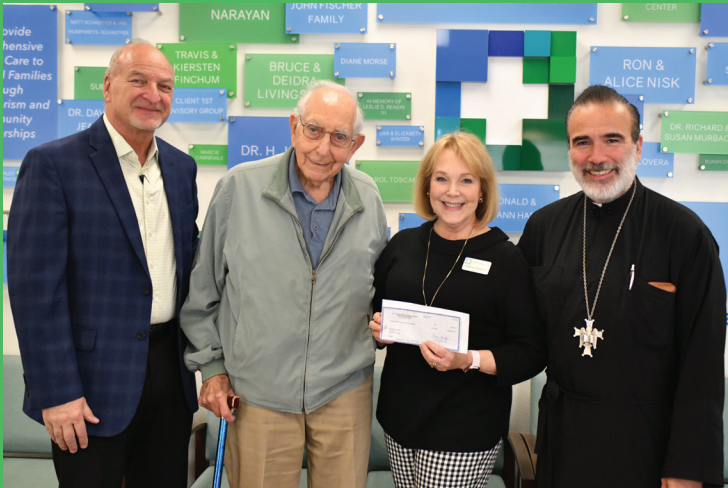
CLINIC NEWS

THANK YOU GRANT PARTNERS

The CFC is fortunate to have wonderful grant partners who provide much-needed funds for our clinical programs! **The Schoenbaum Family Foundation, White Family Foundation, Love IV Lawrence and Free Family Foundation** have recently awarded grant funds for diabetic programs and supplies, clinical staff positions, as well as funding for behavioral health counseling. Thank you for moving our mission forward with your generous support!



A sincere and heartfelt thank you to The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Clearwater for selecting the Clearwater Free Clinic as one of the local nonprofits to receive a major gift. CEO Jeannie Shapiro was greeted by church members George Mantzaris, Dr. Louis Michaelos (CFC volunteer) and Father Jim Paris who presented the check. The Holy Trinity's commitment to helping others in our community is inspiring.



LIFE CHANGING PARTNERSHIPS

COLLABORATION IS KEY TO CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY!

CFC patient, Rodna, suffered from debilitating pain due to a childhood accident. She desperately needed a hip replacement to walk without assistance from a walker and live a healthier life. Orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Brian Palumbo, partnered with the Pioneer Medical Foundation, Operation Walk USA and AdventHealth Carrollwood to provide the surgery Rodna needed to start her journey to healing – a procedure she would not have had access to otherwise. This program benefiting the uninsured will help many individuals in need in the future with life changing orthopedic surgeries. Thank you to all involved for being a part of our community and creating a brighter future for Rodna!

"I was so grateful for CFC. They put me in contact with this program and I was able to have the surgery because of the Clearwater Free Clinic. I'm still recovering, but I'm doing good now and no longer have pain from the arthritis." -Rodna



CLINIC SPOTLIGHTS

WELCOME KIMBERLY LACINA

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Kimberly Lacina, APRN-C is the newest addition to the CFC Board of Directors! Kimberly, Director of Clinical Services at Sunstar Paramedics, was first introduced to the Clinic as a volunteer nurse practitioner in 2015. We are so pleased to have her as a part of the CFC family once again in this capacity. Her insight and leadership will be valuable assets to our Board and we wish her a warm welcome!



NEW OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM

WELCOME TRINA BELANGER



When Trina Belanger, Occupational Therapist, heard about the Clearwater Free Clinic she immediately became interested in volunteering.

“I have been an OT in this area for most of my professional life and saw working with Clearwater Free Clinic as a chance to give back.”

As an OT, Trina works with the upper extremities and fine motor skills of patients in need. Treatment may lead to therapeutic interventions for enhanced movement, safety and reduction in joint and muscle pain, improving ability to care for themselves. Conditions may also involve low vision and decreased sensation, limited control of grasp and handling of useful tools or minimized shoulder, elbow, wrist or hand movement due to injury or disease. Trina lives in Clearwater and

looks forward to working with the Clinic's fabulous team.

NEW VOLUNTEERS

We're glad to welcome these new volunteers to our family and more to come in the coming months.

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GAIN valuable experience

HELP those in need

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