

CARE GIVER

Summer 2018

Health care for uninsured families

NEW CLINIC - NEW CHALLENGES!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO, JEANNIE SHAPIRO

These past few months have seen many wonderful changes for the Clearwater Free Clinic. In February, we moved into our new facility on Court Street, leaving behind our home of 30 years on Fort Harrison Avenue.

Growing from 6,200 square feet to over 11,000 at our new location has been a real plus for our patients. With greater visibility and a more efficient building, patient access and flow has increased to enable us to make an even bigger impact on our neighbors who either have no access to health insurance or are unable to afford the premiums, deductibles and co-pays.



Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful donors and corporate sponsors, we were able to move into the new clinic debt free. Of course, with a facility nearly twice as large, we anticipated our day to day expenses would grow larger as well. Adding two clinical staff members, hosting more highly-attended educational programs, prescribing more medications, using more electricity and maintaining a new electronic medical records system has all increased our need for your continued support.

In addition to Martinis & Matisse and the John H. Meek Jr. Memorial

Golf Tournament fundraisers that collectively raise nearly 23% of our operating budget, we depend on our annual fund drive to handle our growing expenses. As a volunteer-driven organization, we are extremely proud that every dollar donated provides nearly \$6 in medical and mental health care for uninsured families. It's hard to find an organization that delivers more bang for a buck!

Please enjoy this newsletter and learn about the programs we offer at the CFC. We hope you can join us in our mission to provide healthcare to the less fortunate in our communities.

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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.

SAVE THE DATE... JANUARY 19, 2019



MARTINIS + MATISSE

JOHN H. MEEK, JR. MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT





On a beautiful day in May, the Clearwater Free Clinic held the 17th Annual John H. Meek Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament at the Belleair Country Club. Once again sold out, we thank our sponsors, players, contributors and volunteers who helped make this our most successful tournament ever!

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THE CLEARWATER FREE CLINIC WELCOMES...

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DR. BRIAN SALISBURY

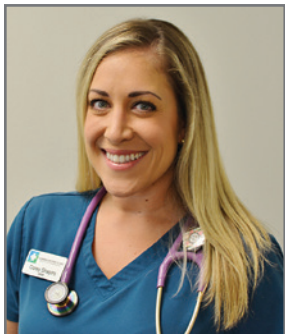


Dr. Salisbury is a Pulmonary Disease Specialist in Clearwater affiliated with Morton Plant Hospital and long-time CFC volunteer. He graduated with honors from Perelman School of Medicine of the University Of Pennsylvania in 1970 and has more than 48 years of experience. He and his wife Eva, a nurse who works side by side with him in their office, have two grown children who also

work in the health care industry. Dr. Salisbury believes deeply in the work that the Clearwater Free Clinic does, and is very pleased with becoming our newest board member. Thank you, Dr. Salisbury, for bringing your passion and your experience to our Board of Directors!

NEW STAFF MEMBERS:

COREY SHAPIRO, ARNP, FNP-C



The Clearwater Free Clinic is happy to announce that Corey Shapiro has joined the staff as our new Family Practice Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP). Corey comes to us in response to our need following the retirement of our dear "Dr. Jan." She has spent her career at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital pediatric emergency room and the pediatric ICU of Tampa General

Hospital, an academic level one trauma center. Corey is a true Bull Gator, receiving her Masters of Science in Nursing from USF, and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Florida.

After spending over 240 clinical hours rotating as a student nurse practitioner at the Clinic in 2016, Corey knew she wanted to continue to nurture the health and well-being of the uninsured population of Pinellas County. "I believe passionately in the mission of the Clearwater Free Clinic and have personally experienced the impact the Clinic has. It is a true honor to become an integral part of such an important community asset." It is a true honor to welcome Corey to our staff!

JAMIE JENKINS, LPN



We are pleased to announce that Jamie Jenkins, LPN, has joined the Clinic's staff in the position of BayCare Pre-Diabetes Healthy Living Coach. This position was created to administer a necessary new program benefitting many Clinic patients and is funded by a three-year grant from BayCare. In this capacity, Jamie educates patients on how to manage the life changing diagnosis of pre-diabetes and diabetes.

Born and raised in a small town in Upstate New York, Jamie's passion for nursing came from her aunt, a long time nurse, and from witnessing the impact a team of nurses had on her father after his second open-heart surgery.

Jamie moved to Florida chasing her nursing dream, but first got married to her husband, Michael. Together they have three children, sons Kingston, Keagan, and their long awaited daughter, Kamrynn. "After having my daughter, I contemplated going back to work and promised myself I would only go back if it was something that I felt passionate about, with a real ability to impact a patients' life. After I met with Jeannie and she explained the position of Healthy Living Coach, I knew this was the perfect job for me!" Welcome Jamie!

ALEXIS PEREZ



Alexis Perez grew up in Jacksonville, Florida and went to college at the University of West Florida. She studied Elementary Education before moving on to learn medical billing and coding. Her career in the medical field began at Sacred Heart Cancer Center, where she helped fight for patients' insurance carriers to cover their medical costs. During this

time, Alexis' determination to help others and give back to the community grew stronger. Upon moving to Clearwater in early 2017, she began volunteering at the Clearwater Free Clinic and the St. Pete Free Clinic when not traveling abroad. "I am so excited to be a part of the CFC family as the Front Office Coordinator. The work we do here is so gratifying, and so very important." Welcome Alexis!

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

CELEBRATING...

OUR CEO JEANNIE SHAPIRO

Congratulations to our fearless leader Jeannie Shapiro, the incredibly deserving and gracious recipient of the prestigious Dr. William E. Hale Community Spirit Award! This award is given annually by the North Pinellas Salvation Army to the community member who best embodies the giving spirit of Dr. Hale.

All of her accomplishments in the twenty years she has faithfully served the underserved through her leadership at the Clearwater Free Clinic are only matched by her steadfast dedication to improving our community. Jeannie, your light shines so brightly in everything that you do!

Thank you to all who came and honored Jeannie at the 13th Annual William E. Hale Memorial Community Prayer Breakfast!



DR. JAN'S RETIREMENT

We wish heartfelt congratulations to accompany a difficult farewell as we celebrate the retirement of our beloved "Dr." Jan! She has touched countless lives with her healing gifts and caring heart throughout the ten years she served as Nurse Practitioner at the Clearwater Free Clinic. Her talent and compassion will truly be missed by all at the CFC – especially her patients! Join us in wishing her all the best in this new journey and thanking her for her service to the community. We love you, Jan!



20 YEARS OF DEDICATED LEADERSHIP



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK



Volunteer Appreciation Week is our favorite time of year. We hope the doctors, clerks, students, nurses and pharmacists that volunteer their time and talents feel appreciated every day... but during this week each year we get to shout it from the rooftops!

Our volunteers truly are the reason for our success. Lunch and ice cream only scratches the surface of the great things that they deserve for allowing the ongoing fulfillment of our mission.



These generous people stuck with us during the transition from old to new, and we are forever grateful for their commitment! Here's to you, CFC volunteers!

Thank you to Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Murbach, and the staff for a wonderful afternoon.



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS & COMMUNITY GRANT PARTNERS!



Curlew Hills Memory Gardens "Curlew Cares Award" presented to Clearwater Free Clinic CEO, Jeannie Shapiro



Senior Citizens Services grant award presented to Clearwater Free Clinic supporting Behavioral Health Program



Northwood Presbyterian kids collect donations for the Clearwater Free Clinic

CATARACT SURGERY PROGRAM



LIFE CHANGING SURGERY FOR MARK

At the Clearwater Free Clinic, we do our best to respond to the needs of our patients and the community as a whole. We are able to do this in part by implementing new programs through partnerships with organizations whose values and services align with our mission.

Thanks to Dr. Louis Michaelos, who has been volunteering as an ophthalmologist at the CFC for nearly fifteen years, Mark and another deserving patient have successfully received cataract surgery! This program is made possible through the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) Foundation. Patients diagnosed with cataracts here at the CFC are matched with a local clinic to receive removal surgery. Currently, St. Luke's, The Eye Institute of West Florida, and the Center for Sight in Sarasota have worked with the CFC to implement this program.

Our patient Mark received this life-changing surgery, including eye drops and post-op care free of charge! "This program is such a blessing, what else can I say!" He is so grateful for the efficiency of this program and the results of the surgery. Thank you to all who have made this new program possible!

From our patients....

"It feels like family here. I feel so cared for and safe."

"Thank you so much for your time and dedication to the community."

"CFC has been a huge blessing! Without the CFC I would not have any medical care. All staff members are amazing!!"

"The services provided have been a life saver for me and the people are wonderful."



"I am so thankful and grateful that my path led me to the Clearwater Free Clinic. The staff and volunteers are always very helpful and well informed to help when all else failed. When I lost my job and could not afford insurance, the clinic was my saving grace. Thank you to all that serve the public there."

-Pat H.

From our volunteers....

"I enjoy working with and learning from all the staff and other volunteers. We really are an exceptional group!"

"I love the very friendly staff and being able to volunteer for something that is really needed and helpful, which has such a positive impact on the patients' lives."

"I feel that there is an increasing need for free health care, preventative medicines and behavioral health in the community, and with that respect I love to feel that I am giving something back."

LEARNING TO MANAGE CHRONIC PAIN



CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT CLASS

As part of the Clearwater Free Clinics expansion of educational opportunities, we hosted a six session class for those learning to live with chronic pain. Below is a letter from attendee Kenneth:



To Whom It May Concern,

It's not very often you get to participate in a program that has all pro's and no con's. (The chronic pain management class I took at the Clearwater Free Clinic is one of these classes.) The benefits of this class are endless!

This class helps you manage life's responsibilities which more often than not can be troublesome. It shows you how to relieve stress, deal with pain, correct bad habits and develop good ones.

If one follows the guidelines, communicates with his or her health provider, and maintains an action plan, the future looks a lot brighter!

I am personally grateful for the opportunity to participate, and for everything the clinic provides.

I highly recommend this program for anyone that faces struggles with chronic pain in their life!

Sincerely,
Kenneth

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Isabel Carattini
Morgan Cashman
Madeline Kelley

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