CLEARWATER FREE CLINIC

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On any given Monday morning, you will find Pauline Deal in the medication room at the Clearwater Free Clinic filling prescriptions, volunteering her time weekly, just as she has done for the last 27 years! Pauline's convictions about helping people in need and providing access to care is the driving force behind why she has dedicated herself to our mission for all this time. She believes everyone deserves access to medical care, with an emphasis on the preventative care and education that is so important to the ideological framework of the Clinic.

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Having moved to the Clearwater area from Canada for nursing opportunities, Pauline actually began volunteering at the original CFC location in a rented home on Rogers Street in 1977. She remembers having to transport Clinic patients in her car to the Morton Plant Emergency room when necessary because the local ambulance service would not pick them up at the Free Clinic. She paused her volunteer work at the Clinic when she married and started a family. She returned to the CFC in 1994 and put her nursing skills to work at the Fort Harrison Ave. location. Her can-do attitude and constant willingness to step up and help wherever needed are only some of the reasons she was named Volunteer of the Year in 2000 and recipient of the Nightingale Award in 2019. Her talents are not only clinical! She was a member of the inaugural Martinis & Matisse Committee, has volunteered for the Clinic's annual golf tournament and is a longtime baker for our annual holiday "Cookie Day."

Now, her legacy of service has come full circle! Her and husband Tom's daughter Sarah is currently a fourth year medical student at Nova SE University. Over the past two years during breaks from school, Sarah would schedule time to volunteer at the Clinic. However, most recently, Sarah completed one of her last clinical rotations working at the Clearwater Free Clinic and just passed boards to become a doctor of osteopathy. Sarah has developed a passion for family medicine from her time at the CFC and shares her mother's affinity for working to help disadvantaged communities.

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### WHAT'S INSIDE

The Clearwater Free Clinic's mission is to deliver comprehensive medical care to uninsured families through volunteerism and community partnerships... Building Healthy Communities. End of year has arrived and it is almost time for a fresh start in 2021! On behalf of the CFC staff and Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you, our community of support and say "Thank You."

This year has been unlike any other we have experienced in our lifetime, presenting an abundance of continued challenges. However, through all of the change and uncertainty, the Clearwater Free Clinic volunteers and staff demonstrated courage, resilience and strength to make sure our patients were not forgotten during this COVID pandemic. No matter the obstacle, we rose to the occasion with the help of your support and encouragement. We



absolutely could not have done it without you.

I want to thank our amazing staff and volunteers who stepped up, pivoted and addressed the challenges facing our communities and patients. They made sure that the Clinic's high level of medical care was maintained and uninterrupted. Working together, we implemented quick and sound solutions to deliver additional services. From implementing telehealth services, to creating a new 24-hour call ahead, walk-up medication distribution.

To our incredible donors and partner organizations, thank you for your continued support of our Clinic. You donated funds for needed PPE, medical supplies and Clinic operations, provided diagnostic testing and funded critical grant requests. Your willingness to support the Clearwater Free Clinic, and in turn our patients, is a true gift. Our CFC team is inspired by your support.

This holiday season, we hope that you and your loved ones stay safe and healthy.

With much gratitude,

Jeannie Shapiro, CEO

# NEWS

# **ANNUAL GRATITUDE REPORT**





OUR MISSION IS TO DELIVER COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL CARE TO UNINSURED FAMILIES THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS... Building Healthy Communities

# \$9.2 MILLION IN PROGRAM SERVICES FOR UNINSURED PATIENTS

# **Financials**

# **USES OF FUNDS**

2.5% Management & General 2.5% Development 95% Program Services

# Data

13,172 Patient Encounters

1,4551 **Behavioral Health Visits** 

3,042 **Active Patients** 

### SOURCES OF FUNDS 7% Grants

7% Individual, Business, & Civic Contributions 4% Fundraisers 3% Other 1% Patient Donations 78% In Kind Contributions

of Pinellas County residents at or below 200% of the federal poverty level

of Pinellas County adults are uninsured 0



**16,792** Hours of Volunteer Service Valued at \$1,316,395

39,822 Medications Dispensed Valued at \$3,036,888

# **CFC EXPANDS** DIAGNOSTIC TESTING **PROGRAMS!**



The Clearwater Free Clinic was awarded a Tau Grant Over the years, the leadership and volunteer teams at the Clearwater Free Clinic have worked tirelessly to from Allegany Franciscan Ministries to purchase ensure that healthcare services are in reach for those a colposcope for our Women's Care Program. in need. Healthcare is not always simple and the field Volunteer gynecologists can perform the procedure at the CFC in our Procedure Room funded by Board of medicine changes constantly, but our mission is Member Sandra Miller. This creates easier access clear! Delivering comprehensive healthcare means for patients to receive a colposcopy procedure, a that we must consistently improve and evolve to meet the needs of our uninsured population. cervical biopsy for signs of disease, like cancer.

Our Clinic population has a large majority of patients presenting with co-morbidities, making our diagnostic services essential. Our community partners have been an invaluable resource for providing testing in an outpatient setting. But now, with proper funding and volunteer specialists who devote their time to serve at the CFC, we are implementing equipment and programming to provide two new and in-demand diagnostic tests right here at the Clinic!



# WE ARE SHAKING THINGS UP THIS YEAR!

Register by January 11, 2021 to win fabulous prizes! Text MARTINI to 72727 or visit martinisandmatisse.org Sponsorships are available now!\*

Each sponsor will receive:

- Art lottery tickets
- Special Martinis & Matisse goody bag including artist hand-painted martini glasses

\*Sponsorship details are available at www.martinisandmatisse.org. Please call (727) 443-3504 to pledge your commitment or ask guestions.

# HERE WE GROW AGAIN...





A Member of Trinity Health

Similarly, WestCMR continues to be a true funding partner for our medical programs! Randy Ware and his organization has provided a cystoscope for volunteer urologists to utilize for diagnostic imaging that can detect bladder cancer and a variety of other life threatening conditions.

Patients no longer need to visit an outside office to receive these services or experience long wait times due to limited resources just because they do not have health insurance!

For everyone's safety, Martinis & Matisse With a Twist will be held as an unique and fun-filled online event experience! Enjoy an online version of our signature art lottery, cooking and mixology demonstrations from favorite local restaurants and more! We look forward to another fabulous and successful year supporting the CFC's muchneeded programs and services!

- Recognition throughout the online program
- Gift card to one of our restaurant partners



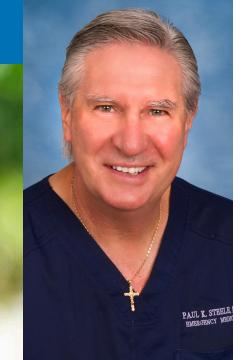
# **SUPPORT FROM DONORS**

# FREE FAMILY FOUNDATION **GOES ABOVE & BEYOND!**

Jim & Carole Free and the Free Family Foundation have been a driving force of impactful change in our community through their generous funding of the Clearwater Free Clinic! Critical staff positions are made possible through multiple grants from the Foundation. These staff members, a nurse practitioner, pharmacy support nurse and discharge nurse, provide direct patient services and create continuity of care. The Free Family is one of the reasons we are proud to provide the highest quality of care possible for our uninsured neighbors. We are wholeheartedly grateful for their dedication to our cause and for their willingness to take action to serve the underserved.

THANK YOU For your dedication to making

our community a better place!



# **WELCOME TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** DR. PAUL STEELE, MD

We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Paul Steele back to the Clearwater Free Clinic Board of Directors! Dr. Steele currently serves as one of two volunteer Medical Directors at the CFC. He provides a wealth of experience and expertise as an emergency medicine physician at Largo Medical Center and a member of the hospital's Medical Executive Committee. Dr. Steele served as a member of the CFC's Board from 2006 to 2012 and it is a true gift to have him in the CFC family!

# **KIND WORDS** FROM PATIENTS!

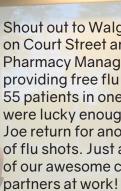
They are wonderful people. I have gone there for over 8 years. They are very efficient, kind, and understanding. I have learned SO much from them. They have really showed me self-respect. They have provided me with many wonderful services, which otherwise I NEVER could have afforded. Soon, I will be on Medicare, but always will be thankful to this wonderful place!

During the pandemic I called to get an appointment, they were extremely helpful and guick with mailing the paperwork. We got an appointment ASAP. The staff was so wonderful and helpful with everything we needed, from appointments to medications and information. Everyone we met was kind and excellent service. Very thankful for all the staff and help we received from the Clearwater Free Clinic!!!

- George

**128 FLU SHOTS IN TWO DAYS** 

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Thank you!



# **NORTH PINELLAS** WOMAN'S CLUB

The CFC is so grateful for the continued support of our grant partners! GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club awarded the CFC a \$500 grant award to purchase additional equipment for our EMR dictation program.





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## **PROVIDES NEW CLINIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

WestCMR generously donated funds for the purchase of a new "walkie talkie" system that will allow our clinical staff to communicate throughout our sprawling facility with efficiency and ease. The whole staff is so thankful for this gift and we are always proud to partner with WestCMR and their awesome team. Even more great news coming soon...!

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Shout out to Walgreens on Court Street and their Pharmacy Manager, Joe for providing free flu shots for 55 patients in one day! We were lucky enough to have Joe return for another round of flu shots. Just another one of our awesome community

### Dr. Todd & Raegan Miller **Foylen Bryant** Etha Bailey

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THE CFC IS GRATEFUL FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

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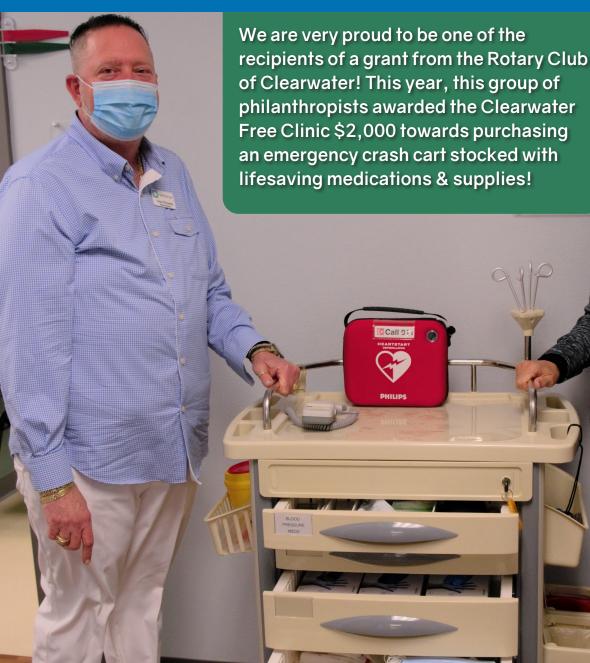
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# **ROTARY CLUB OF CLEARWATER FUNDED NEW CRASH CART**



# **CFC RECEIVES ACKNOWLEDGMENT** FOR HELPING HYPERTENSIVE PATIENTS



We are honored to have earned national recognition from the American Medical Association (AMA) in collaboration with American Heart Association as participants in their Target: BP Program! This award acknowledges the Clinic's concerted efforts to reduce the number of adult patients with uncontrolled blood pressure.

It is a privilege to do the work that we do and serve the community we love! We will have some BIG news coming soon from the Clearwater Free Clinic and the American Association Heart Association – we're thankful for this impactful partnership and excited for new opportunities to serve the underserved.

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# **WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS**

## **EVEN FROM AFAR, WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

While it was disappointing that we were not able to host our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and gather together with our wonderful volunteer family in November this year, the circumstances only made even more grateful! We are proud to have the most dedicated and compassionate volunteers helping out in so many ways at the Clinic (and from afar!) every day! Especially throughout the crisis, volunteers kept our clinic and our mission alive. The Clearwater Free Clinic is a truly volunteer-driven organization, and there are not enough thank you's in the world to show how much each volunteer nurse, clerk, physician, scribe, student and pharmacist means to us.

### **DR. FEDERICO LENZ: 2020 PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR** PRESENTED BY TOP OF THE BAY KIWANIS CLUB



On Wednesday morning, December 9th in front of the CFC staff, the Kiwanis Club of Top of the Bay graciously recognized Clearwater Free Clinic volunteer, Dr. Federico Lenz as "Physician of the Year" for his compassionate care to Clinic patients. Dr. Lenz received a beautiful plaque and a \$1,000 check from the Kiwanis Club, to the Clinic in his honor.

Always caring and committed, Dr. Lenz began volunteering at the Clinic shortly after his retirement in 2018 from Clearwater Cardiovascular & Interventional Consultants. Dr. Lenz is both admired and respected by Clinic patients and staff for his passion to heal and teach. Throughout this tumultuous time since the pandemic began, Dr. Lenz has demonstrated his dedication through providing care via telemedicine and in-person to ensure our patients get the care they need.

We appreciate the energy and expertise Dr. Lenz brings to the care of our patients, and we applaud him as the 2020 Physician of the Year.

# **VOLUNTEERS... LEARN** new skills **MAKE** a difference **GAIN** valuable experience

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









# **NEW VOLUNTEERS**

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

SCRIBES: Grey Lewis Olivia Menze Cameron Zamanian

CLERKS: Alana Johnston Genesis Gennaro Sarah Klein John Bellack Dawn Ameel Tara Szirko Oscar Hernandez-Baxcaja Jada Markison

NURSES: Samantha Meyers Alicia Sgroi Mariah Zakharia Cathie Cardwell

**ULTRASOUND:** Mariana Voinea

NUTRITIONIST: Kathie Cartwright

### **PHYSICIANS:**

Dr. Oliver Fowler-Resident Dr. Craig Novack-Resident Dr. Brook Guthrie-Internist Dr. Courtney Griffin-Resident Dr. Eric Nicely- Urologist Dr. Howard Schuele-Orthopedic

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Zoe Leousis Mia Marcotte

MEDICAL STUDENTS: Sarah Deal Joe Finley Adissa Perez

**MEET** new people **HELP** those in need



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# THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

# Nick

Thanks to the strong community of supporters who give to the Clearwater Free Clinic, I received critical medical care this year.

Please make a donation to the CFC so that others who find themselves in situations like mine can get the help they need.

### **LEADERSHIP STAFF**

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