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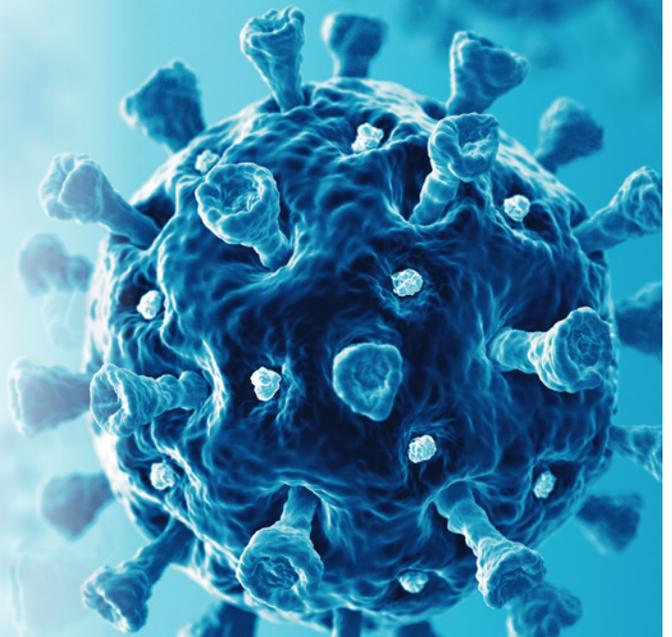
Health care for uninsured families

COVID-19: Staying Safe in an Uncertain World

While the global outbreak of the COVID-19 virus continues to turn the world upside down, we all are making adjustments to our daily lives and coping with the stresses that occur naturally with such turmoil. The Clearwater Free Clinic, like many of our community partners, have proven that resiliency in this time of great need and uncertainty is achievable!

We have maintained our services to our low-income, uninsured neighbors while adopting new operational protocols and embracing new technology to ensure the safety of our patients, staff and volunteers. We have been able to make these hurdles through the support of our existing and new community partners, volunteers, funders and donors who all have stepped up to make a difference!

We are excited to share this special edition of our newsletter with stories of hope and togetherness in a time that has created such uncertainty for us all. One thing that is certain – the Clearwater Free Clinic is here to stay and we will keep growing and changing as needed to ensure our low-income, uninsured neighbors always have access to medical and mental healthcare!



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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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

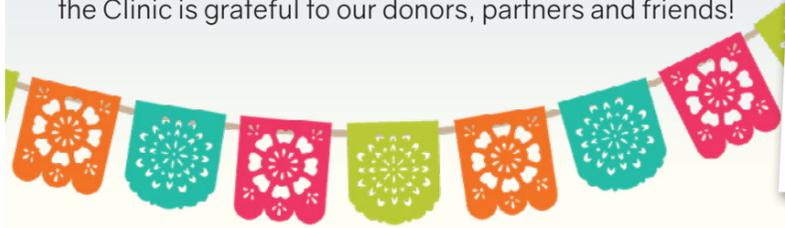
For over 43 years, the Clearwater Free Clinic has been dedicated to providing access to quality compassionate healthcare for the medically underserved, addressing the healthcare disparities that exist in our community. As an organization we value human dignity and categorically reject any form of racism, hate, bigotry, intolerance and violence... we will continue to work tirelessly to do our part to decrease health care disparities by providing our life saving medical services to those in need.

The Clearwater Free Clinic is committed to be an agent of positive change, hope and healing in a time when they are so desperately needed.

-Jeannie Shapiro, CEO

#GIVINGTUESDAYNOW MAY 5, 2020

The generous response received by the CFC on Giving Tuesday, global giving initiative was simply heartwarming. Thank you to all who supported the Clinic and its critical programs. Together \$2,500 was raised for Clinic healthcare programs serving our community. As we continue to serve our neighbors in need challenging times the Clinic is grateful to our donors, partners and friends!



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF TAMPA BAY MATCHING FUNDS



The devastating effects of the COVID-19 virus on our community are undeniably heartbreaking. Thankfully, society is making changes that increase connectedness, safety and accessibility through technology. Telemedicine has been widely embraced by health care professionals as an alternative way to provide healthcare services. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the Clearwater Free Clinic needed a way to continue patient visits at home and telemedicine was the answer.

Thanks to the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay's COVID Relief Funding Needs Matching Program and the Schwerin Family, the Clinic received financial support to implement a telemedicine platform that allows the CFC providers to provide remote healthcare visits to patients when indicated.

Medication Program Support



TELEMEDICINE IS HERE!



In addition, the Clinic received funding to support the Clinic's medication program. In March, the Clinic's Medication Program began dispensing medications in 60-day quantities, creating a significant strain on the program's resources. This step was necessary in order to reduce the need for patients to leave their homes to frequent the Clinic's facility and risk exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

Ruth & J.O. Stone Foundation



What an incredible honor to receive funding from the Ruth & J.O. Stone Foundation to help support programs associated with the increased operating costs of COVID-19. The Foundation has provided funds for COVID-19 and other viral testing equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment, and iPads to provide ease of access to telemedicine capabilities for CFC volunteers. Ruth & JO Stone's legacy of philanthropy lives on through their generous gifts. The CFC is extremely grateful for all of the opportunities for advancement that these funds will create.

Patient Says Thanks!



"I am so grateful and thankful for all you have done to help and improve my quality of life. I was dependent on the county health department until I found your Clinic. I am hoping to be able volunteer someday to help pay it forward to others in need like me."

PATIENT SMOKE-FREE FOR 1 YEAR!

Mary is one of our patients who has now been smoke-free for 1 full year which is certainly cause for celebration. Mary quit smoking through the classes and support of the Tobacco Free Florida Smoking Cessation Course, offered at the Clinic. "The patches, along with the Nicorette lozenges, were particularly helpful, especially in the morning. I learned that drinking water during urges worked well for me, as did measured breathing exercises. Thank you, again, for helping me achieve my goal!" Congratulations Mary...The CFC is proud of your success and happy you achieved your goal to live a healthier lifestyle.



19TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITING THE CFC



John H. Meek, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament

We appreciate everyone's support & understanding as we have had to adjust our annual John H. Meek, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament to ensure the safety of all of our staff, players, volunteers and vendors! We are excited to be able to host this event and offer a day of fun to support the Clinic in these difficult times.

Thank you to our sponsors for the
2020 John H. Meek, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament!

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Date:

June 29, 2020

Location:

Copperhead Course at Innisbrook Resort

Opportunity Packets for golfers & Golf Ball Drop Tickets available before June 29th!

Text 71777 to purchase or make a donation!

Thank you to all who have provided donations to our raffle and online auction!

HONORING ED WEST

The Clearwater Free Clinic recently lost a community friend and dedicated supporter. Ed West, the charismatic President & COO of Pete & Shorty's Tavern will be remembered for his endless generosity and unwavering commitment to our community. Patrons of Pete & Shorty's will miss his warm smile and genuine welcoming personality.

Ed's commitment and support of the CFC and the community at large has touched the lives of countless families in need. He will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.



PATIENTS SHOW US LOVE!

The Clearwater Free Clinic staff has been over whelmed by the outpouring of concern and appreciation from our patients and Clinic friends during this COVID crisis. As an essential healthcare organization, the CFC has adapted to new ways of providing services while keeping everyone safe and delivering care. Patients and friends have showed their appreciation through signs, cards, flowers and lunches. While these acts of kindness are not necessary, they certainly are appreciated.



TRIBUTES

THE CFC IS GRATEFUL FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

MEMORIALS:

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HONORARIUMS:

Dr. Ramin Behesti
Dr. Donald & Sharon Bergner

**MASKS FOR PINELLAS COUNTY
HEALTHCARE WORKERS**

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!



MARY TITTLE

Kudos also to CFC volunteer nurse practitioner, Mary Tittle, for putting her excellent sewing skills to work while sheltering at home! Mary amazed everyone by sewing over 100 cloth masks for her Clinic friends. The heart and commitment of the CFC volunteers is extraordinary. Thank you!

3 DAUGHTERS BREWING

Thanks to the many businesses and organizations who have reached out during the pandemic to help, the CFC has been able to continue patient care while complying with COVID-19 restrictions. The Clinic has made use of each and every generous donation. Thank you to 3 Daughters Brewing who went above and beyond fulfilling a critical need for hand sanitizer. With disinfectants in short supply, 3 Daughters donation was worth its weight in gold!



**AMERICAN HEART
ASSOCIATION**

The American Heart Association-Tampa Bay donated much-needed blood pressure cuffs for CFC patients use while at home. Using automated BP cuffs, hypertensive patients are able to track and report blood pressure readings. Accurate reporting helps practitioners and enhances the delivery of care provided via telemedicine, making virtual visits more effective. The Clearwater Free Clinic is proud to partner with the American Heart Association and is grateful for this generous donation that will help improve the health of our local uninsured population.

**VOLUNTEER SUPPORT THROUGH CRISIS
EVEN FROM AFAR, VOLUNTEERS ARE
THE HEART OF THE CFC**

The health and safety of volunteers, staff and patients throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has been one of the CFC's prime concerns. Volunteers were (for the first time ever!) not able to serve at the Clinic in an effort to minimize risk and potential exposure. Volunteers were asked to remain at home and the CFC reduced operations to staff only. While we have missed having volunteers here in person, we were never without them - we had several practitioners and other volunteers assisting from afar!

Even with virus restrictions, the CFC was able to adapt and create ways for volunteer providers to access telemedicine and serve our patients from home. Volunteers continue to contribute in many ways, including donations of PPE, medications and funds. The Clinic welcomed our volunteers back on June 1st as we have also begun to accept new patients that desperately need our services.

NEW BOARD MEMBER



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
BOARD SERVICE, LAUREL!**

Laurel Flynn is one of our newest members of the CFC Board of Directors and we are so thrilled to have her volunteer service! Thank you for all you do, Laurel!

CFC Board of Director

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are thrilled to welcome Georgeann to our staff as our new BayCare Healthy Living Coach! She is working with our pre-diabetic and diabetic patients to help them manage their conditions and learn how to adopt a healthy lifestyle. Originally from Pennsylvania, Georgann and her husband recently made the move down to Clearwater. Here they enjoy the Florida sun, hitting the beach, and catching a Phillies' Spring training game! Upon receiving her masters degree as a family nurse practitioner, Georgeann worked for 17 years in college health where she enjoyed working with college students in order to help them develop healthy habits. Georgeann says she is "honored to have become a staff member," and we are honored to have her!



NEW VOLUNTEERS

We missed our volunteers' smiling faces while we temporarily operated with our skeleton crew! 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:

Hayleigh Martin

NURSES:

Kristi Beers RN

PHYSICIANS:

Dr. Stephen Kornfeld-
Allergist/Immunologist

Barbara Kennedy-RN

Dr. Barry Hennessey-
Orthopedic Surgeon

Leslie Steele-Clerk

Jill Vasile-RN



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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