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It Takes a Lot of Courage to Ask for Help

Meet Pat and Hank Schmoldt, typical patients of Caritas Clinics. Pat and Hank first came to Saint Vincent Clinic after he lost his job and insurance. Both have diabetes and high cholesterol, Hank has heart disease and Pat has high blood pressure. Pat and Hank did not want to come to the clinic; they resisted asking for or accepting help. But, with no insurance and their medications running out, as Hank said, "It got to the point where it was literally do or die."

Pat and Hank love the clinic and think the staff is terrific. They have especially high praise for Delores Woodard, ARNP. Hank credits her with changing his life, "Delores got me to make changes that other doctors couldn't. With her help, I lost sixty pounds! She is the first person to really explain how diabetes works and that I was headed toward needing insulin shots." Pat teases Hank that she is tired of downsizing his pants, to which he responds that at least the smaller ones cost less.

Pat and Hank are just two of the 3,299 people helped through your support of Saint Vincent and Duchesne Clinics

last year. While Pat and Hank are each unique children of God, much of their story is all too common. People come to the clinic sick, desperate and afraid, and they are treated with compassion and respect. By treating their medical conditions, we help those who have stumbled through lay-off or other losses get back on their feet.

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- Hank Schmoldt

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Since 2008, more individual people have received care at the clinics.

at Saint Vincent Up 71% at Duchesne.

> In 2012, 3,299 patients visited the clinics 18,492

To witness the work of the clinics firsthand please contact either clinic to schedule your tour.

* January 1 – December 31, 2012

times.



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A Letter from the Leadership Our current organizations terms of this agreement.

Someone once said that the only constant in life is change. That is certainly true of this emerging health care environment.

Recently, we received news of more change; SCL Health System (SCLHS) and Prime Healthcare Services have reached an agreement for Prime Healthcare Services to purchase our affiliate hospitals, Providence Medical Center in Kansas City, KS and Saint John Hospital in Leavenworth, KS. It is important to note that Saint Vincent and Duchesne Clinics will remain open and affiliated with SCLHS. SCLHS operates 11 hospitals, four safety net clinics, one children's mental health treatment center and more than 100 ambulatory services centers in four states.

Our current organizational structure is in no way impacted by the

We have enjoyed a long history of working with both care sites in our shared mission of improving the health of the people and communities we serve, especially those who are poor or vulnerable.

For more than 26 years, we have built strong relationships and good friendships, forming a vital partnership to follow in the footsteps of the early Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and their tradition of caring for the poor. We look forward to continuing to work with Providence and Saint John during this transition period and developing new relationships with Prime Healthcare Services.

We want to clearly state that Saint Vincent and Duchesne Clinics will continue to provide access to quality health care services to those who are poor and underserved in our communities. This commitment is a constant.

We hope you will continue to stand together with us, constant and reliable, in bringing health - and hope - to the people we serve. We are happy to meet with you or answer any questions you may have. It is your steadfast commitment that changes lives and meets the needs of our community.

Thank you for all you do for our patients and the clinics.

Judy Scott

Since opening Moreno

ago, Dr. Miralda Moreno

Family Dentistry nine years

Board Chair

Executive Director With many needs

Amy Falk

and few services available, Dr. Moreno's generous has worked to give back to the and compassionate community that she came to care has been a gift know as a dental student. One to our patients. summer she worked for longtime - Sr. Helen Bristow, SCL

Kansas City, KS dentist, Dr. Thomas Jones, and he became her mentor and friend. It was Dr. Jones who encouraged her to open her own practice in KCK.

Unsure of how this idea fit into her plans, events lead Dr. Moreno to stay. Now when she looks back she sees there was a plan, just not hers. Things happened the way they did to lead her to this work.

With a background in public health, Dr. Moreno knows the complexities and challenges underserved patients face, and has designed her practice to help. The emergency care her office

Provider Moreno Family Dentistry

provides to Duchesne patients is one example. Many are diabetic, making them more prone to gum disease. In turn, gum disease can make it harder to control blood sugars. It's a cycle she wants to help break.

Dr. Moreno has chosen to be a part of our community and to help those in need. She feels blessed to be in a position to do so, and we feel blessed to have her as part of our team.





After a two year hiatus Duchesne Clinic is pleased to announce the return of Dr. Noriko Okahara as a parttime staff physician. Dr. Okahara will help us care for the ever increasing number of patients seeking care from the clinic. Welcome back, we've missed you.



Please join us, as we welcome new Board members (I to r) Sr. Carol Ann Petersen, OSB, Dr. Michael K. Shafè, Rita Swann, and Fr. Jerry Arano-Ponce. We also want to thank Dave Campbell, Dr. Linda Campbell, Fr. Peter Jaramillo and Sr. Barbara Wieseler for their time and leadership as they conclude their Board service.

In Memory

On October 26, 2012, Duchesne Clinic founder and long-time supporter **Stephen Ziller** entered eternal life. It was Mr. Ziller, a member of the Order of Malta, who first approached the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth about the need for a clinic for the poor and uninsured in Kansas City, Kansas. His caring spirit helping those in need lives on in the lives of the patients changed by the clinic each day.

On November 24, 2012, Duchesne Clinic volunteer doctor and friend, Michael Feder, MD entered eternal life. Loved by patients and staff alike, Dr. Feder's legacy lives on in the many lives he touched near

Wish List

Duchesne Clinic's Volunteer Physical Therapist has requested:

> Canes **ThermaCare HeatWraps Heating Pads**

Items may be dropped off at Duchesne Clinic.

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