

Body of Christ Community Clinic

Touching the Greater Belton, Texas Area

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In The Beginning

"How the clinic came to be"

In the Spring of 2008, Dr. Herb Cox, a prior volunteer in the Plano Children's Medical Clinic met with Pastor Andy Davis of First Baptist Belton to share his heart-felt need for a free clinic in Belton. Pastor Davis responded, "For quite some time I have felt in my heart that God has something for us to do as a church that we are not doing at this time to minister to the needs of people in our community. When Herb began to share with me, my heart leaped with excitement!"

Some of the milestones include:

- Very strong support for a community free clinic, beginning with the initial meeting
- Unsolicited donations totaling over \$32,000 from the first interest meeting
- Contact with other area churches and individuals brought instant interest and rapid involvement
- Dr. Mike Bergman, Executive Director of Helping Hands Ministry, saw this as an opportunity to fulfill his vision from the Lord of a one-stop facility meeting the food, clothing, medical, and spiritual needs of the needy in our area.
- Subsequent very productive and encouraging meetings with the Plano Children's Clinic, Temple Free Clinic Board Members, the Greater Killeen Free Clinic, and Bell County Indigent Care further affirmed the need and feasibility of a free clinic in Belton. All these organizations offered their unqualified support and assistance.
- Realizing the complexity and magnitude of the challenges before us, we joined forces with ECHO, Empowering Church Health Outreach, a non-profit consulting group funded by the Nancy and John Snyder Foundation. This partnership is assisting us in planning, launching, and sustaining a clinic in Belton. echoclinics.org

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.....it is the Lord Christ you are serving.
[Colossians 3:23-24](#)

Clinic Develops Mission and Vision

Mission

The Body of Christ Community Clinic is a team of community volunteers whose mission is to carry out the compassionate healing ministry of Christ by providing personalized, quality health services to the medically underserved of the greater Belton area.

Vision

The Body of Christ Community Clinic vision is to promote a Christ-Centered Healthy Community.

Core Values of the Clinic

We express our servant heart through the following core values:

We value showing the love of Christ through being obedient to God's word.

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. [James 1:27](#)

We value every person as made in the image of God.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. [Psalm 139:14](#)

We value professionalism in our volunteers.

We know we love God's children if we love God and obey His commandments. [1 John 5:2](#)

We value community and strive to provide consistent, quality care in a safe and loving environment.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. [1 Corinthians 13:7](#)

We value an open, sincere, and encouraging environment where volunteers can grow as they serve.

If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. [Romans 12:8](#)

We value a person's right to privacy and are committed to confidentiality.

A gossip goes around telling secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence. [Proverbs 11:13](#)

We value an open door to all in the love of Christ.

You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. [Romans 14:10](#)

" All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)



Area Churches Involved

- First Baptist Belton
- Belton Church of Christ
- Vista Community Church
- Christ the King Catholic Church
- Belton First Assembly of God
- First Baptist Church Salado
- First United Methodist Church of Belton
- Hope Community Church



What's Next

The planning team will begin work on the submission of the 501c3 non-profit status, forming the board of directors, writing the constitution and by-laws, and forming sub-committees to work on the logistics of the clinic.

How You Can Help

- Pray for the clinic
- Stay informed and volunteer at bodyofchristclinic.org
- Get your church involved as a sponsor
- Tell others about the clinic
- Financial assistance (Send donations to FBC Belton and designate to Body of Christ Clinic)

***To volunteer please go to
bodyofchristclinic.org
and enter your contact
information***

Clinic Leadership

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