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BOCCC NEWS

BODY OF CHRIST COMMUNITY CLINIC

John C. Perry, Chairman of Board

It is hard to believe that we are concluding another year, time passes so very fast. God has blessed the Body of Christ Community Clinic in so many ways in 2017. In February we held our annual Volunteer banquet and heard a wonderful message from Rev. Joe Keyes of the Salado Church of Christ. Honored as the Volunteer of the Year was Fernando De Leon, MD of Belton and, also honored with special recognition awards, were Jayesh Patel, DDS, Maria Duarte, NP and Ronald Henderson, DDS.

In April, we held a strategic planning session facilitated by Jimmy Dorrell, CEO of Mission Waco. Out of the meeting we developed two major goals. First to expand our Board membership to include patients and to expand our outreach to area churches who haven't traditionally been a part of our church network. Two Board committees were formed to tackle these goals.

We held our fourth annual fund-raising banquet at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in early May. We called our banquet, "Together We Heal," recognizing that what we do is truly a community effort. With about 300 people in attendance we heard music performed by Rodger Bennett and David Perez-Guerra. The event was also a financial success as the communities of Belton, Salado and Temple again came together to support us.

We were able to replace all the exam tables in our medical clinic thanks in part to the generosity of the Salado United Methodist Church who made a special donation. We were also blessed this year by an E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation grant for $30,000

In September the First United Methodist Church of Belton held their annual Fun Run with the proceeds going to our clinic. Also in September we celebrated the 1st Anniversary of our Oleta Street Dental Clinic. We held three events to raise awareness of the new facility, an oral cancer screening, a dental sealant program for children and an open house with refreshments and tours of the Dental Clinic for the community. In October we held our very first golf tournament at Wildflower Country Club in Temple. It was a huge success, netting over $15,000 for us. One of the managers at Wildflower told me it was the most successful first tournament she had ever seen. Special recognition goes to Jeff Hinds, who stepped up to the plate and led the effort. He built a wonderful working group and together they put on a superb tournament which produced additional funds for us.

Our final big marketing push was Giving Tuesday on November 28th. We again partnered with Schzlotsky's in Temple and Belton who will gave us a percentage of their sales on the 28th. This year we added Menchies, a new yogurt shop in Temple, who also gave us a percentage of sales.

One of the things that I think makes our organization special is the support we receive from the communities we serve. In our name is the word "Community," and we truly are a community clinic. We have the 14-member churches who support us on a regular basis, plus other area churches, who, although aren't member churches, also support us through their donations. We have the Central Texas United Way which is such a blessing to us and we can't thank them enough. Finally, it is local businesses and individuals who support us in so many ways. From the dollars individuals give us to those who bless us with their time and talents, so many give as they sacrifice self for service. Indeed, our organization is so very blessed.

Finally, I would like to add a personal note. My tenure as your Board Chair ends this year. For the past three years I have been honored to serve as the Board Chair. First thank you for having confidence in me to elect me to this important role and for the tremendous support you have given. I have personally been so very blessed by this experience. I have seen the hand of God work so many times in the last several years. We have needs, we pray to God for help and the needs are taken care of. God has truly blessed the Clinic and the work that we do.

I have met so many wonderful people as I have gotten involved with the Clinic. In naming names, you always leave someone out, but what a blessing and wonderful experience to work with people like Donna Dunn, Patricia Rye, Maria Duarte, Ron Henderson, Jerry Wickwire and Ron Emerson. All these people as well as others have added value to my life, made a positive difference in my life and are such a blessing to the Body of Christ Community Clinic!

Again, thank you for your support and may God continue to bless the Body of Christ Community Clinic!

Donna Dunn, Executive Director

It is hard to believe that 2017 is coming to a close. Time passes quickly and sometimes I get so bogged down in my day-to-day tasks that I forget the important things. Running this clinic is a challenge. There never seems to be enough hours in the day to get everything done. However, just today, I have been reminded that it's the people that make this job a tremendous blessing.

We start each clinic with a devotional for our volunteers. The devotionals vary but they never fail to touch the heart of someone here. There is laughter and tears and a bonding with each volunteer. Every one of them is here because of their desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our community. I want to say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart to each of our clinic volunteers as well as to our Board and Executive Committee.

I want to especially thank John Perry. He has served as the Chairman of the Board for three years. The clinic has grown under his leadership. He has been a wonderful mentor to me and taught me a lot about many things. (except accounting!) I am blessed to call him "friend".

Our patients are a blessing as well. They remind each of us why we are here. We have the privilege of praying with them and for them. As Myriam, Laura & Juan's stories tell, lives were changed. There are various reasons why they come through our doors but each of them leaves feeling the love of Christ.

Our churches, donors and grants support our work. I have met some of you; many I have not. Please know that I appreciate each one of you. We are all the Body of Christ and for that I thank GOD for the privilege of being here.

Merry Christmas to all as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Juan & Laura Campos

My husband and I have volunteered for the BOCCC since a few months after it opened its doors. The main reason we decided to volunteer was that we can share our faith with those in our community that need medical assistance. Since the beginning, spiritual needs are also met at the clinic and the patients ask us to pray for them, and even have accepted Jesus as their savior. My husband and I have ministered as interpreters in spite of not having a medical background. We not only interpret for them, but also give spiritual advice, and even went to visit when patients requested it. Two recent cases show what the clinic does for its patients:

Miguel (not real name) came to the clinic in at the last stages of his illness. The clinic referred him to the BS&WH for exams, but he was kept in the hospital because of the advanced state of his illness. I called him to remind him of his follow up appointments. He answered from the hospital. On this occasion, he was very depressed. He told me that he was dying. I asked him if he had accepted Jesus in his heart, and he said no. My husband spoke to him and led him to receive Jesus as his personal savior. We were in contact to pray for him and to comfort him. Later members of a church were involved and provided great support. They helped him to contact the Mexican Consulate, and eventually he was transported to Mexico City so he could spend his last days with his family. A few days after he was taken to Mexico, I got a call. It was his wife who said he wanted to talk to me. He couldn't talk, but he listened as my husband read the Bible to him. Just then he passed to be with his Lord. If it wasn't for the BOCCC, he may never have known Jesus.

Maria (not real name) had some issues with her name and I advised her to get her names corrected at the places where she received services. During one of the appointment reminder calls, she told me of her situation and that she was diagnosed with a terminal illness. I led her to Christ and she prayed to receive Jesus as her personal savior. The clinic then sent a couple to visit her at the hospital and to follow up with her decision. I don't know how she is doing, but I know that whatever her situation is the Lord will be with her forever.

There are many more cases like this, people who suffer depression and ask us to pray for them, people with family situations who do the same. People in the community know that the clinic is a place where they can find not only health assistance, but are confident that their spiritual needs can be met too.

Myriam Lawson

As a volunteer at the Dental Clinic I have the opportunity to pray for those patients requesting prayer. It took me by surprise one Thursday a few weeks back when this jovial man asked me to pray for a sound mind for him. He shared his concerns regarding a health condition that was affecting his memory and potentially other mental abilities. I asked him if he believed in God and if he had a relationship with Jesus His son. His answered was vague but he wanted to know more. So I paraphrased some Bible verses explaining God's love and provision for us in Christ and then I invited him to receive Him in his heart. Without hesitation he said he wanted to do it right there and then so he prayed a heartfelt prayer talking to the Father in a clear, humble way. We also prayed for healing trusting God will take care of all his needs and encouraged him to start reading the Gospel of John. It was just a precious moment!

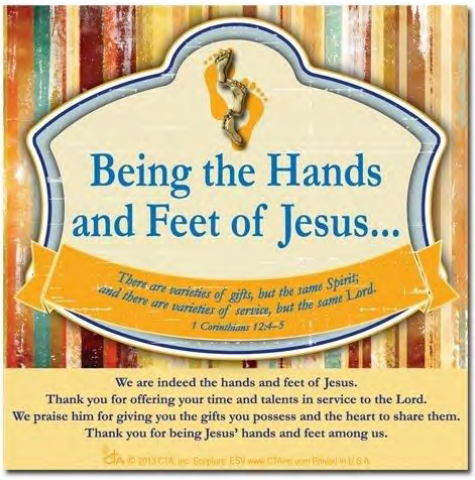
Josh Winneberger, DMD

During my one year AEGD residency, I had the opportunity to volunteer each month at the local Body of Christ Community Clinic in Belton, TX. It was amazing to see the variety of support and donated services provided by dentists, dental assistants, hygienists, and many community members who simply want to help those in need.

Volunteering at the community clinic was a great addition to my residency experience at the nearby Veterans Hospital and proved to be a very fulfilling aspect of my year. Seeing the appreciation from patients who receive treatment keeps you motivated, humble and focused on why we joined this profession to begin with. Not to mention, the recently renovated Body of Christ Community Clinic here was such a pleasure to volunteer at. I was able to use Eaglesoft Dental Software, which will certainly help ease my transition into private practice from the government and academic software I am accustomed to. The team of volunteers always worked so hard to make sure the patients (and docs!) were taken care of, and ultimately the clinic was and continues to be a wonderful environment in which to provide dental services.

Patient Story

The Body of Christ clinic has been such a blessing in my life. I am an educated mother, wife, and long time resident of Bell County. I have an associates degree and multiple licenses. Due to unfortunate injuries I am unable to perform the jobs I have been trained for. This results in me not having the medical insurance I need for treatment. Without the Body of Christ Clinic and the wonderful staff that is there to help I would not be able to get my medications I need every day. Without the medication I would not be here today. I pray that I too can one day help impact someone's life as greatly as you have done.



"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH."
- Helen Keller
Body of Christ Community Clinic
1 YEAR
DENTAL CLINIC
ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES
Free Oral Cancer Screening
Friday, September 22nd
9:00 AM to Noon
(limited to first 30 patients)
Dr. Jason Mcgrew is providing the exams
OralID
Free Dental Sealant Service
Children 7-17 (with adult)
Saturday, September 23rd
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Provided by Central TX TDHA and Temple College Dental Hygiene Department
OPEN HOUSE
Tour the Dental Clinic
Sunday, September 24th
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Refreshments Provided
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Registration and Sponsorship Information
Community Clinic
Golf Classic
October 5, 2017
Wildflower Country Club
Lunch will be provided
Shotgun start at 1pm
Awards ceremony followed
Mission:

2018 Board Officers

Jerry Wickwire, Chairman

Brian Kondrat, Vice Chairman

Dana King, Secretary

Treasurer

Members appointed for another term:

Brian Kondrat, Jerry Wickwire, Dana King

Welcome to our newest Board Member-
Raymond Marr of

Belton First United Methodist Church

2017 STATS

1370 Medical Visits

585 Dental Visits

76 Specialty Referrals

$1175.00 Patient Medications

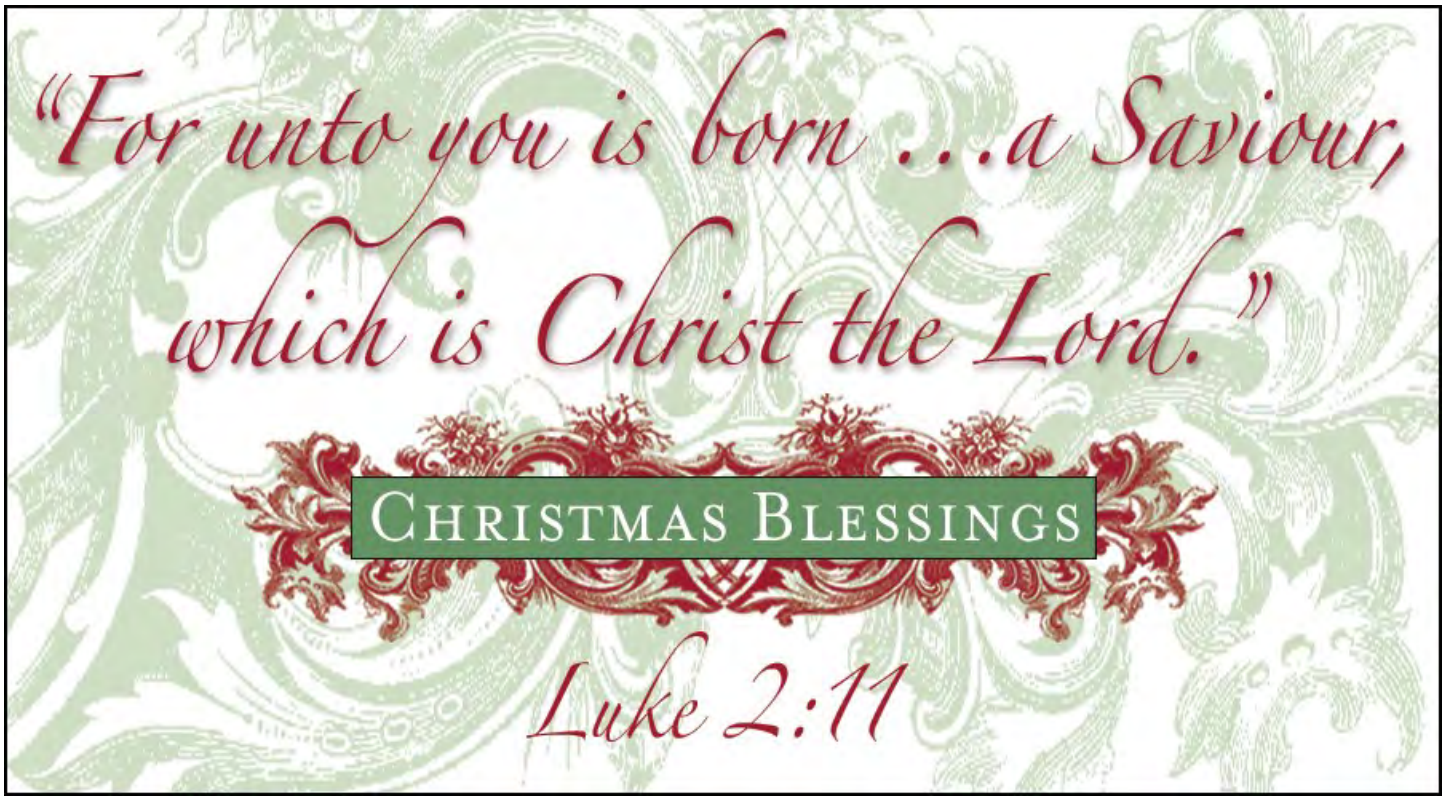
$14,265.00 Donated Lab Services

$98,670.00 Prescription Assistance

14 Supporting Churches

196 Volunteers Serving 6780 Hours

Would you be willing to help us with a special year end donation of $50, $100 or more? Not only would you be helping us provide medical and dental care to those in need, but also you can take your donation as an income tax deduction.
We simply can't do it without you. Your support will make a real and lasting impact in the lives of those who are still in need. Please use the enclosed envelope and mail your donation today or go to our web site's donation page at www.bodyofchristclinic.org/donate-to-body-of-christ-clinic/.



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