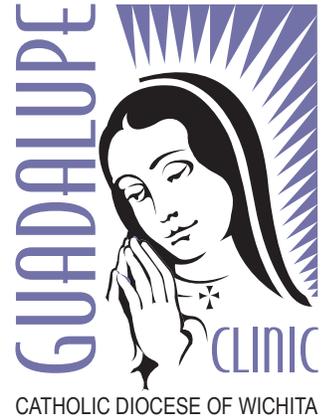
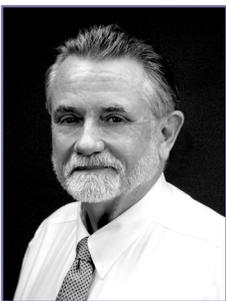


CLINIC NEWSLETTER



PROVIDING HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE UNINSURED AND WORKING POOR

SUMMER 2013



Director's Corner

I was blessed to begin my service as the executive director of the Guadalupe Clinic on July 8, 2013, coincidentally 28 years to the day from its opening on July 8, 1985. Twenty eight years is a long time to serve the working poor and uninsured of our community, and I'd like to thank those who have made the mission of the Guadalupe Clinic sustainable since our beginnings. I'm grateful to take the reins of an organization that is already extremely successful.

One of the hallmarks of success for Guadalupe Clinic is the ability to help more people in need. Ten years ago our patient visits numbered 4,147 at one location. The first seven months into this year we are already at 4,414 patient visits at the St. Francis and Planeview locations, indicating not only an increased Wichita population and therefore an increased need, but also an economic downturn affecting peoples' ability to pay for their own health care.

Whatever our challenges in the future, we are called to build up the people of God in the diocese of Wichita in holiness and joy through works of love. I am so privileged and touched to observe works of love performed day in and day out by the dedicated clinic staff and volunteers who touch our patients' lives.

And while our staff and volunteers are on the front lines, there are others who deserve recognition as well: Our donors, who through their gifts make these works of love possible; our board, whose dedicated leadership has helped the clinic flourish; and board member Dave Carter, whose recent stewardship in leadership of the clinic has been especially helpful.

The other day I had an uplifting conversation with Dr. Daniel Tatpati, our medical director and one of the Clinic's founders. He said to me, "God gave us each special gifts and we have to use those gifts to serve." In whatever way you are using your special gift to help the Guadalupe Clinic, I thank you.

Sincerely,

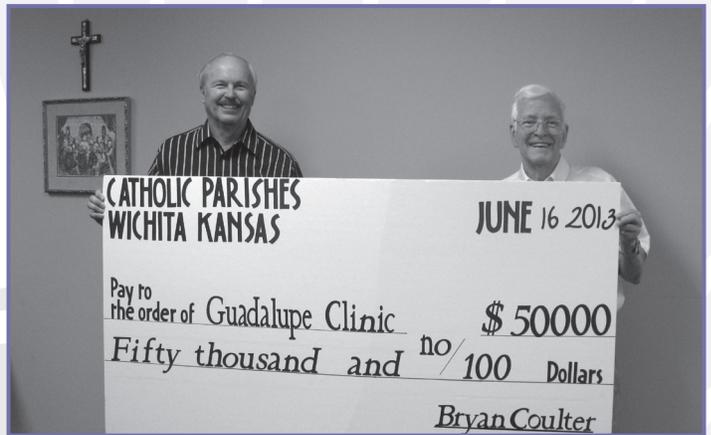
David Gear
Executive Director

MISSION STATEMENT: THE MISSION OF GUADALUPE CLINIC IS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO NECESSARY HEALTH CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED, WORK FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE IN HEALTH CARE, AND CALL UPON THE ENTIRE CHURCH AND OTHER PEOPLE OF GOODWILL TO JOIN IN THESE EFFORTS

25TH ANNUAL
**GUADALUPE CLINIC
 FAMILY DAY
 AT THE BALLPARK**

A 25-Year Tradition

The long-standing tradition of baseball and the Guadalupe Clinic played out on June 16 at Lawrence Dumont Stadium. On this sunny father's day the Wichita Wingnuts versus St. Paul Saints game generated gross donations in excess of \$55,000 for the clinic. Organized baseball in Wichita has a 25 year tradition of support, and the game is one of the highlights of the Clinic's annual calendar.



Guadalupe Clinic board member Dave Carter (left) and ball game coordinator Dr. Jim Loeffler MD commemorate the net proceeds from the 2013 Guadalupe Clinic Family Day at the Ballpark

“This event generates much-needed revenue for the clinic” stated board member Dave Carter. “We thank all the pastors who allow us to promote the game during weekend Masses in June, as well as the Wichita Wingnuts organization for their generosity and hospitality” Dave added. “This year we were particularly gratified to see the large number of persons who also took donation envelopes and followed up with generous support. Over 5,300 persons attended the game and it was particularly nice to see multiple generations of families together, as a part of their father’s day celebration”.

The Wingnuts dominated the visitors from St. Paul, winning by a score of 18 to 6 - thereby adding to the crowd’s festive mood.

Food – The Universal Prescription

The favorable health benefits of good nutrition are well-known. However for many Guadalupe Clinic patients seeking medical assistance, nutrition is just an additional hurdle that stands in the way of good health. For that reason the clinic is ramping up the ability to provide small boxes of food for its clients. Using a combination of donations, grants and operating funds the clinic maintains a modest supply of food items for distribution on an individual basis. The clinic staff is acutely aware of those individuals and families who need an emergency resupply of food and do their best to meet those needs. “It gives the staff great satisfaction to be able to help our clients out when they need assistance” cites Nancy Regan, who manages the front desk reception function. Nancy is often the first and last person in contact with clinic patients at the St. Francis location during their visits for medical attention. She and other clinic staff are ever-alert to the needs of the patients.

Food donations are gratefully accepted any time during clinic operating hours. It is suggested that donors refer to the Clinic Wish List on the back page of this newsletter for guidance in selection of items.



Guadalupe Clinic would like to acknowledge and thank St. Thomas Aquinas Outreach Mission for their grant contribution to purchase medical medications and supplies. ABOVE: Guadalupe Clinic Executive Director David Gear (left) accepts the grant check from Dr. David Nibert, DDS.

A Sailor at Guadalupe Clinic?

Sometimes that is exactly what Charlotte Ridley, Medication Assistance Program Coordinator (MAP) feels like. Navigating the sea of more than 20 prescription assistance programs (PAP) requires dedicated focus on the final destination: needed medication for the clinic's patients. In some cases these can be life-sustaining drugs.

These programs are offered by pharmaceutical companies such as Eli Lilly, Glaxo-Smith-Kline, Pfizer, and AstraZeneca, just to name a few. During the period of time when only the brand name drug is available, a qualified patient can have their prescription filled at no- or little charge. If a company charges a copay, Guadalupe Clinic pays it. At the time that a medication is offered in generic form, it is discontinued from the drug company's PAP and can no longer be obtained through that channel.

Patients can apply without the Clinic's assistance, but the complexities of participating in PAPs can be overwhelming. Because of these, Guadalupe Clinic offers this invaluable service. Nearly 300 patients are currently enrolled in assistance programs through the Clinic. The information required by each PAP is different; however, every program requires proof of income. The qualifying income level is determined by each PAP and patients must reapply at least annually. Some programs require recertification quarterly, and still others insist on a new application for each prescription.

Pay stubs and tax returns are the easiest and most common proof of income. The biggest challenge for Charlotte can be getting compliance from the patients. The application process can take as little as 30 minutes, but if the patient doesn't provide all the needed information and documentation, the process can go on indefinitely. Charlotte's training as a Medical Assistant and her attention to detail from 14 years in banking uniquely qualify her for the demands of her position. She entered the healthcare industry because she wanted a career focusing on the specific person and their individual needs. Charlotte is currently developing processes to enhance communication with the medical staff. This includes reworking the flow of information to increase efficiencies and effectiveness. "Working smarter not harder" is a phrase you'll hear from Charlotte on a regular basis. And Guadalupe Clinic is happy to oblige!



Charlotte Ridley coordinates the Medication Assistance Program

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The Right Care, the Right Result



Quoting Charles Rumsey, "nearly everyone in my family has diabetes". It's no wonder then that his wife Tracy routinely monitors his blood sugar levels. And last spring he ended up in the emergency room because the reading she got was way too high. He was prescribed medication to keep his levels under control, and at the insistence of his wife Charles scheduled an appointment at the Guadalupe Clinic facility on South Hillside, with Sarah Lindsay, PA.

While monitoring his blood sugar levels very closely, Charles made the lifestyle and dietary changes Sarah recommended. By the end of last summer Charles' diabetes was under control without the aid of drugs. He told us, "Before I went to the Clinic I didn't like doctors whatsoever. Didn't feel they were helpful. But the Guadalupe Clinic has a friendlier environment than any doctor's office I've ever been in, and I can talk easily to Sarah about any medical concerns I might have"

Editor's note: Charles is typical of hundreds of patients that the Guadalupe Clinic serves; employed by a small company but without employer-sponsored health insurance.



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PLEASE KEEP US IN MIND: Please keep the Guadalupe Clinic, Inc. in mind when considering memorial or bequest designations. They are of great assistance in providing for our annual operating needs.

Clinic Wish List

GIFT CARDS

- DILLONS (\$10, FOR GAS OR MEDICINES)
- WALMART (\$10, FOR MEDICINES)
- WTA BUS PASSES (DAY PASS)

SUPPLIES

- TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, TISSUES
- TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES
- DEODORANT
- FACIAL SOAP (BARS)
- DISH AND LAUNDRY SOAP

BABY ITEMS

- BABY WIPES
- DIAPERS (ESPECIALLY SIZES 2 TO 5)

MEDICAL ITEMS

- SMALL BOTTLES OF TYLENOL, ADVIL
- SMALL BOTTLES OF COUGH MEDICINE
- SMALL BOTTLES OF DECONGESTANT, ANTIHISTAMINE

GROCERIES

- PASTA
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- CANNED SOUPS, MEATS AND TUNA
- BOXED MACARONI AND CHEESE
- RICE
- DRY BEANS
- POWDERED MILK
- OATMEAL AND CEREAL
- PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY
- CRACKERS
- HAMBURGER HELPER
- CANNED VEGETABLES AND FRUIT
- SINGLE SERVING ITEMS FOR OUR HOMELESS CLIENTS

Thank You!