

MAY 2005



KANSAS CITY FREE HEALTH CLINIC

# Volunteer Update

## Clinic Volunteers participate in AIDS Walk KC 2005

More than 3,500 people came out to support the Kansas City AIDS Walk on April 16th in Theis Park. The Walk raised \$250,000 and the Clinic team raised over \$3,600!

Many volunteers and staff comprised the 60-person Clinic walk team,

in addition volunteers and staff worked at the Clinic information table.

The 3.5 mile walk was preceded by entertainment. There were many booths where you could purchase AIDS bracelets or hand-painted tiles, get your face painted or pick

up some literature and fun give-a-ways.

This year's AIDS Walk could not have been this successful without Clinic volunteers. Thank you so much for your participation and continued support!



From left to right: Erin Fetterolf, Clinic Volunteer, staffs the KC Free table; Mark Dreiling, Clinic Volunteer, works in registration and Lindsay Paulette, Clinic MSW Intern and Dan Chapman, Clinic Volunteer, prepare to walk!

## Volunteers Needed

### Mental Health Professionals

A mental health professional can help us out by volunteering a mere 1 hour each week from their own office. The mental health program is also in need of volunteers to help with referrals and community resources.

### General Medicine

General medicine is currently in need of more volunteers, specifically nursing staff (RN, LPN, MA, CNA, NP), physicians, and chiropractors.

Contact Ginny Ramseyer Winter at 816.777.2761 or [ginnyrw@kcfree.org](mailto:ginnyrw@kcfree.org) if you are interested in a volunteer opportunity or if you know someone who is.

### Fun KC Fact

William Rockhill Nelson's editorials persuaded Col. Thomas H. Swope of the need for public parks, and Swope, while still living, donated his 1,344-acre farm to the city for that purpose. Swope Park, dedicated June 25, 1896, has since grown to 1,769 acres. Nelson left his own legacy in the form of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art at 45th and Oak streets, opened Dec. 11, 1933, on the site of his former mansion. The east wing is dedicated to Mary Atkins, who had left her state for an art museum before Nelson.

**BLOOM GOES TO RIO**

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 7-11 P.M.  
THE FAIRMONT KANSAS CITY AT THE PLAZA

A fundraiser for the Kansas City Free Health Clinic  
More food. More drinks. Shorter lines. More fun!

Tickets go on sale April 1st, 10 a.m., at [www.bloomparty.com](http://www.bloomparty.com)  
or [www.kcfree.org](http://www.kcfree.org)  
Tickets \$75 each, available through advance purchase only.

Prepare for poolside fun, lounge rooms by local designers,  
stylish entertainment and a fabulous silent auction.

Special thanks to Patron Party hosts and  
Honorary Chairs Dan Meiners and David Brinkerhoff

**the bloom party 2005**

For sponsorship information or event details please call (816) 777-2762.  
[www.bloomparty.com](http://www.bloomparty.com)

## Upcoming Dates

- May 2, 2005** 6:00-7:30pm  
New volunteer orientation  
Conference Room D
- May 7, 2005** 7:00-10:00pm  
Bloom Patron Party!
- May 11, 2005** 11:30-1:30pm  
Annual Council on Philanthropy  
Awards Luncheon  
Downtown Marriot
- May 14, 2005** 7:00-11:00pm  
Annual Fundraiser Bloom  
Fairmont Hotel on the Plaza
- May 16, 2005**  
June General Medicine calendar  
emailed to volunteers
- May 19, 2005** 2-3:30pm  
New volunteer orientation  
Conference Room D
- May 30, 2005**  
Memorial Day—Clinic Closed
- June 8, 2005** 6:00-7:30pm  
New volunteer orientation  
Conference Room D
- June 23, 2005** 2-3:30pm  
New volunteer orientation  
Conference Room D



## Jackson County Executive Kathryn Shields Honors KC Free and Volunteer

Kansas City Free Health Clinic's Executive Director, Sheri Wood, and long-term volunteer, Dr. Bob Claassen, were honored during Jackson County Executive, Kathryn Shield's 2005 State of the County Address on Thursday, April 21st at the Jackson County Courthouse for their unwavering commitment to serving the uninsured in Kansas City.

Sheri Wood has been the Executive Director of the Kansas City Free Health Clinic since January of 1996. As the director she is responsible for the overall management of the thirty year old clinic founded to provide quality, compassionate health care to people who otherwise may not have access to such care.

Sheri has over thirty years experience in non-profit management and serves as Vice President for the Kansas City CARE Network, the network of safety net providers in our community. She is President of the Missouri Free Health Clinic Association and on the board of the National Association of Free Health Clinics where she is the Treasurer..

Since 1996, Dr. Claassen has been instrumental in maintaining and growing the dental program at the Kansas City Free Health Clinic while serving on the Board of Directors.

Dr. Claassen is one of the health care heroes that provide dental care as a volunteer at the Kansas City Free Health Clinic.

In addition, Dr. Claassen has remained active in dental education by supervising dental students while volunteering. As a Board Member for over six years, Dr. Claassen has served on the Assessment and Health Care Advisory committees and currently volunteers as the Secretary of the Board. Dr. Claassen recognizes the growing need for the Clinic's services in the community and has responded by actively recruiting volunteer dentists and is active in Clinic fundraising efforts.

Thank you, Sheri and Dr. Claassen, for all your hard work and dedication to the Clinic and our patients.



Dr. Bob Claassen and Sheri Wood accept proclamations from Jackson County Executive, Kathryn Shields.

## Art Supplies Wish List

The following art supplies are needed for the new Art Therapy program. If you have any of the following supplies you would like to donate, please bring them to the front desk. Thanks for your help!

- Scissors
- Markers (unscented, non permanent)
- White poster board
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Felt tip pens
- Masking tape
- Oil pastels
- Men's magazines

## Summer Dress Code



As we approach warmer weather, please remember that the dress code remains the same...business casual or scrubs

Monday through Thursday and denim on Friday! Shorts are not allowed in the Clinic and sandals cannot be worn in clinical areas. Thanks for your cooperation!

**“Silence equals nonexistence. If I don't raise my voice, it's like I never existed.”**

~ Margaret Cho - *Comedienne Revolution*

**“The highest reward for a person's work is not what they get for it, but what they become because of it.”**

~ John Ruskin

## Gen Med Volunteers...

Please remember to get UA Dipsticks on all patients with the following symptoms:

- Back Pain/Leg Pain
- Abdominal Pain or Cramping
- Vaginal Discharge/Penile Discharge
- Pelvic Pain
- Diabetic Patients
- STD Checks
- Possible Pregnancy
- Menstrual Problems
- Urinary Problems