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CLINIC PIONEERING RAPID HIV TESTING IN DENTAL SERVICES

Since 2006, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that HIV testing become a routine part of health care and that everyone between the ages of 13 and 65 be tested at least once for HIV and then on a yearly basis if at are at risk.

The U.S. Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) – HIV AIDS Bureau encouraged the Clinic to initiate rapid HIV testing as a routine part of dental care. HRSA was willing to provide the technical assistance for the Clinic to integrate testing into routine dental care. HRSA has recognized the Clinic as a model program integrating prevention and care and saw this as an opportunity to 'test out' an innovative model of care. This pilot project will provide HRSA with practical information as they work to implement these new recommendations nationwide.

"The Kansas City Free Health Clinic is setting a standard for the United States by offering rapid HIV screening services in their dental clinic. While experts were discussing the feasibility of offering HIV screening in a dental setting, the Clinic was moving forward. HIV screening in dental clinics offer individuals an additional venue to learn their status. Research shows that there is a significant percentage of individuals who do not obtain medical care during the course of the year, but will visit the dental office. Offering routine HIV screening in the dental setting is a cutting edge initiative that will continue the Clinic's excellence and leadership in HIV treatment, care, and prevention. It's very important for people to know their HIV status!" stated Dr. David Reznik, HRSA Technical Assistance Team Leader and Director of the Oral Health Center of the Infectious Disease Program of Grady Health System in Atlanta, Georgia.

At this time, there are only two sites in the country doing HIV testing as a part of dental care, a site in Wyoming is doing standard HIV testing and the Clinic is doing rapid HIV testing.

The Clinic started testing clients in August in dental clinics held by Robert Claassen, D.D.S., Clinic Board President and long-time dentist volunteer at the Clinic. The Clinic plans to test the Clinic's 600+ unduplicated dental clients annually or more often depending on individual client risk. Patients are informed that they will be tested and can opt out of the test if they so wish.

"It is only logical that the Clinic should offer HIV rapid testing at the Dental Clinic. It is just another important service we can offer our patients while treating their dental needs. It is convenient for the patient, cost effective for the Clinic and perhaps will reach a population that doesn't normally access medical treatment. In my opinion it is a win, win situation," says Dr. Claassen.

CDC: Why provide routine screening for HIV infection?

25% of people living in the U.S. with HIV do not know they are infected.

HIV is a serious health problem that can be reliably diagnosed prior to symptom development and patients are more likely to be tested if it is suggested by a clinician.

Routine testing helps to de-stigmatize the disease.

Early entry into care increases the likelihood of a longer, healthier life. Unfortunately, an estimated 39% of people with HIV in the U.S. are not diagnosed until they are in the late stages of the disease.

Transmission rates are higher in people who do not know they have HIV. Individuals who know their positive HIV status are more likely to engage in risk reduction efforts.

Appropriate treatment during pregnancy can reduce the prenatal transmission rate to < 2%. Pregnant women who know they are infected are better able to make critical decisions about care for themselves and their infants.

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The Bloom Party 2008

Kevin Farrell and Abby Mayer, Co-Chairs

Leading the planning for **The Bloom Party 2008** will be Kevin Farrell and Abby Mayer. Kevin co-chaired with Amy McAnarney Hunt **The Bloom Party 2007** and Abby served on the Corporate Sponsorship Committee for the 2007 Party. Kevin is a Financial Advisor for the Global Private Client Group with Merrill Lynch and Abby is the Assistant Vice President and Assistant General Auditor with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Kevin and Abby are busy recruiting people to serve as committee co-chairs and members. Different venues are being visited and themes are being discussed. If you are interested in working on **The Bloom Party 2008** or if you have any suggestions for venues or themes, please e-mail Joe Bellinger at the Clinic, JoeB@kcfree.org.



Mark E. Dreiling, Honorary Chair

The distinction of Honorary Chair for **The Bloom Party 2008** is being awarded to Mark E. Dreiling.

Mark is being so honored because of his strong, ongoing and outstanding support of the Clinic. A donor to the Clinic for many years, Mark's friend and co-worker at Merrill Lynch, Paula Porsche, asked Mark to co-chair with her the Clinic's *Free for All* fundraiser in 2003. And, with that, *Free for All* ended and **The Bloom Party** burst on to the scene as a major event in Kansas City. People trying to attend The Bloom Party in 2003 were turned away because the venue could only handle 1000 people!

In addition to staying involved with **The Bloom Party** since then, Mark has been appointed to the Clinic's Board of Directors, serves as Vice President of the Board as well as chairperson of the Board's Development Committee.



2007 Winter Wish List

In-Kind gifts, both goods and services, have always been critical to the Clinic's existence and growth. In the past fiscal year, FY 2006-2007, the Clinic was fortunate to receive in-kind gifts valued at \$2,689,728!

We are very appreciative of all the in-kind gifts we receive and welcome your calls about possible donations. Currently, the Clinic is in need of the medical equipment/supplies listed. If you have access to any of these items, please call the Development Department at 816-777-2762.

EKGs and supplies
Oto/Ophthalmoscope kits, Wall Mounted

Medical Exam Lights/Goose Neck Floor Lights
Portable Pulse Oximeter
Portable Nebulizer units for Asthma treatment
KleenSpec Illumination System
Fetal Dopplers
Lab centrifuge (small to medium)
AEDs
Electronic Scales
Digital Vital Signs Machines; Stethoscopes
PFT Machines
Autoclave
Gloves; Disposable gowns, drapes, emesis basins, vaginal speculums
Syringes 3ml; 20-25 gauge needles for syringes
Kendall antiseptic wipes
Sharps containers (8 gallon and 2 gallon)
Tourniquets
Client Care Goods (deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, personal care items, bar soap, etc.)
OTC Medications



It's been a Hot, Fun Summer for the Clinic!



The Bloom Party Goes Vegas!

Party attendees young and not so young had a great time on May 12th at the Air-line History Museum at the Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport. Nearly a 1000 people filled the Museum and helped raise over \$125,000 for the Clinic.

Summer Solstice

Thanks to Courtney Beaumont, 509/510 Delaware Lofts, a wonderful summer evening in the River Market raised over \$3,000 for the Clinic. Guests enjoyed fine food donated by Nara, Habashi House, Blue Nile Café, and Live Will, Eat Well; music by Trampled Under Foot, entertaining "fire" dancers, and had the opportunity to tour four great new lofts.



303's Chocolate Martinis

\$1 will be donated to the Clinic for each Chocolate Martini that is sold during the upcoming year. And, if you don't like Chocolate Martinis, you can order something else and just donate a \$1. Word is that the Martini is good, very good in fact! Stop by 303 Westport Road!

Fun Fall Events



KC Beerfest, Saturday, October 20 1-5 pm Rain or Shine The Legends at Village West

Over 50 kinds of beer will be available for sampling at the first KC Beerfest on Saturday, October 20. The event will be held rain or shine in the parking building of The Legends at Village West in KCK. Great restaurants including Jazz, HashHouse, Caliente, Hooters, and T_REX will be selling their specialty food items. Popular local bands (Jon Yeager, Red Guitar, Cavaliers) will be entertaining. You will want to save the commemorative beer glass that you will receive as it will be the first of a set!



To buy tickets or just learn more about the event, visit www.kcbeerfest.com. Make sure that all your friends know about the festival.

The KC Beerfest is a joint effort of the Clinic and the AIDS Service Foundation of Kansas City. The beerfest is being patterned after other big, successful beerfests that are held in major cities across the U.S.

September 21 VIP Fashion Show With Magic Johnson to Help Raise Awareness of the need for HIV prevention in KC

KANSAS CITY MAGIC, an all-star celebrity weekend in Kansas City, will be September 21-23. The weekend will feature a celebrity basketball game, the VIP fashion show, as well as a celebrity golf tournament. A portion of the proceeds from the VIP Fashion Show, celebrating RED Hot Urban fashion, will go to support the fight against AIDS/HIV.

The celebrity weekend is being presented by native Kansas Citian and World NBA Champion Clay Johnson's Foundation. The Clay Johnson Foundation is a 501c3 organization that focuses on youth mentorship & keeping kids off the streets. To learn more about the weekend, visit www.kansascitymagic.net.

Advisory Council Breakfast Meeting Friday, October 5, 7:30 – 8:30 am

Catering by Lon Lane & The Catering Co.
Program: Clinic Patients Speak



Your Support of the Clinic Can Help So Many People!

Get a Tax-Free Rollover

Under legislation passed in 2006, you may benefit by making a gift of your IRA withdrawal to the Kansas City Free Health Clinic. Gifts under this legislation: (1) count toward your required minimum distributions for 2007 and (2) are excluded from your gross income: **a tax-free rollover.**

To qualify:

- You must be 70½ or older at the time of the gift
- Transfers must go directly from the IRA to charity; Gift must be outright
- Your IRA gifts cannot exceed \$100,000 per taxpayer

To find out more about the Pension Protection Act of 2006, please contact your financial advisor. You only have until December 31, 2007 to take advantage of this tax benefit.

Automatic Monthly Donations

Please consider setting up an automatic monthly donation from your checking account to the Clinic.

\$50 a month from 500 people
would make such a difference to so many people!



2000 people could be cared for in General Medicine.
15,000 people could be tested.
another full time physician could be hired.



For a healthy community

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