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The Kansas City Free Health Clinic

Volunteer Update

KC Beerfest Successful

The inaugural KC Beerfest was a huge success!

Nearly 2,500 beer connoisseurs, first timers and generous sponsors helped raise over \$50,000. The funds went to help support the Kansas City Free Health Clinic and the AIDS Service Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

It was great to see the large crowd of festival attendees. The sky was blue and the weather couldn't have been more perfect.

Thank you for your support! Check back at www.kcbeerfest.com in the coming months for information about next year's KC Beerfest.



Vendors serve patrons at the 2007 KC Beerfest

New General Medicine Director

Welcome Katy Nguyen, RN, MSN, our new Director of General Medicine.

Flu Shots Available

If you are a volunteer who would like to receive a flu shot, please let Suzanne Lammert know. The clinic will be happy to provide a flu shot for an \$11 donation to cover the cost.

CPR Recertification

Eric is working to get CPR recertification classes in the near future. If you need to get your certification renewed, please tell Suzanne Lammert.

Dental Clinic HIV Testing Program

KC Free is the first clinic in the U.S. to do routine rapid oral HIV testing in the dental setting.

Fox 4 recently covered this story, which highlighted our new service being offered by the dental clinic.

The KC Free Dental Clinic has paved the path for setting a standard for the U.S. by offering rapid HIV screening services.

A quick swab of saliva in the mouth can be checked,

and results are in 20 minutes.

If a rapid test shows a patient has the AIDS virus, an HIV case manager will be paged to come and counsel the patient.

In other dental clinic news, we started having dental services five days a week, as of Nov. 12.

Dr. William Cleveland will continue to provide services on Mondays and Tuesdays, and **Dr. Marilyn McKean** will provide ser-

vices on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Also, beginning Dec. 1, dental patients can call the appointment line starting at 10 a.m. for next day appointments. The appointment line number is 816-753-5144. Previously, patients could only call the dental line on Friday morning.

The new phone hours will help make getting dental appointments much easier.

Service

Anniversaries

Congratulations to these volunteers who have service anniversaries in November. Thank you for your dedicated service.

3 Years: **Lynne Kaiser**, Patient Assistant

7 Years: **Laura Foley**, RN, and member, Board of Directors; **Dr. Vinod Velakaturi**, Physician

Volunteer Highlights

Joe Morado began volunteering at KC Free Health Clinic 8 years ago in Outreach Education, making prevention kits and creating new client charts.

Since then his talents have been shared with other departments. He makes patient charts for the Front Office and collates media kits and stuffs envelopes for Development. Joe also puts together orientation packets for volunteers and creates sterile prevention kits for the NE program.

Around the Clinic, he's the "JOE of all trades" and we look forward to his smiling face every week when he vol-



Volunteer of 8 years, Joe Morado

unteers. Here's a photo of some of the staff celebrating Joe's birthday in October.

When he's not volunteering at the Clinic, Joe enjoys playing basketball, training at the gym, playing video games, supporting Special Olympics, and shopping for his many nieces and nephews. Thank you, Joe, for the years of service you have given to the patients/clients of KC Free Health Clinic!

Clinic Bids Fond Farewell to Lt. Branch

Since November 2005, the Clinic has been fortunate to have an exceptional US Public Health officer placed here --**Lt. Tracy Branch**.

As a Physician Assistant, LT Branch has provided excellent care to our patients, organized support groups and educational sessions, searched and obtained great educational materials, and been a team player and leader. She has always been ready to help

with whatever was needed. Many KC Free Health Clinic volunteers have worked with LT Branch and learned much from her professionalism.

Recently we learned that her tour of duty with the Clinic was coming to an end soon, and now she has received her orders for

her next duty. Her last day with the Clinic will be December 14th.



LT Branch is now being assigned to the Kansas City USPHS office working with *M i n o r i t y* Health in the four state region.

She is perfect for this position and will bring much to

the job. She will be working with Rear Admiral John Bapp and Captain Jose Belardo, both great professionals, and together they will make a strong team to strengthen this region.

When you see LT Branch at the Clinic in the upcoming month, be sure to wish her the best in her new assignment and thank her for everything she has done for Kansas City Free Health Clinic and our patients.

Many Help Wash KC Free Van

She knew the clinic was getting close to having \$5,000 in donations to United Way fund, so when Executive Director **Sheri Wood** decided to wash the KC Free Health Clinic RV on Oct 12, she made a deal with the crowd of spectators.

If they helped her wash the huge van, then Sheri would donate \$200 to United Way to boost KC Free's dona-

tions to over \$5,000.

It was an offer nobody could refuse, so everyone grabbed sponges to pitch in and help.



Hoses were sprayed, suds were made, and the RV was clean by the end of the day. There were so many helpers that at one point they ran out of sponges, so they used a mop to scrub the side of the van.

Sheri's generous offer helps United Way in its efforts to help needy people in our community.

Physicians Visit From Moldova

Dr. Dietz and **Janna Haston, RN** hosted a group of public health and HIV physicians from the nation of Moldova. The Republic of Moldova is located in Eastern Europe, between Romania and Ukraine.

The group was sponsored by the US Department of State Bureau of Educational

and Cultural Affairs, which funds and administers the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP).

They discussed our system of caring for patients with few resources. They learned a lot about Moldova's health care system and had very lively conversations.