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The Kansas City Free Health Clinic

Volunteer Update

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Congrats to Dr. Velakaturi

Congratulations to Dr. & Mrs. Vinod Velakaturi on the birth of their daughter, Pujitha, who arrived on June 10, 17 1/2 inches long & weighing 4lbs 6 oz. Her big sister is so proud of her!

Congrats to Dr. Ishihara

Congratulations also to Dr. & Mrs. Kent Ishihara on the birth of their daughter, MaryJane Ruth, who arrived on May 13th.

August Birthdays

Each month volunteer birthdays are displayed on the bulletin board by the check-in computer. These can usually be listed on one page, but in August, it takes TWO pages. Why do so many volunteers have August birthdays? Check out the list the next time you're checking in. One volunteer claims that Leo's are known for their grandiose generosity!

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MATEC Training Available

The Midwest AIDS & Training Education Center Missouri (MATEC-MO) is a federally-funded center, providing HIV/AIDS clinical training and support to health care professionals. MATEC has built connections with the top HIV clinicians and researchers in the region to offer health care professionals targeted training and direct access to expert information. MATEC is a part of a national network of AIDS Education and Training Centers, serving all states and territories.

As a new program at The Clinic, MATEC-MO can provide assistance in helping volunteers improve their skills. Staff include: Sally Neville, Program Director; Jan Russell & Alicia Downes, Co-Program Managers;

Carolyn Prim, Regional Trainer-Kansas City; and David Stanley, Regional Trainer-St. Louis.

MATEC can help volunteers through educational programs that will give you more knowledge and improve your skills in the service you provide to patients who may or may not be living with HIV/AIDS. All of the trainings are FREE. Group training and individual trainings are provided, including one-on-one trainings to meet your individual schedules. Assistance is given with setting goals and objectives that you have for yourself and find training to reach those goals.

We are excited to offer a series of targeted trainings for health care providers here at the KC Free Health

Clinic. We target Physicians, Physician Assistants, Dentists, Nurses, Advance Practice Nurses & Pharmacists.

Our first training is on Opt-Out Testing-New CDC Recommendations, Thursday, November 13 2008 at 2:30-4:00pm and again at 6:00-7:30pm. You may sign up for either session. Snacks will be provided.

Other upcoming topics & dates include: March 2009 – HIV Life cycle & Medications; July 2009 – Psychosocial and Prevention Issues.

Space is limited so please RSVP to Carolyn Prim 816 777-1596 or carolynp@kcfree.com for the Nov.13 training by Aug. 25, 2008.

A New Documentary About the Opening of the Kansas City Free Health Clinic

will be shown on

KCPT

Thursday, August 21, 8:00 pm.

SCREENtime—A weekly series by, for and about the Heartland

Service Anniversaries

Congrats to volunteers with service anniversaries in August. Thanks for your dedicated service!

5 YEARS: William Brown, DDS, Dental Clinic

Rebecca Ehrich, NP, Gen Med Clinic

Norma Spear, RN, Gen Med Clinic

John Yeast, MD, Gen Med Clinic

4 YEARS: Kathy MacNaughton-Hance, MD, Village Pres Clinic

2 YEARS: Ashley Dunbar, Dietician

Sarah Alhambra, Interpreter & Patient Assistant

Charles Singleton, MD, Gen Med Clinic

Karen Kendall, RN, Gen Med Clinic

Cheryl Baird, PhD, Behavioral Health Clinic

1 YEAR: Jason Arribas, Patient Assistant, Gen Med Clinic

Lin Chiu, Patient Assistant, Gen Med Clinic

Taimur Safder, Patient Assistant, Gen Med Clinic

Sue Stewart, Development

Volunteer Highlight

Margo Smith first volunteered here at KC Free doing counseling services from 1979-1980. Since starting to volunteer as an R.N. in January of 2007 she has served more than 110 hours working with patients. Seeing the patients come from all walks of life, while having nice exchanges with them, is Margo's favorite part of volunteering at The Clinic.



When she isn't volunteering here, she is a part time tutor

at Maple Woods and works part time in a dental office as a jack-of-all-trades. She enjoys swimming, reading, traveling, and visiting her daughter in Flagstaff, AZ.

Margo is a strong advocate for universal healthcare and promotes the political campaigns of candidates who are also advocating universal healthcare. Margo is pleased and proud the clinic has taken off and brags about it all of the time.

FuzzyFotos Winner

Congratulations to Kathleen Kunkler and Harley, winners of the 2008 FuzzyFotos KC contest, fundraiser for the KC Free Health Clinic and No More Homeless Pets KC.



Bridge Program Training

Kansas City Free Health Clinic is partnering with Rose Brooks Center in The Bridge Program, which provides hospital-based domestic violence advocacy and support. The program is located in six Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area hospitals, and five Community Clinics including KC Free Health Clinic.

The program uses a two-pronged approach by providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence as well as domestic violence education training to medical personnel and volunteers working with patients/victims. Bridge Program Advocates work within the hospital/clinic setting and respond to crisis intervention calls within 30 minutes, 24 hours a day / seven days a week.

A Bridge Program advocate meets with the patient pri-

vately while they are in the clinic and will listen and support, provide legal resources, such as Orders of Protection, help victims and children find safe places to stay, provide support groups and other counseling services, and provide ongoing support and connection to other community resources.

The Program is also located in Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics, Research Medical Center, Saint Joseph Health Center, Saint Luke's Hospital, Truman Medical Center Hospital Hill, and The University of Kansas Hospital.

Trainings will be held at KC Free Health Clinic in the near future to educate volunteers on identifying and caring for victims of domestic violence. We hope you will be able to attend these trainings -to learn how to better serve these patients.

KC BeerFest Fundraiser Needs Many Volunteers

The Second Annual KCBeerfest will be held in two sessions this year -- at the new Kansas City Power & Light District on Sat., Sept. 27, and at the Legends at Village West on Sat., Oct. 18.

The KCBeerfest raises crucially needed funds for the

KC Free Health Clinic and the AIDS Service Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

The festival will occur 1-5 pm on both days. Each session will host hundreds of beers from breweries across the nation.

We need many volunteers to

make this event successful.

The Clinic will use volunteers for registration, runners, set up & clean up, and beer pourers (when was the last time you got volunteer credit for pouring beer?!?).

Please contact Suzanne Lammert, suzannel@kcfree.org,

if you are interested in volunteering for KCBeerfest. And bring a friend!

Volunteers may sign up to work an 11 am-3 pm or 2-6 pm shift.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.kcbeerfest.com.