

# Volunteer Update

## KCBEERFEST SUN, BEER AND FUN!

The fourth annual KCBeerFest was another wonderful success! On behalf of Kansas City Free Health Clinic and AIDS Service Foundation, Thank You everyone for volunteering. We sold out our tickets and overflowed the Westport Streets with beer lovers alike, we ran short on beer, but fun was had by many, including the over 200 willing-to-please volunteers who helped make the event a success. There were 200 craft and import beers filling 59 tables and with the sun shining down on us all, it was a feat to keep up filling the water pitchers, cooling the beer with ice that kept melting and pouring those 4 ounces of beer samples. But at the end of the day the pretzel necklaces still hung on the necks of many and who even knows how many bottles we added to the Ripple glass recycle bins!

### Kansas City Free Health Clinic 1971 – 2011

We would like your help in deciding how to recognize the Clinic's 40th anniversary next year. This milestone anniversary can provide us opportunities to

*Make KC Healthier... Promote Health & Wellness ...and Increase Recognition for the Clinic.*

**Suggestion Box by Volunteer Login Computer:** Creativity encouraged but some reality needed. Big impact ideas welcome but \$ are limited. **Legality required.** Please limit 40 ideas per person.

#### Teasers to get you thinking:

40 Events to Make KC Healthier  
 KC Free Cares about KC, a mega 40-Hour free health care clinic  
 A Benefit Concert by XXXXX (contributed services of course)  
 Launch a Friends Group for people who commit to donate \$40 a month for 40 months

Interested in Volunteering?

Contact Suzanne Sutton Lammert at  
[suzannel@kcfree.org](mailto:suzannel@kcfree.org) or  
 (816) 777-2761

Congratulations to Sharon K,  
 volunteer newsletter editor,  
 for being named a Rising Star  
 for Missouri Health  
 Information Management.

## SERVICE

### ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to these volunteers who have service anniversaries in June.

#### 20 Years

**Dr. Bob Claassen, Dentist**

#### 9 Years

**Sue Mahley, Village Pres. RN**

#### 6 Years

**Dr Tim Stepp, Gen Med Physician**

#### 5 Years

**Dr Carol Kirila, JCO Physician**  
**Dr Michelle Haines, Gen Med Physician**  
**Penny Singer, Village Pres Med Tech**

#### 2 Years

**Pat Austin, Gen Med RN**  
**Steve Boman, Special Events**  
**Kelly Hendricks, Dental Assistant**

#### 1 Year

**Eric Buell, Gen Med Patient Asst.**  
**January Tongay, Special Events**  
**Terri Meara, Gen Med Patient Asst.**  
**Audrey Perkins, Dental Asst.**  
**Janelle Stack, Gen Med Patient Asst.**  
**ChiChi Uketui, Development**



## USAID Russian Volunteers Visit KCFHC

Ten non-profit professionals were chosen from Moscow Russia to meet their counterparts in Kansas City and learn about volunteerism in addressing social challenges. Each of the visitors lived with an American family during their 22-day stay in Kansas City so that they had the opportunity to learn about American people and culture firsthand.

After completing a 3-week Community Connections, USAID (United States Agency for International Development) program on “Volunteerism in addressing social challenges: experience in health and social welfare at the community level” the Russians were much more versed in the Kansas City culture.

Just a few of the locations the Russians visited included: American Red Cross, City Market, Powell Gardens, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art , Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, The Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership , United Way, Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities, Harvesters, The Children’s Center for the Visually Impaired, Liberty Memorial, SafeHouse, **Kansas City Free Health Clinic** and many others!!

At the visit to the Clinic, the Russians received a tour and met many of the Wednesday morning volunteers. They were impressed with the wide-range of ages of American volunteers, and especially impressed with the Clinic’s retiree volunteers. The average age of a volunteer in Russia is 20 to 25 years old.

Sally Neville, Director of HIV Primary Care and Oral Health, shared with the group her knowledge of palliative care.

### Summer dress code reminder to everyone:



Our dress code is business casual. You represent the Clinic to our patients, visitors, donors, all who enter the clinic.

Closed-toe shoes must be worn by everyone on the first floor (OSHA regulation).

Jeans are allowed on Fridays as long as professionalism is maintained—no t-shirts, have holes or frayed jeans—collared shirts preferred. “You can’t judge a book by its cover”, BUT, first impressions do mean a lot. Thanks for giving a good first impression!

### Service Group Activities in May!

Cole Overstreet, Facilities Assistant, had the privilege of working with two groups of volunteers this month from the following organizations: Harvesters AmeriCorps and Truman Scholars.

The Harvesters AmeriCorps group assisted with the cleaning and re-organization of our basement area. Cole split the volunteers into separate work groups. One group unpacked and organized some of our General Medicine supplies, such as gloves and literature, then broke down the boxes to be recycled. A second group assisted in the Prevention area by stocking prevention supplies, literature, and moving cabinetry. The third group worked on beautification of the clinic by washing windows and clearing our parking lot of litter. The Harvesters AmeriCorps group did a wonderful job; they were efficient, eager, and hardworking.

The Truman Scholars group took on the monumental task of preparing our archive room to be transferred off-site. This included re-packing items in appropriate boxes, grouping items by year, condensing boxes for more efficient use of space, and labeling the information on boxes properly. The Truman Scholars were very organized and driven. They were interested in many aspects of the clinic and had a short question and answer session after they completed their tasks.