

Volunteer Update



Volunteers Make a Difference

The Corporation for National and Community Service recently announced their annual Volunteering in America report, <http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/index.cfm>.

The current economic landscape hasn't deterred volunteering; in fact, volunteering increased by 1.6 million people from 2008, averaging 63.4 million adults. This increase is the highest amount of volunteer involvement nationally since 2003.

Based on State rankings for volunteer hours per capita, KS ranks 8th and MO ranks 26th within the 50 states and Kansas City, MO ranks 7th based on the 51 largest cities category. (based on an average using 2007-2009 data).

Data illustrates there are around 471,000 volunteers in our region, which is 32% of the population and there is an average of 34.8 hours per person of volunteer hours with **\$1.1 billion** of service contributed.

“These findings tell us that “civic service is not only recession proof - it is a key solution to the recession.”

Kansas City Free Health Clinic had 1080 volunteers who served 38,962 hours last fiscal year, making our average hours per person volunteered 36.08 just above the KC average.

“Service is a key solution to many of the challenges facing this nation – not only the challenges brought on by the recession, but also those challenges the nation faced previously. Now is the time to focus on volunteering, to ask the nation to commit to helping others, to find ways for volunteers to continue volunteering, and to develop opportunities for service” stated Corporation for National and Community Service.

Interested in Volunteering?
Contact Suzanne Sutton Lammert at
suzannel@kcfree.org or

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES
Congratulations to these volunteers who have service anniversaries in July.

19 Years

Dr Jay Peterson, Village Pres MD

7 Years

Dr Bob Ayres, Gen Med MD

Dr Jean Ayres, Gen Med MD

3 Years

Merryl Terry, Patient Assistant

2 Years

Fernando Gutierrez, Gen Med Interpreter

1 Year

Jocelyn Budgetts, Patient Assistant

Michelle Carson, CATS Counselor

Kyle Lehenbauer, Development

Aisha Patel, Patient Assistant

Brad Strecker, Gen Med RN

Kathy Townsend, Patient Assistant

Tricia Townsend, Patient Assistant



Dr. Gloria Fawl Retires

After 10 years and 2250 hours of volunteer service, Dr Gloria Fawl has retired as a volunteer psychologist of Kansas City Free Health Clinic. During her time with the Clinic, Dr Fawl served as a clinical supervisor and mentored many therapist student interns. She still has connections to her former students who are now professionals in North Carolina, Oklahoma, Nevada, Minnesota, New Hampshire, as well as Kansas and Missouri. “These young people have stimulated and enhanced my life,” says Dr Fawl.



“Over the years that I have been at the Clinic, I could not have asked for more in the way of professionalism, dedication of staff, and the support which is shown from everyone there, working together with a common purpose. I shall miss this so much. They maintain the high standards that we hope to receive from a medical

facility in an outstanding manner. The service that they provide to the Metropolitan Area of KC is invaluable.”

Dr Fawl will be greatly missed at the Clinic by staff, volunteers, patients, and interns alike. She has requested no retirement party. Anyone wishing to express their thoughts and appreciation to Dr Fawl may send a note to her in care of Suzanne Lammert, Kansas City Free Health Clinic, 3515 Broadway, KCMO, 64111.

Heard Around the Clinic

- We're sorry to say farewell to **Robert N**, Development volunteer, who completed data entry for the clinic for more than a year. But we're happy that he will be attending medical school—in South Dakota. Come back to Kansas City when you finish, Robert!
- The Village Pres clinic in June had lots of Spanish-speaking patients, so they were especially glad to have the assistance of **Erin O**, volunteer Spanish interpreter. Thanks, Erin!
- Congratulations to **Alex C**, Front Office volunteer, for being accepted into UMKC's Nursing Program. Study hard, Alex; you will be a caring nurse.
- **Brad S**, volunteer RN, starts in August as Director of Accelerated BSN Program at Mid-America Nazarene University. Congratulations, Brad; we know you will train those nurses well!
- Volunteer Urologist, **Dr Eugene Lee**, is moving to Houston; hopefully he will continue his volunteer work in the Lone Star state.