



Volunteer Update

Concerts Benefit Kansas City Free Health Clinic

Late in the day on May 25, Joe Bellinger received a call that there was a gentleman in the Clinic lobby who wanted to make a donation. A man with a warm smile and inquisitive eyes was studying the material on the wall. After a quick handshake and introduction, the man handed Joe a check for \$500.00. He explained that he had attended the concert at Village Presbyterian Church on May 15 that benefitted the Clinic; he was so moved by the story told by Dr. John Hall that he pledged to make a donation. Amazed by the work of the Clinic, he asked many questions, expressed hope for our future, and apologized for the many years he had passed the Clinic and never stopped in to say hi. He now intends to do that more often.

THANK YOU to Dr. Hall and all the members of Village Presbyterian whose support is essential to the Clinic.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps is returning to Kansas City in 2011!

Five agencies in Kansas City are fortunate to receive a young college graduate to serve patients/clients. The five KC agencies are Kansas City Free Health Clinic, Donnelly College, Bishop Ward High, the Migrant Farmworker's Project, and Operation Breakthrough. The national JVC office is thrilled to work with so many great organizations.

The Jesuit Volunteers will be living in a home near the Rockhurst University campus. The young woman who will serve at the Clinic recently graduated from Purdue University. She will volunteer half time as a Patient Assistant in the General Medicine Clinic and half time in Behavioral Health as a Case Management Assistant.

Clouds come floating into my life,
no longer to carry rain or
usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky.
Rabindranath Tagore

Service Anniversaries

June, 2011

Thank you to all of our
volunteers for their years of
service!

10 Years

Sue Mahley, Village Pres RN

7 Years

Dr Tim Stepp, Gen Med Physician

6 Years

**Dr Carol Kirila, JCO Physician
Dr Michelle Haines, Gen Med
Physician**

Penny Singer, Village Pres Med Tech

4 Years

**Dr Bipin Avashia, Gen Med
Physician**

3 Years

Pat Austin, Gen Med RN

2 Years

Terri Williams, Gen Med RN

1 Year

**Alex Garcia, Phlebotomist
Michelle Jordan, Gen Med RN
Rebecca Tryon, CATS Counselor**



Let It BEE

April showers bring May flowers and with flowers come pollination. But when storms rolled in on May 26th, 2011 with severe wall clouds so did the gust that blew a Queen Bee out of her hive at the Clinic. Just like human children; when a mother leaves the house, they follow. And that is just what all of the worker bees did producing a swarm in the back parking lot.

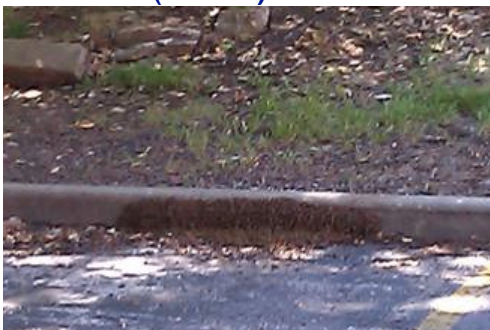
Did you know a well-mated and well-fed queen of quality stock can lay about 2,000 eggs per day during the spring build-up — more than her own bodyweight in eggs every day? Per Wikipedia that is the case and based on the initial pictures, I would agree (see first picture below).

However, thanks for the quick work of local beekeeper, Rick Drake, he was able to coax the Queen Bee into a bee hive he brought, which the worker bees followed. Rick was gracious enough to provide all services for free and was able to remove the bee hive box at the end of the same day.

While bees are mother nature’s way of pollination and production of honey; many humans are allergic to bee stings. Thank you again to Rick for his quick services and all of those at the Clinic for responding and taking pictures so we could share with everyone.

For Local, Raw, and Natural Honey Call Rick Drake (816) 718-7275

(Before)



(After)



Last month, **295** volunteers at Kansas City Free Health Clinic gave **1149** hours of service. Wow!

(And this does not include the 23 Truman Scholars who volunteered for 2 hours on May 18 and archived expired medical records.) - Thank you all for your dedication!

From a Volunteer Leaving for the Air Force:

I just would like to tell you thanks for everything that you have done for me. Working at the clinic has been one of my most memorable and fun experiences I've had while in Kansas City. I hopefully will be able to stop by before I leave in June but if I don't I wish you all the best and cannot thank you enough. I have learned more working with the men and women there than anywhere else. I appreciate the time and energy you put into making me feel welcome and will always keep you in my heart. -

Gretta

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Suzanne Sutton Lammert at suzannel@kcfree.org or 816-777-2761