



SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



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Executive Director's Message

"I didn't think anyone cared", a powerful statement coming from an individual with stage IV cancer. This elderly man with a troubled past is spending his last days in a sheltered living environment basically alone and distanced from family. Knowing this man was not eating, Michael Bryant, volunteer, asked if he could take him a box of our donated protein drinks. This small gesture spoke volumes of love and caring to the gentleman. He cried!

Each of our volunteers may be donating their time and talents but their love and compassion is the spirit of JFMC. This past month another young patient with extreme hypertension (221/147) was admitted to the hospital five times. The patient was frustrated and depressed, feeling no one cared. Doctor Opila intervened and connected the patient to Conemaugh's Internal Medicine Clinic. Dr. Aldergash and Dr. Trostle listened, treated and helped our patient. People do care and I am proud to be part of the Johnstown Free Medical Clinic.

Special Thanks to United Way & Easter Seals

Last June we added several new medical services including free hearing screenings. The screenings started slow, but appointments have steadily increased. Appointments are scheduled one day a month here at the clinic. All screenings are conducted by a certified audiologist from the Easter Seals through the generous support of the United Way of Laurel Highlands. In just three months the Easter Seals has conducted free screenings on 15 of our patients finding six who required follow up which they are receiving.

Save The Dates!

The Annual Clinic Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 11 at the Garden Court, Conemaugh Health Center Lee Campus. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Rock, Rhythm and Blues – annual fundraising event—is scheduled for Wednesday, November 26 at Ace's Lounge. Event details and ticket information will be included in a special RR & B mailer arriving in a few weeks.

Coming soon – Watch your mailbox/inbox for the exciting new JFMC newsletter. Because of volunteers like you we continue to expand our services and activities making it difficult to adequately cover all the "news" in a one page newsletter. We're in the process of expanding the length of the newsletter and changing the layout to

create a design as visually pleasing as it is informative. The October edition will premier the new format.

Points of Interest for Medical Volunteers

Narcan has been added to the emergency box located in the nurses' station. In accordance with clinic policy a standing order protocol for administration of the drug has been prepared.

The next Nurses Meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 16 at the clinic.

This week we successfully provided our first patient with medication through the Direct Replenish Program. JFMC is the first clinic in Pennsylvania to implement this new program. Next month's newsletter will feature a full article on the program.

Welcome New Volunteers

Chad Bellock	Felipe Lucio
Michael Byrant	Sara Middler
Ashley Fritz, PA	Aileen Oandasas, MD
Joyce Jackson	Cristine Thompson, RN
Anita Hutchinson	Jonathan Wiggins

"Each of us contributes and does what he can do best."
-- Jonas Salk

Next Board Meeting – September 11 at 4:30

AUGUST 2014 STATISTICS

Patient Visits – 261	
Unduplicated Patient Visits – 212	
Patients Recertified – 0	Patients Enrolled – 56
Rx Filled – 914	Rx Value – \$166,181
Hearing Screenings – 5	Media – 5
Lobby Donation Box -- \$14	Clinic Shifts – 19
Total Volunteer Hours – 607	
Value of Volunteer Services Provided -- \$16,497	

Breakdown (hours): Clerical – 233; LPN/RN –181; Physician – 100; Pharmaceutical – 81; and Patient Education & Community Outreach – 12