



January 2010

To: CHFC Volunteers
From: Darlene
and Linda Kaas

As we begin a new year, it is a perfect time to once again thank all of our wonderful volunteers for all that you do and to share clinic updates. With now over 29,000 patient records, we continue to enhance and streamline many processes, have new community partners to tell you about and have scheduled some exciting upcoming events for you to watch for. **It's going to be a great year – so come on along.**

Saturday and Sunday Clinic Additions

3rd Saturday of the Month: With Dr. Maria Doce leading us as our provider, her husband Jim in the pharmacy, as well as bilingual nurses and clerical, we began a Spanish speaking clinic in November. We saw 13 patients and are thrilled to offer the Spanish community medical care. This clinic has been funded from a grant from *The Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation* for two years. As this clinic grows, we will eagerly look to add Spanish speaking doctors and nurses so please pass the word.

1st Sunday of the Month: TrueNorth, an entrepreneurial insurance and financial strategies firm with 160+ employees has announced CHFC is the recipient of their 2009 Impact Charity Award and will donate \$10,000 towards making the clinic more accessible to those seeking our services. This donation will be given in memory of Scotty McIntyre Jr. former Chairman of United Fire and Casualty Company. This donation will allow us to open on one Sunday afternoon each month beginning February 2010. TrueNorth will also provide the volunteer staff for the clerical side on these Sundays. We are pleased to name this clinic in their honor and are proud of another community partnership at its best!

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2010 - CLINIC HOURS REVISED

- Attached please see revised clinic hours to included new Saturday and Sunday clinics. Please note we will now open each day at 8AM and now close at 5:30 PM on Mondays and the first three Tuesdays. Wednesday clinics will close at 12:00. Thursday and Friday clinic hours will remain the same. We will continue to hold specialty clinics on Wednesday afternoon.

Please note – We are aware it will take months to educate our patients to these new hours and during this interim time we will do our best to accommodate all!

Volunteer Schedules:

- As most of you are aware, we are no longer mailing out the volunteer schedule. This has been a good “going green”, cost reduction and time saver. Copies of the schedule will always be in Linda’s office. The revised clinic hours noted above have started to be enacted already with many of the first shift coming at 8:00AM. Over time, our 3rd shift Monday and Tuesday volunteers will be able to leave earlier.
- Snowbirds/extended leave alert: We are so fortunate to continually have people contact us to volunteer. In order to grow these new volunteers, yet try to accommodate vacationers, we would ask those volunteers that are gone more than three months to contact Linda at 363-0416 Ext # 6 to reconfigure your scheduling. Rather than hold permanent schedules we will reconfirm times or jobs to accommodate us both.

SAVE THE DATES!!!!

- ▶ February 28, 2010 The Linn County Blues Society and The Isle of Iowa Parrothead Club will sponsor their tenth annual “Chili Challenge”, held at the CR Marriott from 2-5pm. CHFC has been named as one of the proceeds recipients for this fund raiser. It’s a fun afternoon, great music and tasty chili.
- ▶ April 29, 2010 Volunteer Banquet, **sponsored by Carl Esker, President / Coldwell Banker Hedges Realty** will be held at St. Pius X Church – Pius Hall. Back by popular demand will be dynamic speaker Steve Siemens. Invitation to follow.
- ▶ May 1, 2010 Purse Party – Guaranty Bank will sponsor this clinic fund raiser at their downtown facilities collecting “gently used” purses prior to the event and then having a fun purse re-sale. This is a perfect “May Day” morning outing.
- ▶ May 19, 2010 6th Annual Pills and Drilles Charity Golf Event at Hunter’s Ridge. Proceeds will go to both local free medical clinics. Welcome all golfers.

CLINIC Happenings

- The *Prescription Assistance Program*, Janet Maloney, staff and volunteers continue to set all records with providing much needed medications to our growing number of patients as well as Linn Community Care patients. They amazingly are now providing \$500,000/month in free medicine. With this increase they need to add more volunteers to assist. Responsibility would include: answering phones, passing out medications to patients, filling out applications for patients, filing, etc. If any current volunteers at the 947 14th Ave. location would like to add some extra hours and see what this program is all about please talk with Linda.
- *H1N1 Pandemic* - CHFC has twice partnered with the Linn County Public Health Department in providing our building and 50+ of our volunteers needed to provide H1N1 vaccine to the public.
- The *electronic sign in system* has now been fully enacted at both clinic facilities providing us a much more accurate record of volunteer’s hours. This was a request from our last audit. While all volunteers are doing a great job of signing in, remembering to sign out is new concept for us and a challenge that all will get the hang of soon.
- The *Galbraith Schmidt Society* will soon be recognizing its charter members for their generous support to CHFC through either a legacy gift of \$5000 or more or gifts of \$5000 or more designated to the CHFC endowment fund given during one’s life time. The unveiling of our Galbraith Schmidt Society Recognition Board will be in the spring. It is a great time to consider making a lasting difference with a planned gift because of the tax advantage you can receive through the “Endow Iowa” program. This allows donors to make a gift through the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation to benefit CHFC and receive a 25% Iowa tax credit. For more information contact Lissa Novitch at 319-221-1585.

We are excited and look forward to beginning a new year and know we couldn’t begin to realize all of the accomplishments made without each and everyone of you.

We wish all a most healthy and prosperous 2010.

In friendship,