

NEWS & NOTES

"Open the Open" Party at Pinewild

The "Open the Open" party at Pinewild is ready to swing into action on Sunday, June 12 at Pinewild Country Club of Pinehurst from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The evening of fun and festivity will feature "Divot the Clown," a golf trick-shot artist, music by The Vision Band, dinner, golf games, a silent auction and more!

The invitation-only event is expected to attract 1,000 guests and proceeds of the party will benefit the clinic. Thanks to the great work of the "Open the Open" committee at Pinewild Country Club and their sponsors for making this an evening to remember.

The event is presented by Clark Chevrolet Cadillac and co-sponsored by Speight Construction Co., Breeden Construction, J. Brent Smith Construction, Johnsonville Sausage (watch for the Bratmobile!).

Other event support as of press time was funded by Pinehurst Homes, Inc., Terry Riney Insurance, Carolina Carriage, Jim Leach State Farm Insurance, Kitchen Essence, Progress Energy, and the Conley Williams and Sandy Storms families at Pinewild.

This party is limited to Pinewild residents and their guests. Please contact the Membership Office at Pinewild Country Club, 910-295-8904, or by email, chrisl@pinewildcc.com. Tickets to the event are \$15.

Stop by the 18th Tee

The clinic is staffing a concession booth at the 18th tee of the 2005 U.S. Open, June 15-19 and still needs volunteers. Call Joann Hanley at 910-692-0780 if you'd like to volunteer.

Proceeds from the concession will benefit the clinic. Please show your support for the clinic's work and stop by for refreshments!

Dining in the Pines

Plans for the Dining in the Pines fundraiser are progressing on schedule. At least 30 hosts have registered to serve

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Clinic's First Annual Fund a Success

Thanks to the response from a very generous community, the first annual fund campaign, which began November 2004 and ended April 6, 2005, raised a total of \$199,676 for the Moore Free Care Clinic, according to James A. Tart, M.D., chairman of development for the clinic. The clinic's 2004-2005 campaign goal was \$200,000.

Support came from many varied sources including personal contributions from 219 Moore County households and 76 medical families. Ten church groups, 10 businesses and several service and professional organizations also provided generous donations.

Major grants were received from FirstHealth of the Carolinas, the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and the BlueCross & BlueShield of North Carolina Foundation. Specific data may be viewed inside this newsletter.

"As a result of this successful cam-

paign the Moore Free Care Clinic will be able to continue to offer services for the next year to those in our community who do not otherwise have access to the excellent healthcare system that exists in Moore County," says Tart.

"But we can't be satisfied. The needs are great. There are many others who still need the services of the clinic. If we expand our hours of operation, we will require more volunteer and financial support as well as an expansion of our staff and record-keeping facilities," he says.

"Thanks once more to this generous community for standing with us. We invite each of you to visit the clinic and remember that this effort can not be sustained without your continued support," he concludes.

Free medical care is only free to those who receive it.

Clinic Establishes Endowment

The Moore Free Care Clinic has established an endowment fund, according to Joe Harrington, member of the board of directors and chair of the board's investment committee.

Contributions made to the endowment fund are invested to provide an income for perpetual operation. Donations can be made in several ways that offer tax advantages to the donor as well as benefiting the clinic.

"By establishing this fund the board has taken another great step in guaranteeing that future support for this clinic

will be available to the growing number of needy in our community," says H. David Bruton, M.D., chairman of the clinic's board of directors.

"We now have a vehicle which allows us to invest the funds once we are fortunate enough to have received funds beyond what is required for daily operations," he says.

For more information about the endowment fund, please contact the clinic office at 910-947-6550, or contact a member of the board.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

A Patient Turned Volunteer

Pat Pugh

Pat Pugh, a clinic volunteer since January 2005, first learned about the clinic from the patient's perspective. A student at Sandhills Community College, Pat had a health problem and received services from the clinic. She is in the Human Services program at Sandhills and thought that volunteering at the clinic presented a great learning opportunity.

Pat's main volunteer duty is to help prospective patients confirm their eligibility for services, such as being Moore County resident and meeting income guidelines. As someone who recently gave up smoking after 40 years, she also has begun to share her experiences with patients who are trying to quit.

"I don't lecture them, but I tell them how much better I feel since I quit. That seems to give them the encouragement they need to try it themselves," she says.

When asked what motivates her to volunteer at the clinic, Pat says, "I knew that in my second career I wanted to help people and that's why volunteering at the free clinic is so rewarding. I also enjoy being around the health care professionals and feeling that I am part of the team."

Moore Free Care Clinic is glad Pat is part of the team, too.



Pat Pugh

residency at a hospital that provided the full spectrum of community health services, especially for low-income and uninsured individuals. Additionally, in the emergency room, he often treats patients who seek primary care in that setting because they are uninsured.

"I've treated ER patients for high blood pressure and diabetes who I've referred to Moore Free Care Clinic for follow up care. This community is fortunate to have the clinic as a health care resource," he adds.

He encourages other physicians to volunteer at Moore Free Care Clinic. "It is a great feeling to know that for a commitment of three hours a month you are making such a positive difference in so many people's lives," he concludes.

A Family Affair

Amy Millard, R.N.

Amy Millard, R.N., has been a nurse at Moore Regional Hospital for the past 13 years. She's currently an operating room nurse and has volunteered at the Moore Free Care Clinic since last September. She was called to fill in for an absent nurse, and has been a regular volunteer ever since.

Amy enjoys working at the clinic because she gets to use different nursing skills than she uses as an operating room nurse.

"I don't get much patient interaction in the OR, obviously, so working with the clinic's patients lets me use my patient communication and assessment skills again," she says.

Amy sees many Moore Free Care Clinic patients with chronic diseases like diabetes and high blood pressure.

"What's great about the clinic is seeing these patients when they return for follow-up care and most of them have much improved health status after treatment. That is so rewarding! It is wonderful that these folks have a place to get these services," she adds.

Amy says that she is continually humbled and amazed at how grateful the clinic's patients are for the health care they are receiving.

For Amy, helping others is a family affair—her teenage daughter now goes with her and helps with office work and other chores at Moore Free Care Clinic. She's learning that just because a person cannot afford health care, he or she is no less deserving of respect and dignity.



Amy Millard, R.N.

Hooked On a Feeling

Jonathan Brower, M.D.

Dr. Jonathan Brower is a recent transplant to Moore County from California. An emergency room physician at Moore Regional Hospital, he was heavily recruited to volunteer at Moore Free Care Clinic by a physician colleague.

"I gave in last November, thinking that three hours a month couldn't be that bad. After my first clinic night, I was hooked. I had such a great time that I'll be a regular volunteer for the long haul," he says.

Jonathan is ideally-suited by his training to see patients at the free clinic. He recently completed his



Jonathan Brower, M.D.

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Our Mission

In the spirit of compassion and concern, the Moore Free Care Clinic provides high-quality primary, preventive and specialty health care to limited-income people living in Moore County who are uninsured and can't afford access to health care.

Our Core Values

The Moore Free Care Clinic is committed to the belief that health care is a basic human right. Every individual must have access to basic health care if a community is to be truly healthy.



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dinner in their homes around Moore County the night of October 27, 2005. After dinner the hosts and their guests will gather at the Country Club of North Carolina for dessert, refreshments, dancing, a raffle and entertainment.

The Dining in the Pines committee is in the process of creating invitations and obtaining sponsors and raffle items for

the theme baskets that will be raffled that evening.

Guests may purchase tickets for \$35, \$50 or \$75 each. The entire ticket price is a donation to the Moore Free Care Clinic. If you'd like to host a dinner, attend as a guest, or be an event sponsor, please contact Bobbi Erdman, 910-235-4550 or via email, bwe23@earthlink.net.

New Clinic Board Members

New 2005-2006 Moore Free Care Clinic board members include (from left to right): Stuart Tuffnell, Joe Harrington, Richard Kruse, M.D., Kirby Kilpatrick, M.D., Pam Garty R.N. and Joe Vaughan. Not pictured: Shelby McDermott, C.P.A. and George Bussey, M.D.



Clinic's Value to the County

Moore Free Care Clinic	May 1, 2004-April 30, 2005	
		Value
Number of Patients Registered ⁽¹⁾	544	
Number of Registered Patients Treated ⁽²⁾	507	
Number of Patient Visits	1,147	
Estimated Worth of Visits & Specialty Referrals		> \$ 153,626
Estimated Value of Medication Samples ⁽³⁾		\$ 43,164
Estimated Value of PAP ⁽⁴⁾		\$ 20,292
Purchased Medications		\$ 10,912
Physician Volunteer Hours	345 hours	\$ 43,125
Nursing Volunteer Hours	539 hours	\$ 13,216
Number of Dental Patients	49	
Dental Volunteer Hours	86 hours	\$ 1,509
Dentist Volunteer Hours	54 hours	\$ 6,750
Estimated Value of Dental Care	Sept. 2004 - Jan. 2005	\$ 8,658
Clerical Volunteer Hours	1,066 hours	\$ 18,708
Board of Directors Volunteer Hours	4,050 hours	\$ 71,077
Staff		\$ 95,000
Lab Tests & Imaging Services		\$ 167,911
Total Value		\$ 653,948

(1) Patients are registered for eligibility determination before they are treated.

(2) Patients that are eligible for treatment and have received care.

(3) Medication samples are provided to patients at the time of their treatment. These samples are donated to the clinic by physician's offices and pharmaceutical companies. The samples are provided as a "stop-gap" until the patient's Patient Assistance Program (PAP) is validated.

(4) Many pharmaceutical manufacturers have programs to help those in need obtain their medications at no or very low cost. These programs, Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs), are run by the manufacturers. Each program has its own rules, qualifications and medication disbursement method.

