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The Community of Hope Health Clinic Fundraiser!

The Community of Hope Health Clinic will have its 3rd Annual Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Pelham Civic Center.

As in the past, the fundraiser is a free event, but RSVPs are required in order to make sure enough food is provided for those in attendance.

Executive Director of CHHC, Justin R. Johnston said that the event is held like this for a few reasons.

“As I’ve said in the past, we want people to come out and learn as much as possible about the Community of Hope,” Johnston said. “Sometimes when you charge for an event like this, let’s say \$125 per plate and an individual comes in and pays \$125 for the plate but could give \$1000 toward your charity, you are probably going to lose nearly \$900 from that person. We want people to come in and hear what CHHC offers the community and give by what they hear and what they can give.”

Johnston went on to talk about those who could not give as much as others.

“Sometimes people can only give \$10-\$25-\$50 and that’s okay,” he said. “Even if they give no money, they’ve learned a little more about the Community of Hope Health Clinic and what we do and that matters a lot.”

The event has yet to have a title sponsor, but Johnston believes it will be sponsored in the next week or so.



Shelby County and the city of Pelham lost a great business leader recently. If you’ve ever been to Nino’s Italian on Hwy 31, there’s a good chance that you had the pleasure of interacting with one of the co-owners, Walter Caron.

Tragically, Walter passed away on February 9, 2019 and left a void in so many hearts of the community and in the hearts of the staff at the Community of Hope Health Clinic.

Both the 2017 and 2018 CHHC fundraising dinners were catered by Walter and Nino’s and just days before his untimely passing, Executive Director Justin Johnston was speaking with Walter about catering in 2019 again.

With heavy hearts, we would like to lift up prayers to Chris Caron and the rest of the Caron family, Mr. Eli Gold and the Nino’s Italian staff, and more importantly the patrons and customers of his restaurant who will have a void in their hearts because Walter left this world way too soon.

God Bless you Walter! We will miss you!

-CHHC Staff

CHHC FUNDRAISING DINNER-MAY 14, 2019

6-8 P.M. PELHAM CIVIC CENTER



2019 Thursday Evening Meal Schedule

As we continue into 2019, the Community of Hope Health Clinic is looking for different groups to donate food or money to buy food for the Thursday evening clinic.

The Clinic has a sign up on www.takethemameal.com so that multiple groups will not overlap and it keeps a good schedule of who is bringing what.

Many Sunday school classes, civic groups, businesses, etc. take 1-2 weeks per year to bring enough food to feed

approximately 12-15 volunteers and staff.

Examples in the past have been home-cooked chicken casseroles and vegetables, McAlister's Deli, Home Plate Catering, Sam's Club Rotisserie Chicken, or money to help buy these items.

As of right now, the following dates have yet to be claimed in 2019:

March: 28
 April: 18
 May: 16, 23, 30
 June: 13, 20, 27

July: 18, 25
 Aug.: 15, 22, 29
 Sept.: 12, 19, 26
 Oct.: 10, 17, 24, 31
 Nov.: 21
 Dec.: 19

To sign up, please go to www.takethemameal.com and enter "chhc" as the last name and "hope" as the password.

If you prefer to donate for a meal, please send to: CHHC P.O. Box 177 Pelham, AL 35124

Each Year, the Community of Hope spends thousands of dollars on office and medical supplies. If your company would like to donate one of these items, please let CHHC know.

CHHC WISHLIST

Office products including: **Copy paper, Manila folders, Notepads (all sizes), Pens, binders**

Durable Medical Equipment: **Diabetic testing supplies,**

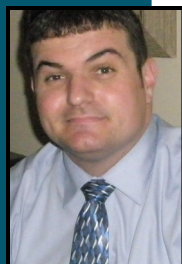
Diabetic shoes/ socks/hose, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, braces

Other Medical Equipment: **Specimen cups, Patient Drapes,**

disposable otoscope covers, tongue suppressors, gauze, bandages, medical tape, alcohol swabs, baby wipes, hand sanitizer.

From the Executive Director

Justin R. Johnston,
 Executive
 Director



The Community of Hope is looking forward to expanding in 2019. As we move further along, please check in with us as we add new providers and new ways to treat patients.

Currently, we are winding down our health education class with our Schweitzer Fellows and will begin a new one with Jefferson State Community College.

We are in the process of opening up a GYN clinic to benefit the underserved before issues may arrive during that pregnancy.

We have new providers in people like Dr. Traylor but are also welcoming back providers like Dr. Alexander.

All in all, CHHC is on the upswing and we'd love to tell you more about us! I will be making rounds at the community fairs coming up and our fundraiser is set for May 14! Come ask me about us!

Justin

Volunteer Spotlight-J. Rick Kilgore



He's been coming to the clinic for a few months now and in just a short amount of time, he's made a big impact on CHHC.

(homeless shelter for men), Habitat for Humanity and also as President of the Physician Assistant Program.

After retiring this past fall at UAB, Rick Kilgore began seeing patients as a Physician Assistant at CHHC. He works almost every Monday and can see upwards of 7-8 patients on a given day. It really just depends on the how many patients are ready to be seen.

Currently Rick is working on the Advisory committee for Project Access Birmingham, (with CHHC Director Justin Johnston) and is preparing to teach as an adjunct in the coming months at UAB.

Rick is always saying that he's busier than ever since retiring and his CV confirms that he has many "coals in the fire."

With so many directions Rick is going, the Community of Hope Health Clinic is happy to have him as a volunteer.

WELCOME RICK!

Rick has been instrumental in seeing patients at the Firehouse Shelter

CHHC Calendar

Clinic Holidays (Closed)

February 18-President's Day

Upcoming Events

February 15-Executive Committee Meeting

February 20-Alabama Assn of Free and Charitable Clinics Meeting (Anniston)

March 15-Full Board Meeting

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Clinic Coordinator

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Office Manager

Dr. John P. McGuinness, MD
Staff Physician

Amy Hudson and Nicole Lassiter
Schweitzer Fellows

CHHC Welcomes a New Clinic Coordinator

In January, Maria Fernanda Vidal began working as the Evening Clinic Coordinator at the Community of Hope Health Clinic.

Maria, a long-time volunteer at CHHC, was the obvious choice to replace Mandy Maldonado as she filled in for Mandy during her last maternity leave, so she has a lot of experience working during the Thursday evening clinic at CHHC.

"There was one obvious choice to replace Mandy and it was with Maria," Executive

Director Justin R. Johnston said. "Maria brings lots of experience with in healthcare with all she has done at UAB and other former places of employment."

Maria's first day was in January and she is currently managing a staff of about 10 providers and includes many other volunteer nurses, interpreters and other general volunteers.

Maria can be reached at maria@communityofhopeclinic.com.



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health clinic for uninsured residents
of Shelby County, Alabama.
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that provides non-emergent medical
care to Shelby County adults ages
19 – 64 and have no health
insurance and whose household
income is at or below 200% of the
poverty level.**



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(\$1000+)**

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