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Recognition

Dr. John P. McGuinness, MD Hired as Staff Physician

At the March Meeting of the Finance Committee for the Community of Hope Health Clinic, a proposition was introduced that dealt with the hiring of a new staff member. Due to the backlog in new patients, the committee sought a way to use some extra money to make the backlog dwindle.

“Right now, the backlog for a new patient is 10 weeks,” Executive Director Justin Johnston said. “Through provider attrition and other circumstances, we have not been able to keep up with the growing demand for our services. People just don’t volunteer like they once did.”

A volunteer for more than a



Dr. John P. McGuinness, MD
 beginning May 1 at CHHC

year now, Dr. John P. McGuinness, MD was the first choice of the Board and staff. Dr. McGuinness brings more than 40 years of experience as an MD with the U.S. Army.

Previously, he worked on applying to get FQHC status to the Baldwin County Community.

“He has done so much for the clinic already through his

volunteering,” Johnston continued. “So much that he was the easy choice to bring on the staff with the clinic.”

Dr. McGuinness begins his new job on May 1. He will be seeing patients during the day time with hopes that he can bring on more providers and funding.

“He has so many ideas and I cannot wait to start working with him. He will be such a great addition to our staff,” Johnston said. “But we still need volunteers.”

If you know of someone who would like to volunteer at least once per month, please have them contact Justin at 205-685-4149.

CHHC Partners with Shelby Co on CERVIS Project

The Community of Hope Health Clinic in conjunction with Shelby County has entered into an agreement to use the CERVIS platform aimed at recruiting volunteers.

The project, which came out of a group project for the 2017 Leadership Shelby Class is a way for different nonprofits to

advertise spots that are open to be filled at different events.

“Once we get some momentum with this project, I believe it will help us out tremendously,” Executive Director Justin Johnston said.

Mandy Maldonado, the Evening Clinic Coordinator echoed the

sentiment because she knows that recruitment of volunteers has been difficult but it is still vital to the operations of the clinic.

For those interested in checking it out or signing up, please go to <http://service.shelbyal.com>.



CHHC Fundraising News

Annual Fundraiser

America's First Presents the 2nd Annual Community of Hope Health Clinic's Fundraising Dinner has been set for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Center.

As of April 20, more than 100 people are scheduled to attend. Because of prior commitments to the Pelham Civic Center, the event had to be moved up a week from last year, but is still within that window of the Birdies for

Charity event. As soon as this event is complete, Justin will start turning his attention to other ways to raise money including next year's fundraiser.

Birdies for Charity 2018

The Community of Hope Health Clinic will be participating with the Regions Tradition Birdies for Charity Program once again in 2018.

If you are interested in donating via debit or credit card, there is no better way

than to do it through this event. The page is www.regionstradition.com/birdies-for-charity and Regions will make sure that 100% of funds donated via this site will go to the charity of choice. What this means is, Regions does not charge the usual 2-3% fee associated with using a Visa or MasterCard.

The more funds we gather through this, the more potential for matching funds.

Help us out!

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



As we enter the Summer months, the Community of Hope Clinic tends to have more participation from its volunteers. With that said, the number of volunteers recently has seemed to be a "feast" or "famine."

We want the patients of the Community of Hope Health Clinic to get as a good of an experience as you or I do.

If you know of someone who might, out of the kindness of their heart, be willing to give 3-4 hours per month or more to those less

fortunate, please send them my way. And tell them that they will get nothing but satisfaction from their selfless deeds.

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Volunteer Spotlight



Lynkeesha Gilmore volunteers as a receptionist on Thursday nights for CHHC

Lynkeesha Gilmore has been a steady influence on the staff at the Community of Hope Health Clinic for years now.

Serving as a volunteer

receptionist, Mrs. Gilmore brings a smile to each clinic she volunteers at.

After a short hiatus, she returned the Clinic as a monthly volunteer in 2016 and can usually be found manning the front desk once a month.

Thanks for all that you do Lynkeesha!



Liz Cochran has triaged patients and worked as a scribe for CHHC

Liz Cochran has been volunteering at CHHC for a year and a half and has been doing so in two different capacities.

She's filled in at triage during the Day Clinic when needed and just recently helped

CHHC go in a new direction by serving as and recruiting other scribes to help out with the patient load for Staff Physician, Dr. John P. McGuinness, MD.

Thank you so much, Liz and we look forward to seeing what great things bring for your future!

CHHC Calendar

Clinic Holidays (Closed)

- May 28-Memorial Day
- June 4-State Holiday

Upcoming Events

- May 1-Annual Fundraiser
- Executive Committee Meeting-TBD
- Finance Committee-TBD

Thursday Meals Open

- May-24, 21
- June-21, 28

Community Events

Calendar

- May 8-Shelby Co. Roundtable

CHHC Staff

Justin R. Johnston Executive Director

Mandy Maldonado Clinic Coordinator

Jocelyn Walker Clinic Coordinator

Karen Stough Office Manager

Dr. John P. McGuinness, MD Staff Physician

From Shelby County

With elections coming up, the office for Shelby County has some news regarding polling places effective immediately.

Registered voters in Shelby County whose Precincts and Voting Centers have changed

since the last election were notified recently. Postcards were mailed by the Board of Registrars in March/April to voters affected. The changes, approved by the County Commission in February 2018, were due to overcrowding, inadequate

parking/access, and decrease in poll workers.

For a complete list of the changes, voters can check their Voter Registration Card, visit alabamavotes.gov or call the Board of Registrars at 205-669-3913 to confirm voting locations.

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Clinic is a Volunteers in Medicine
health clinic for uninsured residents
of Shelby County, Alabama.**

**The Community of Hope Health
Clinic (CHHC) is a medical mission
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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