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Inaugural Fundraiser Raises More than \$18,000 for

The Community of Hope Health Clinic

The Community of Hope Health Clinic held its inaugural fundraising dinner on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Held at the Pelham Civic Center, the event was sponsored by America's First Federal Credit Union and the guest speaker was former Alabama, NFL, and CFL football player, Thomas Rayam.



Thomas Rayam addresses the crowd at the CHHC Fundraiser at the Pelham Civic Center

To date the event has raised more than \$18,000 surpassing past fundraising events by the clinic with similar formats. Executive Director Justin Johnston was thrilled to have such great support from business leaders and individuals from the community.

"We had more than 115 guests at the event," Johnston said. "I'd hoped to have around 75-90 people and I was blown away not only by the turnout, but by the generous support given to us."

Johnston said the key to the event was having a sponsor to pay for the meal as well as have a venue.

"Once we had the ability to

offer a free meal to the guests and provide a great place to have the event, the rest fell into place," Johnston said. "I believe that the relationship we started with America's First and the City of Pelham will be one that will last a long time, even after my tenure at CHHC has ended. I couldn't have asked for a better event and Thomas Rayam knocked it out of the park with his speech about giving back to the community."

If you know of anyone who would still like to give to CHHC, please contact Justin at chhc.executivedirector@gmail.com or 205-685-4154.

CHHC Loses One, Regains Another

It is with great regret that the Community of Hope Health Clinic's Day Clinic Coordinator, Maria Alejandra Duran's last day was June 30, 2017.

After spending more than a year and a half at CHHC, Mrs. Duran and her family have permanently moved to Northern Virginia for other opportunities.

"Maria Alejandra will be missed," Executive Director Justin Johnston said. "When she came to work for the clinic, she had a lot of new ideas that we had not even thought of doing. Now, we've implemented them."

The transition to a new Clinic Coordinator should be an easy one though. Beginning on July 17, 2017, the Community of Hope

Health Clinic will welcome back former Clinic Coordinator, Carmen Woodman!

"Carmen heard about the position opening and decided that her calling was to give back to the indigent of Shelby County," Johnston said. "We're hoping that it is a seamless transition for everyone from our volunteers to staff to patients."



CHHC Awaiting Birdies for Charity Placement

According to the staff from the Bruno Event Team, the Community of Hope Health Clinic has a great chance at receiving a matching bonus from the Regions Tradition Birdies for Charity Program.

“Once our total of fundraising hit \$1,000, we were guaranteed at least 5% matching funds from SouthWest Water Company,” Executive Director Justin Johnston said. “in early June, I was informed that if we finished in the top 5

of charities fundraising, we would be given a higher percentage.”

Per the last update provided by Allie Dunlap of the Bruno Event team, the Community of Hope Health Clinic was in 5th place.



“For those who finish in 5th Place receive 7% in guaranteed matching funds, which would be great,” Johnston said. “It’s like getting free money for depositing what is fundraised into an account.”

Regardless of where CHHC places, there will be almost \$1,000 of guaranteed matching funds given to the Clinic. The final totals will be announced by the PGA and Bruno Event team in August.

*Volunteer Nurse,
Janis Spencer and
Executive Director
Justin Johnston
work a table at the
Regions Tradition
ProAm on
Wednesday,
May 17, 2017*

CHHC in the Community



From the Office Manager

Volunteering and now working at Community of Hope has given me the opportunity to use my experience working as a lab tech in hospitals and clinics and also to learn some new skills. One of the things I really enjoy is working with all the volunteers who take

time out of their busy lives to come here. Each and everyone from the physicians to the chart filers is essential to the mission of this clinic. CHHC makes a tremendous difference in this community and by

volunteering here you make a very positive difference in the lives of our patients.



**Karen Stough,
Office Manager**

What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

-Jane Goodall

Volunteer Spotlight



Saharie Rivera Bowman has been volunteering at CHHC for nearly two years now

Saharie Rivera Bowman began volunteering at the Community of Hope Health Clinic in 2015 with her then boyfriend and 2016 Howard Mullis Non Medical Volunteer of the Year Award, Sean Bowman.

“Saharie is one of those volunteers you can count on,” Executive Director Justin R. Johnston said.

In addition to speaking Spanish, Saharie has worked in the clinic’s space during the Thursday evening clinics as well. She’s helped with filing, faxing, and returning messages primarily to our Hispanic patients.



Will Fagan works in the ER at UAB and has been volunteering for CHHC since 2016

In 2016, the day clinic got a little brighter when Will Fagan began volunteering doing triage at the Community of Hope Health Clinic.

Never one to shy away

from a little hard work, Fagan has been a staple at the clinic on BOTH Mondays and Tuesdays.

“He’s very reliable and when we need him to come in on a Tuesday because we don’t have anyone to triage, Will usually steps up and fills in that gap,” Office Manager Karen Stough said about Fagan.

CHHC Calendar

Clinic Holidays (Closed)

July 3-7

Upcoming Events

July 18 Rojo 10% Tuesday

July 26 The Bikinis

Thursday Meals Open

September 21

October 19

November 16, 30

December 14

Community Events Calendar

Shelby Co. Roundtable July 11

SCDFC Meeting July 26

CPC Meeting August 23

CHHC Staff

Justin R. Johnston
Executive Director

Mandy Maldonado
Clinic Coordinator

Carmen Woodman
Clinic Coordinator

Karen Stough
Office Manager

CHHC on the Web and Social Media

Hello,

For those of you active on Social Media and the internet, you may have seen some drastic changes in the clinic’s electronic footprint.

In an effort to be more informative, we are making an effort to be more active on Facebook by updating our status, pictures, etc. once per week. Not only do we want our volunteers and patients to be informed of what

is going on, we want to be an active organization which still shows some professionalism.

We also decided that it was time to update our Web site. The information is very similar to the old site, but just like the Facebook page, we wanted to keep up with the standards of other free clinics in the state when it comes to professionalism. If you have the chance, please like our Facebook page and visit

www.communityofhopeclinic.com.



The Community of Hope Health Clinic has a new Web site



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free, quality healthcare.**

**The Community of Hope Health
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.**



Upcoming Events



**Community of Hope Health Clinic Night
at Rojo**

2921 Highland Avenue Birmingham 35205
Across from Rushton Park

Tuesday, July 18

5:00 pm-Close

**10% of all sales will be donated
to Community of Hope Health Clinic**

Please join us for dinner!

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Central Alabama Theater
Presents
A Special Performance for
The Community of Hope Health Clinic

The Bikinis
a new musical beach party

Sponsored by:
The Law Offices of Butler and Snow, LLP
100% of Ticket Sales go to this worthwhile charity!

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:30 p.m. \$50 General Admission \$100 VIP

For Tickets or More information, call 205-685-4149

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