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## The 2019 CHHC Fundraising Dinner Succeeds in Hitting Fundraising Goal!

On May 14, 2019, America's First Federal Credit Union presented the 3rd Annual Community of Hope Health Clinic's Fundraising Dinner. Nearly 150 individuals attended the event, making it one of the most successful events the clinic has hosted.

Todd Gerald, author and motivational speaker was the guest speaker at the event and he gave a great speech about what it means as a Christian to give back to the community.

"Todd, along with other guest speakers did a great job selling the clinic to those who attended," Executive Director Justin Johnston said. "Not only have we surpassed our fundraising goal set by the Finance Committee of the Community of Hope Health Clinic, we were able to sell tickets to another event at the Central Alabama Theater."

In addition to Johnston and Gerald, Carl Peoples from the Central Alabama Theater, Volunteer Coordinator for CHHC Carlos Martinez, Evening Clinic Coordinator Maria Fernanda Vidal, and board members Rebekah Parr and Dr. Douglas Clark also spoke on behalf of the clinic.

"We tried a new format this year and expanded the time," Johnston said. "And I believe it streamlined everything. People were willing to give and give they did."

The goal for the 2019 campaign was \$25,000.

### CHHC Finishes in Top 8 of Birdies for Charity

The Community of Hope Health Clinic was one of 8 charities participating the Regions Tradition Birdies for Charity Campaign that raised more than \$10,000 this year.

More than \$530,000 was raised between all of the charities which participated, with CHHC getting matching funds of about 7.5%.

"It was the most successful BFC we've ever had," Executive Director Justin Johnston said. "We will definitely be participating again next year."



CHHC Volunteer nurse, Madeline Harris enjoys Three on a String on June 13 at the Central Alabama Theater

### Three on a String Puts on a Performance for CHHC

The Community of Hope Health Clinic was sponsored by Advanced Surgeons, P.C. for a special performance by Three on a String at the Central Alabama Theater on June 13.

With the help of CAT Executive Carl Peoples, CHHC was able to sell its allotment of tickets to given through the sponsorship.

"Working with Advanced Surgeons and CAT are a real blessing," Johnston said.



## 2019 Thursday Evening Meal Schedule

As we continue into 2019 and start looking ahead to 2020, 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](http://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:

Aug.: 15, 22, 29  
 Sept.: 12, 19, 26  
 Oct.: 10, 17, 24, 31

Dec.: 19

In addition to these dates, the first six months of 2020 have also been opened for those groups who wish to help out.

To sign up, please go to [www.takethemameal.com](http://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 Evening Clinic Coordinator

The past six months have been a period of change for the Evening Clinic and for myself. After many trials and errors --- and by many I mean MANY, just ask the staff and volunteers--- we have grown and improved together as a team. Among many of the

projects that we have taken on I would like to highlight that we have reduced the overall patient wait time by adjusting the scheduling system, we have implemented a volunteer training class, we have streamlined our system

to gather data on patient demographics, and we are continuing to expand our amazing pool of volunteers. My personal accomplishment- I am still as excited to be here as I was in January of this year!

-Maria Fernanda



**Maria Fernanda Vidal, Evening Clinic Coordinator**

# Volunteer Spotlight-BSC Interns

In conjunction with Birmingham Southern and their internship programs, the Community of Hope Health Clinic has utilized two upper classmen Spanish majors this spring and summer.



Travis Chirman, a student from Morro Bay, California served as the intern for the spring semester.

Travis, who is also a competitive swimmer showed more and more initiative and enthusiasm, especially when communicating with patients as



his internship matured.

Ann Chandler Hassett, a student from Homewood, volunteered some this past spring to get hours for her Medical Interpretation Class.

Because of this, Ann was already accustomed to CHHC's patient based and "hit the ground running" when her actual internship began.

Because of the positive experiences, CHHC will continue to work with BSC and their internship program.

## CHHC Calendar

### Clinic Holidays (Closed)

- September 2-Labor Day
- August 16-Full Board Meeting
- August 26-Volunteer Training
- September 20-Executive Committee
- October 18-Full Board Meeting
- November 15-Executive Committee
- December 20-Full Board Meeting

### Upcoming Events

### Thursday Meals Open

- August: 15, 29
- September: 12, 19, 26
- October: 10, 17, 24, 31
- Dec: 19
- 2020 Dates now available

#### CHHC Staff

**Justin R. Johnston**  
Executive Director

**Maria Fernanda Vidal**  
Clinic Coordinator

**Jocelyn Walker**  
Clinic Coordinator

**Karen Stough**  
Office Manager

**Dr. John P. McGuinness, MD**  
Staff Physician

**Carlos Martinez**  
Volunteer Coordinator

## CHHC Welcomes a New Volunteer Coordinator

As with any nonprofit, volunteers are very important to the day-to-day operations of the group. This spring, a volunteer decided that he wanted to step up and be the Volunteer Coordinator for CHHC, which would be a volunteer position.

Carlos Martinez, a student at UAB contacted Executive Director Justin Johnston to offer his services.

Serving as a volunteer since 2015, Carlos began as a high school student

volunteering after learning about the clinic through his Explorer Post. He has since moved on from just interpreting to triage and now as volunteer coordinating.

Since taking over in this position, Carlos has streamlined the volunteering process so that all clinics can have as much support as needed from volunteers.



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**Helping those less fortunate obtain  
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.**

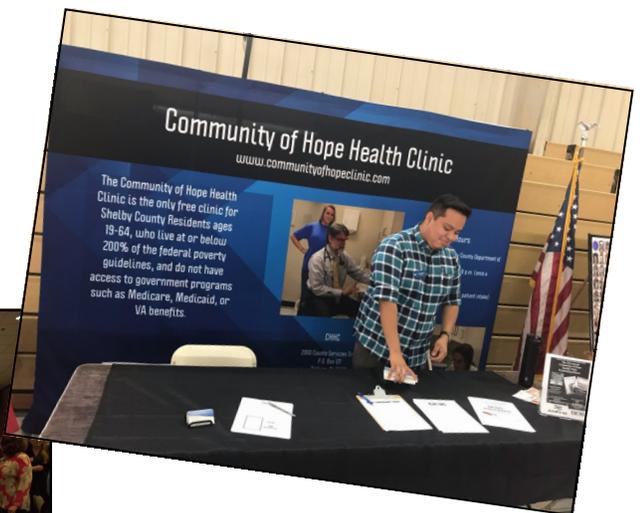


## Scenes from the Community



Todd Gerald signs his book  
at the 3rd Annual CHHC  
Fundraising Dinner

Patrons arrive at the 3rd  
Annual CHHC  
Fundraising Dinner



Carlos Martinez works  
the information table at  
the Shelby County Senior  
Picnic