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CHHC Needs Volunteers

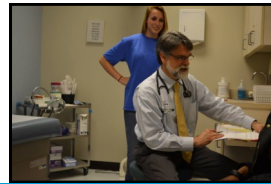
The Community of Hope Health Clinic currently has a backlog for new patients and the only way to relieve this backlog is to encourage those we know to volunteer.

If a new patient comes in during the Thursday intake period, they will have to wait at least 4-6 weeks before seeing a provider.

"It's hard for our staff to inform patients that we cannot see them for such a long time," Executive Director Justin Johnston said. "When I first started working here, we were about 2 weeks out, but due to unforeseen circumstances, our new patients are waiting two to three times longer."

In September 2017, the CHHC hired Jocelyn Lopez Walker as the new clinic coordinator for the day clinic. Jocelyn has been working part-time for the Shelby County Health Department as a medical interpreter.

Jocelyn graduated from the University of Moncton with a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish.



The Community of Hope is looking for more providers

Johnston said that some attrition and some sickness has affected the number of patients seen on a weekly basis.

"We really need Thursday providers to fill the void," Johnston said. "If we can have 3-4 providers EVERY week, that number would be reduced drastically."

But medical volunteers are

not the ones needed. In fact, there has been a lack of nurses and interpreters at the clinic as well.

"There have been times where we've had 15 volunteers at the clinic at a time and had no worry of being able to serve our patients with the best possible service," Johnston said. "But we've seen a decrease recently. We just need volunteers to sign up and do what they do; give our patients a great experience."

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

Meet Jocelyn Walker, New Clinic Coordinator

Jocelyn's family is from El Salvador and she believes that her true calling is helping those in need. Her future plans include mission trips to Central America, including El Salvador.

Her interests include spending time with her family, photography, painting, and hiking.

Welcome to CHHC, Jocelyn!





CHHC Finishes 9th in Birdies for Charity Competition

The Community of Hope Health Clinic performed well in its inaugural run at the Birdies for Charity Competition in 2017.

According to a press release sent out by the Bruno Event Team, the program raised more than \$486,000 for 75 charities throughout the state of Alabama.

The final results showed that the Community of Hope raised the 9th most out of all

the charities represented.

"I believe we did fairly well considering this is our first year in the event," Executive Director Justin Johnston said. "I'm just hoping that next year, we can get within that top five so that we can also get



more matching funds when it comes to our fundraiser."

CHHC raised more than \$15,000 through the program and was the last nonprofit to receive a matching funds check totaled at more than \$1,000.

"I was asked by Bruno Event Team if it was worth it to participate in the program and my response to them was, 'see you next year'" Johnston said.

CHHC Executive Director, Justin Johnston sits at the display table during the Rojo 10% Tuesday on July 18

CHHC in the Community



From the Executive Director



Justin Johnston, Executive Director

Fundraising is an important aspect of my job. Without fundraising, the clinic would not be able to do what it does. With that said, so is the volunteer work you as volunteers provide.

Both fundraising and volunteer work are tied together. The more patients we see, means the more

volunteers we need. The more patients we see, means more operating costs.

I need you, the volunteer, to use your influence to recruit volunteers, primarily providers and nurses. Since I've taken over the position of ED, we've

seen a steady decrease of providers and we are actually looking about expanding our services in the future.

Thank you for all that you do and God Bless!

Volunteer Spotlight



Erica McDonald is new to the Community of Hope Health Clinic

One of the new faces at the Community of Hope Health Clinic is Erica McDonald.

Erica is a Texas Native who attends UAB and is working toward a Bachelor's

Degree in Health Care Management.

She is also an intern with the Alabama Bone and Joint Clinic and was hoping to give back even further by giving back to the Pelham Community.

In her spare time, Erica enjoys drawing, reading, and working on her communication skills.



Rebekah Parr works for the Shelby Baptist Assn and has been volunteering for CHHC since 2016

When Debbie Snyder retired from the Shelby Baptist Association, she also left the Community of Hope Health Clinic. During the summer of 2016, Rebekah Parr was

recommended to take her place on the CHHC Board of Directors where she's been an active part of the program.

A native of Morris, but now living in Pelham, Parr is an alumna of the University of Montevallo with previous experience working with ESL individuals in a classroom setting.

CHHC Calendar

Clinic Holidays (Closed)

- September 4-Labor Day
- October 9-Columbus Day

Upcoming Events

TBD- CHHC Volunteer Banquet

Thursday Meals Open

- October 19
- November 16, 30

December 14

Community Events

Calendar

- Sept. 14-Shelby Co. Roundtable
- September 20-SCDFC Meeting

CHHC Staff

Justin R. Johnston Executive Director

Mandy Maldonado Clinic Coordinator

Jocelyn Walker Clinic Coordinator

Karen Stough Office Manager

Exciting Changes for CHHC

The Community of Hope Health Clinic will have some new faces in the clinic this school year!

There are two programs which will be utilizing students for the upcoming school year. The UAB School of Nursing will be sending four students to observe and develop a plan to expand services to the clinic.

"With the UAB nurses, we hope to finally develop a good, quality

program in health education," Executive Director Justin Johnston said.

Another program that CHHC will participate in will be the Falcon Scholar program through the University of Montevallo.

Johnston said that as of September a scholar had not been identified, but there are hopes to recruit one as soon as possible.

"We have so many patients that need assistance outside of just coming to the office for a visit. I was hoping to get someone to assist with Patient Assistance Programs as well as Medical records requests."



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Community of Hope Health Clinic-Year End Giving

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Year End Giving

Are you looking for that tax break at the end of 2017? The Community of Hope Health Clinic is a 501© 3 organization and all funds donated to the clinic are tax deductible. We accept cash, check or PayPal. For items mailed, just make sure that your gift is postmarked by December 31, 2017 to ensure you will receive tax credit for this year!

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