Neighbors helping neighbors

SHCC Offers a Place to Go in Time of Need

We have such wonderful volunteers at Sacred Heart Community Clinic! Just ask our patients. “Anne” speaks highly of the warm atmosphere and the kind receptionists that greet every patient. She said the community clinics she visited in the past felt cold and sterile. They made her feel ashamed and embarrassed that she needed to be there.

"Anne" faced medical challenges that would be daunting for anyone, but especially for someone without health insurance. Her husband had suffered two heart attacks and they were unable to afford the medications he needed after being released from the hospital. Unsure of where to go for help, “Anne” said someone suggested she go to Sacred Heart Community Clinic. Although “Anne” and her husband initially came to us for his prescription medications, “Anne” ended up being a patient herself when she got sick with the flu. Since then, “Anne” has also been helped by our counseling and nutrition services. She says the nutritionist helps to manage her weight, and our weekly nutrition support group gives her both accountability and friends. Since finding SHCC, she said “it is wonderful to know there’s a place like this you can go to when you really need help.”

SHCC offers nutrition counseling as part of our chronic care program for patients with diabetes or high blood pressure.

We put the “fun” in fundraising at 2019 Heart to Heart Gala

Save the Date for 2020 Gala on February 15

A great time was had by everyone at the 8th Annual Heart to Heart Gala held on April 6, 2019, at the Sheraton Hotel in Georgetown. We successfully met our fundraising goal thanks to the generosity of our Sponsors and Guests. This annual event is the primary fundraiser for our free clinic and proceeds will be used to purchase items such as patient medication and medical/dental supplies. THANK YOU!
Welcome our newest provider Fanny Tiller, FNP

Fanny Tiller is one of our new Family Nurse Practitioners, but her volunteer story with Sacred Heart Community Clinic began many years ago. Fanny started volunteering at the clinic in 2010 first as a translator and then as a nurse. While volunteering, she saw people’s health improving and witnessed how grateful the patients were. Lives were being changed for the better.

But it’s not only the patients lives who are changed for the better. Fanny says volunteers get back more than they give. Early in her volunteer days at the clinic, she suffered a terrible car accident that left her with multiple broken bones. With the encouragement of Executive Director Liz Burton-Garcia, Fanny was able to continue volunteering by drawing blood while in her wheelchair. She credits the opportunity to continue volunteering during this difficult time with helping to find her own healing. She received much love and support from the team at SHCC, including patients who prayed for her recovery. This fueled her desire to do more at the clinic.

Fanny saw that the clinic had a shortage of providers, and patients were being turned away. This really touched her heart. She thought to herself, “How can I be of more help?” It was then that she decided to go back to school and become a Nurse Practitioner.

Fanny knew that SHCC was where she wanted to eventually work. Coming from humble beginnings, she personally identified with our patient population and their stories. Fanny says her own early childhood years exposed her to the reality of monetary limitations affecting access to quality healthcare. She said many of the clinic’s patients have to make hard choices such as deciding between purchasing their medicines or paying their bills. Fanny hopes to make a difference for these patients by providing them with quality healthcare. We are grateful to have Fanny as one of our providers!

Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for additional volunteers so that we can help more people who need our services. We especially need Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Interpreters. Whether you can help once a week or once a month...we need you! For more information on volunteering, call Liz at 512-716-3929 or visit SacredHeartClinic.org.

“This community that we are caring for many times neglects care because they can’t afford it.”
—Fanny Tiller, FNP
A Look Back at the work we did in 2018 . . .

**Primary Care**

1,295 patients for 5,934 visits

**Pharmacy**

Distributed 6,539 medications through our onsite pharmacy. SHCC participates in the Patient Assistance Programs through national Pharmaceutical Companies and received 553 free prescriptions for a value of $793,002.

**Dental Care**

819 dental patient visits

**Laboratory**

1,499 labs for over 5,000 lab tests

**Nutrition Counseling**

432 nutrition appointments

We provided medical and dental care for 291 diabetic patients.

**Mental Health**

112 counseling appointments

**Podiatry**

50 podiatry appointments

**Volunteers**

163 volunteers for 11,271 hours valued at $384,779 and 43 volunteers honored through the National President’s Volunteer Service Award Program.

**Special Thanks to our Major Donors in 2018**

City of Round Rock, City of Georgetown, City of Cedar Park, Dell EMC, Eve Cameron and Cameron Realty Texas, First Crush Tastings, Georgetown Health Foundation, Nyle & Nancy Maxwell, R Bank, St. David’s Foundation, United Way of Williamson County and Kevin & Celena Wilson.

$628,000 cash budget for 2018 and nearly $1,200,000 in-kind services (Ascension Seton, Baylor Scott & White Health, St. David’s Health Care System, Americares and Direct Relief).
Clinic staff attends conference for Texas Association of Charitable Clinics

Staff members from Sacred Heart Community Clinic attended the 2019 Conference for the Texas Association of Charitable Clinics (TXACC) on April 25-26. To kick off the conference, TXACC members visited the State Capitol to meet with representatives and hear a resolution read on the chamber floor by Representative Steve Toth from Montgomery County (Houston area) declaring April 25, 2019, as Texas Charitable Clinics Day.

During the remainder of the Conference, attendees took part in various informative sessions such as “Maintaining a Successful Volunteer Program”. Sacred Heart Community Clinic’s Development Director Wendi Baird led one of the sessions discussing techniques for successful fundraising events.

TXACC is a statewide nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that supports charity clinics through advocacy and training efforts. With a membership of 80 charitable clinics, TXACC seeks to strengthen the charitable clinic system in Texas through mentoring, the provision of resources, education, advocacy efforts, and services. In addition to being a TXACC member, Sacred Heart Community Clinic also belongs to the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics.

Our Giving Tree continues to grow

Have you seen the Giving Tree in our clinic's lobby? Each leaf and stone is engraved with the names of our wonderful sponsors and donors who have given $1,000 or more to Sacred Heart Community Clinic. We love watching this tree grow each year! Is your name on our giving tree? We’d love to have you stop by the clinic and find your name on our tree. And while you’re here, let us give you a tour and show you first-hand how your donation is being used to help others in our community. If you’d like to make a donation to our clinic, you can do so online at SacredHeartClinic.org. We have plenty of room on the wall for more names to be added to our Giving Tree!