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Weekly Update

Week of November 30th, 2020

Happy Wednesday CHN family! We wanted to make you aware of some resources that were sent our way this week. **FREE coronavirus testing sites for this week can be found [here](#).**

To view the recording from our recent **Pfizer webinar**, [click here](#).

As we round the end of this terribly long year, we are incredibly thankful that you all have answered the call to the needs of your communities. You have innovated and expanded more than ever at a time when your communities have needed you most. We hope you take time to relax, rest, and enjoy the company of those you love as we prepare to welcome in the new year.

Have a great week!



Congratulations to our FCAM Winners!



2020 Free Clinic Community Volunteer of the Year: Jennifer Allen, Hope Clinic of Ross County

Dr. Jennifer Allen practiced pediatrics from 1980-2008 in Chillicothe, Ohio. In 2008 she had to have a heart transplant and was not able to return to the pediatric practice she loved. But God provided her a reassignment in 2011.

She was asked by her cardiac rehab nurse to join in a committee to develop a free faith based health care clinic. That nurse, Jami Easterday, has been the clinical director of the clinic since the doors were open in 2012. Although, not practicing pediatrics, Dr. Allen has worn many different hats for Hope Clinic and now serves as the board president.

She is very grateful for this opportunity to serve God and her community. Jennifer grew up in Waverly, Ohio. She now resides in Chillicothe with her husband, Alan Davis.

2020 Free Clinic Nurse of the Year: Tobie Newberry, Ohio Heritage Community Clinic

Tobie Newberry is a Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP) with her Doctorate in Nursing Practice. She has worked as the primary practitioner at the Heritage Community Clinic for over ten years. It gives her much joy to work with the underserved population. She collaborates with local pharmacies and providers to provide the best care for her patients.

She is a native of Southeast Ohio. She started her nursing career in 1993 as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She continued her education while working full time in local hospitals, a primary care office, and with neurosurgeons. She is dedicated to patient care and is not limited to her full time job. Dr. Newberry also works with the geriatric population at a local nursing home and is adjunct faculty with the School of Nursing at Ohio University.



2020 Free Clinic Physician of the Year: Dr. Charn Nandra, Ohio Valley Health Center



Dr. Cham S. Nandra was born in Punjab, India, and raised in the United Kingdom. He attended the Welsh National School of Medicine in Cardiff, where he received his medical degrees. After serving as a general practice physician for several years in Canada and the US, he participated in a Geriatric Fellowship that changed his life.

Dr. Nandra then completed an internal medicine residency as well as a fellowship in Cardiovascular medicine. He has served as a physician for 44 years

and currently practices Interventional and General Cardiology. Dr. Nandra has a history of helping uninsured patients for many years, and he has volunteered at the Ohio Valley Health Center ever since its inception in 2006. He currently volunteers as the Medical Director and provides excellent, compassionate care for those in need. Dr. Nandra is married to Surinda and they have three children.

2020 Free Clinic of the Year: SOAR Student Run Free Clinic at NEOMED

The Student Run Free Clinic at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), formerly known as SOAR-SRFC saw its first patients in 2016. SOAR stands for Student Outreach to Area Residents. The SRFC is on the campus of NEOMED and is in Rootstown, a rural area of Portage County, centrally located from community consortium hospitals and universities in Akron, Canton, Cleveland, and Youngstown.



SOAR Student Run Free Clinic
330-552-7080

The clinic draws patients from all these areas but primarily from their local population. They started with Primary Care clinic hours on one Saturday a month to now providing clinic on most Saturdays offering in person and virtual visits, and adding Behavioral Health to their Primary Care mission. They faced the challenge of COVID-19 head on with expanding their hours, converting to EMR, integrating Behavioral Health, and Telehealth.



2020 Pharmacist of the Year: Mike Espel, Saint Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy

For the past 46 years, Mike Espel has provided pharmaceutical care to the underserved of Southwest Ohio. After graduating from the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy in 1974, Mike served as a pharmacist and eventual Pharmacy Director for the Cincinnati Health Department

for 32 years.

In 2006, he became the founding Pharmacy Director of St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy in Cincinnati, dedicated to providing free prescription medications to Ohioans in critical need. Under his leadership, the Charitable Pharmacy has dispensed over 576,000 prescriptions valued at \$75 million at no charge, innovated clinical programs that improve health outcomes and prevent healthcare costs, and trained over 500 pharmacists to provide underserved, outcomes-based pharmaceutical care. In Spring 2021, Mike plans to celebrate his retirement by continuing to serve his neighbors in need as a volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy.

These outstanding members of the community will be recognized at our virtual Free Clinic Appreciation Awards Ceremony at 3:30PM (EST) on Wednesday December 9th!

If you wish to join us for this celebratory event, you may join the event by using this [meeting link](#).

Member Resources:

OSU's CHW Program is Accepting Applications for Their 19th Cohort!

[Samathan King](#) from The Ohio State University would like to share that they are now accepting applicants for their 19th Community Health Worker Training Program Cohort! Cohort 19 will begin on January 11th, 2021 and go through April 1st, 2021.

The program is now open to anyone who is interested in applying. Tuition cost is \$3,250, this includes all required program materials, medical supplies, CPR training, and background check costs.

Full tuition coverage available for those who live in Franklin County, and meet either of the following:

- Below 200% poverty
- Receive Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Benefits

Those who may need tuition assistance but do not qualify for the criteria above are still encouraged to apply.

For those interested, please apply at the link below: <https://nursing.osu.edu/offices-and-initiatives/community-health-worker-training-program>

COVID-19 Discussion Group:



The Charitable Healthcare Network is hosting a **bi-weekly** virtual discussion group for Ohio's charitable healthcare organizations. Here we will check-in with one another as well as share resources and strategies on our approach to handling the COVID-19 pandemic. Meetings will be held Wednesdays from 11am-12pm. Download the recording from our most recent meeting below or register to join live!

We will resume our COVID Calls in 2021! Calls will be spread out by only meeting once a month to make way for more exciting webinars and educational opportunities for our membership!

Would you or someone you know be interested in hosting a discussion? [Click Here](#).

Download, view, or watch meeting recordings here

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