SINCE WE ONLY PUBLISH OUR NEWSLETTER TWICE A YEAR, SOME OF THIS MAY SEEM LIKE OLD NEWS – BUT IT’S GOOD STUFF TO KNOW!

Laughter is the best medicine.
A lady comes into her Doctors office for a routine check-up. Here, said the nurse, handing her a urine specimen jar, the bathroom is over there on the right. After a few minutes she came out and handed the nurse an empty specimen jar with a relieved look on her face. Thanks! But they had a toilet in there so I didn’t need this.

Our Annual 4th of July event was, thanks to all of you, a tremendous success. This event is critical to our ability to keep our clinic up and running. Once again we raised nearly $10,000 which represents almost a half year of our operating expenses and by the time you read this, we will be deep into planning for our 8th annual Event. We have a great team who puts together the event, but we are always looking for new volunteers.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

2016 was a challenging year - an increase in patient count and a decrease in providers. This issue has caused us to cut back on our medical clinic to only once a month. We obviously see more patients at this one clinic which makes for a few chaotic moments. However, thanks to all of our fabulous volunteers, we have been able to satisfy the needs of all our patients. Many had a little longer wait time, but they are grateful for the care they are receiving and certainly don’t complain.

Hearing clinic continues as usual the 3rd Saturday of every month. They too have seen an increase in patient count and again, with the help of our volunteers, have been to cope in a totally professional manner. (see article in this issue about an awesome donation)

Thanks to “Dr Bud” we also had a dental clinic where they saw and helped 75 patients (more about this in an article in this issue)

Very special thanks goes to Kanti Bisgaard on the raffle of her awesome handmade quilt. Over $500 in raffle tickets were sold (mostly by Dean) and the lucky winner, Joyce Martin was thrilled.

Susan Smith
**CLINIC REPORT**

*We have an acute shortage of providers*

*We need Family Practice Physicians, Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners*

We should have three providers for adults and one for children at each clinic. We recently went from two clinics a month to one simply because we don’t have enough providers to cover two clinics. Presently we have one pediatrician and one internist who are committed to monthly attendance. We also have another physician who frequently attends clinic. At least one an possibly two months this year Dr Van Der Beek will have to be away. We have to turn patients away when we don’t have enough physicians.

Here’s how you can help. Approach your Medical source and ask him/her to come to one clinic. We’ll assist in transportation from the border if needed. If enough people speak to their providers, we’ll have a good shot at recruiting some /new help. Please be clear, we are asking for just one day at clinic. I’ll be happy to respond to questions about all aspects of interest to them, i.e, what is expected, and what are their concerns. We hope that by visiting once they may come again and may know someone who might be interested in a visit or two!

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Thanks to you this beautiful baby had a happy and healthy Holiday. And with your help we will be able to continue to help hundreds of children and their parents.

Our Christmas party was a great success.

Jorge & Martha from the TJ Lions club brought sweets and sandwiches.

Eduardo did a fabulous job as Santa Claus handing out gifts for nearly 80 very happy children.

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Thanks to Dr. Louis Van Der Beek (aka Dr. Lou) our volunteers had a pretty happy holiday too!

Dr Lou hosted a holiday party for all of our volunteers. Complete with Turkey, Ham and of course Margaritas.

Thank you Dr. Van der Beek
and special thanks to Dean Stalcup & Miss Morgan
who did the majority of the cooking; the rest of us brought side dishes.
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