



Lake Area Free Clinic will realize dream of expanded operations

In August the Clinic received a major donation from the Walter L. and Grace M. Merten Charitable Trust that will allow it to proceed with plans to move to larger facilities and expand its services, including additional days of operation.

The Trust's initial donation to the Clinic in the amount of \$150,000 represents the first payment of a total commitment of \$550,000 to be given over the next five years. "We are pleased the Trust's support will allow the Clinic to improve health care services to the uninsured in the community," said Clifford R. Brooks, trustee for the Trust.

As the Clinic strives to meet the needs of an ever growing uninsured population, the donation will allow it to move out of its current location at 432 S. Lapham Street of less than 1,000 square feet to new facilities of about

4,500 square feet being planned for 856 Armour Road (formerly Sentry Equipment). The Trust's gift will also make possible the hiring of a full-time executive director who will oversee the Clinic operations in its new capacity and location. The move to the new location is planned for the first quarter of 2009.

"Although we are very proud of the care we have managed to deliver in our current, cramped quarters, the new facility is desperately needed and we are so grateful for benefactors in the community who have recognized our need and stepped forward," said Vicki Dallmann-Papke, LAFC's board president.

With expanded services, volunteers (especially medical professionals) and donations from the community will continue to be sought by the Clinic. Both the Trust and the Clinic have

high hopes that this donation will spur others to consider volunteering or donating to the LAFC. "It is important to us that the community continues to support the mission of the Lake Area Free Clinic and we hope our commitment will prompt others to recognize the Clinic and its vital services when considering their charitable giving plans," Brooks said.

New Clinic Website!

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Clinic announces new medical director and executive director



Dr. Peter T. Geiss, LAFC's new medical director

Peter T. Geiss, M.D., has been appointed the Clinic's new medical director, effective October 1, 2008 and Mary Reich, R.N., has been hired as the Clinic's new executive director. Reich assumed her new position on October 24, 2008.

Dr. Geiss, an internist, replaces Dr. Jeffrey Gaver who recently moved out of the area. Dr. Geiss is presently the Chief Medical Officer for ProHealth Care and will continue in that role as he assumes his new volunteer po-

sition with the Clinic. "For many years I have been aware of the excellent health care provided by the physicians, nurses and other volunteers at the Clinic. They provide comprehensive medical care to more than 2,500 of our community's residents who, due to a lack of health insurance or other resources, would otherwise find it difficult to access care," stated Geiss. "I appreciate the opportunity to be able to serve as the Clinic's medical director and look forward to working with all of those involved



Mary Reich, R.N., LAFC's new executive director

with this wonderful organization," added Geiss.

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Reich is the first executive director hired by the Clinic. Funding for her full-time position was also made possible as a result of the donation to the Clinic from the Walter L. and Grace M. Merten Charitable Trust.

Reich comes to the Clinic from her present position as a nurse mentor at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-St. Joseph's. "The Clinic is truly an amazing place staffed by volunteers and supported by community donations working toward the common goal of helping our fellow human beings. I can think of no greater work to be a part of", said Reich.

Reich has been involved with the Clinic since its opening in 2001, first as a volunteer and later as a part time employee. "I look forward to working with Dr. Geiss as our new medical director and continuing the community's involvement with the clinic," explained Reich.



Sue Bickler and Bob and Eileen Daly enjoy the Gala's Rusty Nail cocktail hour

2008 Gala theme "hammers" home Clinic needs for new facility



L AFC board member, Gary Schroeder, and his wife, Vickie, get into the construction theme spirit at this year's Gala

Hard hats and construction garb were the dress of the evening for the Clinic's fourth annual Gala held September 26 at Rolling Hills Country Club in Oconomowoc.

With the Clinic's move to a larger facility scheduled for the first quarter of 2009, Gala organizers planned an evening that included a Rusty Nail cocktail hour, Lunch Pail dinner, Tool Time live auction and, finally, the Jack Hammer dance featuring "The Bottom Line" that concluded the evening.

Over 100 attendees contributed more than \$26,000 to support the Clinic's ongoing operations and move to new quarters. Thank you to all who attended and those who donated and bid on auction items, many of the items representing vital Clinic construction and operating needs. The Gala planning committee consisted of Vicki

Farley, Leigh Jordan, Vern Larson, Bobbe Titus and board members, Maureen Stapleton and Vicki Dallman-Papke, as well as clinic administrator, Donna Voigt. They all worked countless hours to create this great event. Special thanks go to Terry Kaldusdal, Don Weimer, Nick Argeroudis and Dr. Stan Markus for their wonderful contributions.

Everyone's generous participation will help ensure the Clinic can continue its mission of providing medical care to our community's uninsured residents. Plans are already underway to make next year's Gala even bigger and better!

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