

Clinic Awarded “Small Non-Profit of the Year”

The Lake Area Free Clinic was named the small non-profit of the year at the Waukesha County Executive Awards Luncheon at the Country Springs Hotel on October 7, 2009. County Executive Daniel P. Vrakas presented the award to Vicki Dallmann-Papke, chairperson of the board of directors of the Clinic. An independent panel of judges, which included business executives, community leaders and past award winners selected the Clinic for the award.

“We are truly appreciative of receiving this award from the county executive,” stated Dallmann-Papke. It is the result of the tireless work of all of our volunteers and the incredible support from the community. We could never have been recognized with this award without their commitment to our mission to provide free health care to the citizens of our community who lack health insurance and do not have the funds to pay for it,”



Vicki Dallmann-Papke accepts the small nonprofit of the year award from the county executive’s office on behalf of the Lake Area Free Clinic

added Dallmann-Papke.

According to County Executive Vrakas, “We received many outstanding nominees for the County Executive Awards this year. The number of exceptional businesses, government and non-profit agen-

cies available to residents in Waukesha County make all of us very proud.”

For winning the award, the Clinic received a financial donation from US Bank to help fund its ongoing operations.



Ever-popular cream puffs were a big hit at the 2009 Clinic gala

Gala goes to the fair!

“Down home” fair fun was the theme of the evening when the Lake Area Free Clinic held its fifth annual gala at the Oly center at Olympia Resort on Friday, October 9, 2009.

About 270 people attended. Their contributions netted more than \$32,000 to support the Clinic’s ongoing operations. The money raised at the gala will help the Clinic face multiple challenges

such as significant increases in prescription drug costs and the number of patients seeking services this year.

Highlights of the evening included cocktails, a fair style buffet, cream puff sale and farmers market followed by a live auction. “Fair goers” then enjoyed the sounds of the popular band *Piles of Rhythm* fea-

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Jerry Mathers takes a tour of the Clinic with executive director Mary Reich and Donna Voigt, board vice president

Jerry Mathers visits Clinic

On November 5, Jerry Mathers, star of the long-running television show, “Leave It to Beaver” and leading lecturer on living and dealing with diabetes, took time out of his busy schedule to tour the Lake Area Free Clinic.

“I’ve been to many free clinics in my travels and this is one of the most well-maintained I’ve ever seen,” said Mathers. He also praised Clinic staff for the important work they do in treating and educating diabetic patients without health insurance, a cause with which he is very familiar.

Mathers, a diabetic himself, was in town for ProHealth Care’s annual diabetes update event and 30th anniversary of the program. Since being diagnosed 11 years ago, Mathers has tirelessly promoted diabetes awareness and contributed much of his time and effort advocating for diabetic patients, particularly those in need.

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turing local TV news personality, Mike Miller.

A highlight of the evening was the drawing for the Clinic’s first annual raffle. Thirteen prizes were awarded, highlighted by a seven-day Caribbean cruise for two.

Thank you to all who attended and those who donated and bid on auction items. The planning committee consisted of Vicki Farley, Leigh Jordan, Scotti Keepman, Joeanne Genetti and board members Maureen Stapleton and Sandy Stearns. and Clinic executive director, Mary Reich. They all worked countless hours to create this great event.

Did you know?

The Clinic saw **76 new patients** in October — a record number and an **81% increase** from October, 2008.

Please consider the Lake Area Free Clinic in your giving plans this year to help us meet this unprecedented need — thank you!

Clinic Raffle Winners Announced

As part of a major fundraising effort to meet significantly increased need this year, the Clinic held a raffle whose winners were drawn at the annual gala held on October 9. The grand prize, a **seven-day Caribbean cruise for two** arranged by **Cruise One**, was awarded to lucky winner **Tim Thiele** of Oconomowoc. Other raffle prizes awarded included:

\$500 cash donated by **First Bank Financial Centre** won by **Shane Potenberg** of Fort Atkinson; **\$500 cash** donated by **Herro, Chapman and Herro, Attorneys** won by **Pete Roehl** (donated back to the Clinic) of Oconomowoc; **gentleman’s watch** by **Belair** donated by **The Jewelry Mechanic** won by **Charles & Peggy Schultz** of Sun Prairie; **2010 Summer Stage season tickets** donated by **Summer Stage** won by **Jen Hawthorne** of Charlotte, NC; **hand-carved jewelry box** donated by **Richard & Janet Strombeck** of **Sun Designs** won by **Keith Everson** of Hartford; **hand-carved bowl** donated by **Richard & Janet Strombeck** of **Sun Designs** won by **Phylle Weege** of Nashotah; **original cigar box purse** donated by **Laure K** won by **Sandy Milikent** of Oconomowoc; **original cigar box purse** donated by **Laure K** won by **Peter Geiss** of Brookfield; **Pathfinder laptop bag** donated by **Dan & Kati Gisen** of **Odyssey Sales** won by **Daniel Miller** of Oconomowoc; **\$100 meat of your choice** donated by **Dave & Christi Kilpatrick** of **Premier Angus** won by **Barb Hetzel** of Brookfield; **\$50 gas card** donated by **Daybreak Mobil** of **Delafield** won by **Karen Reinders** of Hartland; and a **Christmas tree** donated by **Oconomowoc Landscape Supply & Garden Center’s Christmas Trees for Charities** won by **Roehl & Associates** of Oconomowoc.

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all who donated prizes, bought and sold raffle tickets and made the 2009 raffle a rousing success!