

GREATER KILLEEN FREE CLINIC

VOLUNTEER PROFILE—IRENE UNDERWOOD

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FACEBOOK PAGE TO
SEE MANY PHOTOS
OF OUR STAFF AND
VOLUNTEERS AND
THE WORK THAT'S
BEING DONE IN THIS
COMMUNITY.

The Free Clinic will be closed
May 25—Memorial Day
September 7—Labor Day

Irene serves as a receptionist, master copier, and "hunter of charts". She began volunteering at the Free Clinic almost three years ago. Irene stated that she donates her time because of two reasons: "I love in the hood, and most of our people come from the hood," and because when her son moved here he didn't have a job or health insurance and the Free Clinic took care of him.

Besides her passion for the Free Clinic, Irene loves taking road trips on her Gold Wing 1800 trike, and participates in a lot of benefit rides. Also, Irene participates in the award winning Dancing Grannies, through Tina's Dance Studio. In 2014 at the yearly Starbound competition, her team received three high golds and one elite gold.

Irene graduated from St.
Mary's in San Antonio
with a BA in pre-med, and
received a MS degree
from Southwest Texas
State University in Allied
Health. She retired from



Smith Kline Beech clinical laboratories as a technical supervisor in 1999 and moved to Killeen.

Irene volunteers two-three shifts a week at the Free Clinic, and exemplifies the dedicated and hard working staff and volunteers who are the backbone of the work of the Greater Killeen Free Clinic.





LUNCH N' LEARN

Please join us the first Thursday of each month for a free lunch, door prizes, and some education related to health. June's topic will be "Oh, That Cholesterol!". It will be held June 4, 12 noon – 1 pm, at the Killeen Arts and Activities Center, 802 N. 2nd Street, across the plaza from the Free Clinic. Email mdilillo@gkfclinic.org to register.

VOLUNTEER / BOARD / STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to: Lenna Barr, board member, on her marriage to Jared Foster.

WELL WOMEN'S CLINIC PATIENT TESTIMONIAL:

Today I had a wonderful, caring woman, Marilyn Espaillat, care for me. She took her time with me, and explained every detail of my exam. She gave me helpful tips on woman wellness care and showed me the importance of self exam and more. I am 53 years old and I can say of my many years Ms. Espaillat has been one of the best care providers ever. Thank vou Free Clinic for caring for us enough to bring in people like her. God Bless You All. Jacinta M.

Welcome to:

Board Member **Brenda Coley,** Executive Director of Human Resources, Metroplex Health System

Board Member **Stuart Thompson,** military retiree, member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Board Member **Dr. H. Richard House,** general dentist who has donated services for many years to Free Clinic patients

Dawn Boardman, graduate social work intern, Our Lady of the Lake, San Antonio

Tami Englehart, graduate social work intern, USC Virtual University **Miju Song-Lee,** nurse practitioner student completing her practicum, military dependent.

Mary Sheldon, RN – completing her M.S. in nursing; employee of Seton Harker Heights

Holly Lockhart, ANP – Scott & White employee; new provider in the Clinic's mental health program.

Farewell to: Lindsey Parks – social worker with the mental health program.

Congratulations to: Miju and Tony Lee on the birth of Matthew, their second child.

FAMILIES IN CRISIS/FREE CLINIC PROJECT

Planning is moving ahead on the small satellite clinic which will be located in the Families In Crisis homeless shelter, Friends In Crisis. Many, many thanks to the Rotary Club of Killeen/Heights for awarding a grant to the Free Clinic to purchase the equipment, furniture and fixtures to outfit the two room clinic.

AMERICARES

AmeriCares is an emergency response and global health organization committed to saving lives and building healthier futures for people in crisis in the United States and around the world. Last year AmeriCares donated over \$2 million in prescription and over the counter medications, and other products to the Greater Killeen Free Clinic.

Lindsey O'Brien, Manager, US Medical Assistance Program, visited the Clinic on April 22nd, and as a result, our organization will be featured on the AmeriCares.org website/blog later this spring.

AmeriCares support is especially utilized in our Chronic Care clinics when patients receive "gap" medications until they begin receiving free medications from pharmaceutical companies through our Prescription Assistance Program.



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In Honor of Perk & Debbie Bearden

Gary and Janet Greene

thank you for your support!

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The Grace Christian Center congregation for its donation of 287 reams of copy paper.

Alpha Kappa Alpha for donating the proceeds from the February Heart Walk to the Free Clinic.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Southwest Region for its recognition of the Greater Killeen Free Clinic by its health promotion award at the regional conference in San Antonio April 3, 2015.

IMMUNIZATION PARTNERSHIPS -THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS!

Bell County Public Health District is doing free adult immunizations at the Free Clinic on the second Thursday of each month from 3pm – 5 pm. Metroplex Health System is doing free children's immunizations at the Free Clinic on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 2:30pm – 5pm, and the 3rd Thursday from 10 am - 1 pm.



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