

## Meet Our Executive Director: Mike Straza

**Michael Straza** has been named the Interim Executive Director for Immanuel Health Center and will be responsible for the operations, staffing, finances, direction, and administration of the Center. He will work in conjunction with the Medical Director, Dr. Trina Scott, who oversees all medically related functions, as well as Immanuel Health Center's Board of Directors.

"Hiring Mike as our Executive Director will enable Immanuel Health Center to move forward with its vision to open and begin serving patients on the west side of Bloomington as soon as possible," says Wendy Troxel, Chair of the Board of Directors. "Having someone who will oversee the various pieces that must be put into place to get up and running will be a tremendous benefit, as well as accelerate the timetable for opening. Mike is uniquely qualified to fulfill that role."

Mike's primary responsibility during the three-month interim assignment will be to get the facility up and running administratively as well as focusing on fundraising opportunities. The physical facility has been approved for occupancy and is ready to serve patients as soon as the financial and personnel pieces are in place.



"The Center gives each one of us an exciting, tangible way to fill the very real health care needs in our area. I look forward to working with community leaders as well as IHC staff and volunteers to serve patients," Mike says.

Mike and his wife, Erin, have lived in Bloomington for more than 20 years and are active in many community and faith-based endeavors.



## **Fundraiser Alert: IHC to be part of the We Care Twin Cities Races!**

Immanuel Health Center is a participating non-profit organization for the We Care Twin Cities Race on September 28-29. This fundraising event includes a 5K race and Kids Fun Run on Friday evening, plus a Half Marathon and 10K on Saturday morning. One unique aspect of this race is there will be prayer focus points along the routes.

You can participate in various ways—here are some options:

1. Sign up at [www.ecologyactioncenter.org/wctcm/](http://www.ecologyactioncenter.org/wctcm/) to run one of the races and make a contribution to IHC as part of your registration fee.
2. Increase your impact by asking friends, family, and coworkers to sponsor you on behalf of Immanuel Health Center. To do this, go to [www.immanuelhealth.org](http://www.immanuelhealth.org) to use the PayPal option or send a check directly to IHC (PO Box 3281, Bloomington 61702). Have your supporters include your name so IHC knows which runner they are sponsoring.
3. Set some goals: Whether it's to finish, to run more than you walk, or to meet or beat a previous race time, setting a goal will give you something to aim for! Another great goal would be to raise a certain amount of money (be creative!) for Immanuel Health Center.
4. Not a runner? No problem! You can still get involved! Volunteer to help at one or more of the races. Volunteers are critical for the success of the event—send us an e-mail at [Immanuel.Health.Center@gmail.com](mailto:Immanuel.Health.Center@gmail.com) and let us know when you can help.

**The more runners and supporters we have, the closer we are to opening our doors to serve patients!**

**Thanks in advance for helping however you can!**

### **Save the Date for these Important Events:**

Prayer Meeting — 3rd Thursday of each month at IHC 6:30-8:00 p.m.

September 20, October 18, November 15

### **IHC Contact Information**

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