

Attention Volunteers!

We need you! If you have sent a volunteer form already, THANK YOU! If you would like to volunteer your services in some way, please visit www.immanuelhealth.org/volunteer/. We currently need volunteers to do light cleaning and help with building repairs.

Current Equipment Needs

Nebulizers * Large Bulletin Board * 2 sets sturdy Stack Trays * 2 Crosscut Paper Shredders *
Coffee Maker * 8x10 Frames for License display * Cash Box * 3 Chair Mats *
Notepads * Letter-size manila file folders * Label Maker *

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"God Gave Me Nursing!"

Karen Dodge is a nurse at IHC. Her bright, cheery smile will greet many patients who come through the doors in the weeks to come. Karen had known about IHC, but became really interested when the nursing position was listed in her church bulletin. Karen graduated from Heartland Community College with her RN in May of last year and works full time at Heritage Health Nursing Home; she also has experience as an EMT.

"I love the focus of treating the whole person," Karen says. When Christian doctors and nurses are limited to addressing only the physical malady, it can be like using "just a Band-Aid" for a problem that goes much deeper. Karen feels that God gave her nursing as a way to be able to share and show the love of Christ to others.

We are so thankful that God brought Karen to the IHC team!



Our First Patient!

Other than a trip to the ER, Sherry hadn't seen a physician in eight years. She anticipated IHC's opening from the first time she heard about it, but like all of us, would have to wait for God's timing. Sherry says with a big, disarming smile, "I was waiting with bated breath!"

Sherry was our first patient on opening day and has already made the trip to Immanuel from her home in Danvers for follow-up visits.

"Dr. Scott helped me with my medical issues and prayed with me that very first day!" Sherry has been seeking help to find a way to acquire a motorized wheelchair and the IHC staff is working on that with her. She has been telling people about the Center and plans to take some brochures with her to share with friends.

We are excited and thankful to be able to open our doors to serve Sherry and others in our community!

Financial Update

Matching Grant: Thank you to all our 2012 donors who participated in the matching grant campaign. A total of \$12,585 was donated and matched, bringing the grand total for this campaign to \$25,170. What a blessing!

Stock Donation: Thank you to an anonymous donor who has donated, by means of appreciated stock, \$45,000 toward IHC's operating expenses. This donor encourages others to follow this example and make a significant investment in the mission of IHC. IHC is now set up to accept donations of assets such as stocks and bonds in addition to cash. There are certain tax advantages for asset donations such as these. Contact IHC for more information.

Now that our doors are open, our cash flow is critical. Thank you for prayerfully considering becoming a monthly donor to Immanuel Health Center! Visit www.immanuelhealth.org for more information.

...let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

Medical Director Update

It is SO good to be able to care for patients at Immanuel Health Center!! Thank you to all who have helped us! We've been open a month, and are just getting our feet wet, learning the systems and processes together. The medical team and spiritual care team are offering services to patients, and the social care team is forming. We are seeing a variety of patients, about 40% are uninsured; others have Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance.

We did not know exactly what to expect when we opened. After starting the day together in prayer, Day 1 brought 3 patients, which was less than expected, but all we could handle, as just about everything gave us trouble that day... scanner, phones, computer system, electronic medical records, air conditioner. It was also our first for everything "live"--ordering labs, medicines, referrals for patients; our learning curve was steep. We didn't have a nurse available for day 2, so we hadn't pre-scheduled appointments. God knew we needed that day to get everything back in order. So, even amongst the challenges, we see God's provision. This month I'm learning Psalm 96, it says: "**Sing to the Lord a new song...**" One commentary says, "A new song is a song for new favors, for those compassions which are new every morning." ...and, EVERY day He has provided for us and our patients' needs: a nebulizer for one patient, an interpreter for another, support for the staff and patients from the spiritual care team. "**Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**"

Immanuel Health Center Job Opening: Practice Manager

Immanuel Health Center is currently accepting applications for Practice Manager. If you would like more information, please log on to www.immanuelhealth.org.

Praises/Thanksgiving

The Health Center opened on April 30

The Lord's Presence in the Center

IHC staff adjusting to the systems, each other, and working as a team

Gifts and words of encouragement from individuals and other agencies

For all our wonderful nurses and volunteers

For Pastor Al Jones and the Spiritual Care team

Prayer Requests

The word of our opening will continue to spread

God will meet the medical, spiritual, and social needs of our patients

All the kinks in our systems and procedures will be resolved

Continued financial support through donations and grants



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