

Attention Volunteers!

Immanuel Health Center needs:

- Volunteer nurses who can help on a regular basis on Mondays and as needed to cover illnesses and vacation/days off
- Volunteers with experience getting donations for non-profit organizations
- Volunteers with extensive Excel experience to create spreadsheets & reports
- Volunteers to help hang pictures in the health center

Current Needs: Utility Cart * Toothbrushes and toothpaste for children and adults *
Contact April for details!

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The Faces of Immanuel Health Center

Who does Immanuel Health Center serve?

- a family who needs a doctor they can trust
- people whose lives are debilitated, but haven't seen a doctor in 8-12 years
- a family with nowhere to turn due to the loss of a job
- children whose parents don't know where to turn for help
- individuals with anxiety, depression, mental illness
- people without hope
- children without parents
- people who are homeless
- individuals who struggle with alcohol
- individuals suffering from the after effects of abuse
- untrusting teens
- individuals with chronic illnesses

A year ago we did not know who Immanuel Health Center would serve. A year ago it was a dream in planning. Now it is a haven. Now it is a place of love, trust, faith and hope. Each of those faces is a person to us, a life, someone who needs to know Jesus' love. We are developing relationships with our patients. We are living and talking and being Jesus to the people that we encounter. The dream that God has given is becoming a reality. God is faithful.

Every dream and every plan, even God given, has bumps in the road. One of the biggest bumps we are encountering is that the needs of our patients are so great. We have the love and we have Jesus, but we have limited financial resources and we don't want to limit what God can do. God is bringing people to our doors. He is placing them here where they will see and hear and experience Jesus' love. The need is greater than we had projected and we want to help so many more.

We pray that you will catch our vision. That you will believe and see how big God is. That you will partner with us in expanding our resources so that we can reach the faces of Immanuel Health Center.

Prayerfully and Thankfully,

The Immanuel Health Center Staff, Volunteers, and Board

Praises/Petitions

Praise God for His sustaining care for...

- caring volunteers & staff who faithfully come each week & give their time and energy to help patients.
- each patient who has entered the doors of IHC.
- continued healing of a key volunteer at IHC.
- partnerships with local ministries and organizations that provide needed services to people in this neighborhood.

Please continue to pray for...

- Christ to be honored through Immanuel Health Center.
- God's leading as we develop Spiritual and Social care plans to meet the needs of our patients.
- Volunteer nurses to help on a routine basis, especially Mondays.
- Reimbursements from Medicaid and Medicare to be received soon.

You are invited to pray with and for Immanuel Health Center!

We gather for prayer the third Thursday of each month from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in our reception area.
Please join us when you can!

Volunteer Spotlight:

Sandy Thompson recently made quite a career change. Having been an attorney for many years, she decided to do something new and went to nursing school at ISU. In August 2012, Sandy graduated and subsequently heard from a friend about the IHC and its holistic approach to caring for patients.

"It sounded perfect for me," Sandy says.

She was drawn to the idea of having more time for interactions with patients and of looking at the whole person. Sandy volunteers twice a week at IHC and says working there is just what she expected: a small, warm, friendly atmosphere where she can get to know patients.

"Everyone is welcome. It serves a niche [in the community]."

Sandy believes the satisfaction she has gained working at the IHC has motivated her to volunteer more elsewhere, which she does. When asked about rewards, Sandy states, "When a patient tells me they feel better for having spoken with me, that's better than a paycheck in my estimation."



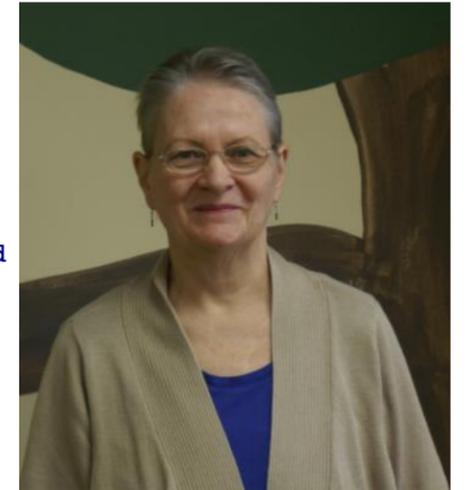
Immanuel Health Center Newsletter moves to Online Version Only

In order to save a significant amount of postage, future issues of the Immanuel Health Center Newsletter will be sent directly to your inbox! If you currently receive the Newsletter in a printed version, please let us know an e-mail address for you by e-mailing us at info@immanuelhealth.org. If you do not have access to a computer and/or an e-mail account, let us know (309.808.2778) and we will make arrangements for you to receive the newsletter. Thank you for helping us stay in touch and save money!

Patient Focus

Valerie Tanner has lived in this area all her life. She had been married for 43 years when her husband passed away last year. Unable to afford health insurance at that time, her plan was to wait till she turned 65 this year at which time she could begin receiving Medicare. However, before that could happen Valerie realized she could not make it to her 65th birthday before seeing a doctor due to severe pain that she was having in her hip. She would soon need hip replacement surgery. Her first visit to Immanuel Health Center was in May of this year.

Valerie says, "I needed help, and [Dr. Scott] gave it to me. She helped me get some relief." Valerie also related that she received "wonderful care" at the Center, that "caring, loving people work there." Dr. Scott also diagnosed Valerie with Parkinson's Disease this summer, which runs in her family. Valerie is now on Medicare, but she is thankful that the IHC was there for her during that time of transition when she was uninsured. Pray that God would continue to help all of us spread the word about the IHC and that He would **bring people from the community, like Valerie, who are in need of medical and other help** through our doors. It has been very encouraging to our staff to hear the positive feedback from patients, who have been grateful for the accessibility and affordability of IHC.



Patient Update

We have had the joy and privilege of caring for many people in our community during Immanuel Health Center's seven months of operation. We have seen 303 patients for a total of 719 appointments. Our patients range from 2 weeks old to 85 years. We see a cross section of our community, from many who live in poverty to some who are well off financially; some who are healthy needing a school physical, others who are chronically or acutely ill; some with great health insurance, many without insurance.

Nevertheless, each person who walks through our door needs healthcare, whether they can afford it or not, and it has been our great privilege to provide it. During this Thanksgiving season, we are grateful for each person who has helped us open our doors and serve our community. It is truly a blessing to work at Immanuel Health Center. As we have offered healthcare, we have in turn been very blessed by our patients who share their stories and lives with us, and who impress us with their humor, gratitude, faith, and strength.

Financial Update

Thank you to all who have been so generous with your financial support over these past few months. Our patient counts are increasing day by day, which increases our overall expenses--this is a good thing! We continue to work with the State of Illinois & our medical record billing department to get our Medicaid and Medicare claims submitted and pray that we will start seeing some revenue from these two payer sources. Until then we continue to seek donations to cover this lack of income. Please continue to pray for our finances.

Insurance Breakdown:

Uninsured 43%

Medicaid 29%

Private Insurance 15%

Medicare 13%

We receive about 10% of the cost of a visit from our uninsured patients, and have been receiving reimbursements from private insurances for several months. Due to several factors, we have not received reimbursement for patient visits from Medicaid or Medicare, although we are in their networks. Please pray the last few details will be finalized so we can begin receiving payments.