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Donor Appreciation Open House

The Donor Appreciation Open House, held September 7, 2017, was a huge success. Donors, foundation representatives, volunteers and friends of Matthew 25 were all in attendance. Guests entered the main patient doors and began their visit with a tour which concluded in the new patient education wing on the west side of the building. Light hors d'oeuvres were available. Midway through the evening Matthew 25's CEO, Mark Dixon, welcomed guests and introduced the evening's first speaker. Mayor Tom Henry came to the podium to thank Matthew 25 as well as all community service-oriented nonprofits for helping make Fort Wayne a strong and healthier place to live.

Next, Rev. Dr. Gary Erdos, Senior Pastor of Trinity English Lutheran, dedicated the new Prayer Room. The room provides a space for spiritual health and was donated by Ed Clark in honor of Dr. Jim and Judy Frey, all of whom were present. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicar General of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, then dedicated and blessed the Grace Mastrangelo Memorial Garden.

Those were the speakers recognized in the event schedule, however there was one final presenter. State Senator Liz Brown took the microphone to dedicate a special honor given by the governor to someone who contributes greatly – the Sagamore of the Wabash. As Brown explained the historical significance of the award and listed the contributions of the man who earned it, it was clear to the crowd that the honor was being presented to Dr. Michael Mastrangelo. The award was a surprise to him.

Matthew 25 was honored by its special guests, but also by the generosity of all donors whose gifts large and small go toward the mission of providing free health and dental care to those who might otherwise go without. We could not do it without you!



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Keep these items on your radar:



- As the seasons change and the days get shorter, we turn our attention to the quickly approaching holiday season. During that time, many charitable organizations send their winter appeal letter. We hope you included Matthew 25 in your end-of-the-year giving plan. Watch for our appeal letter to arrive in your mailbox in November.
- Matthew 25 participates in several small events that act as fundraisers and “friend-raisers.” These events are primarily advertised on our webpage, www.matthew25online.org, and on our Facebook page. Keep your eyes peeled - we’d love to see you at the next one!

Hybrid distribution of the newsletter:

In order to balance best stewardship practices with our donors’ desire to receive a print copy of our newsletter, we have opted to mail one quarterly edition and email the rest.

A big “Thank you” to those who provided us with an email address so that we can stay in touch!

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Small Updates, Big Impact

Several areas have been “spiffed up” in the clinic and around the grounds, making Matthew 25 feel fresher. Volunteers from local organizations and businesses who participated in United Way’s Day of Caring came to paint some of the hallways in the medical clinic. The new linen-white color brightens the walls and sets off the framed quilts that hang in the hallways, making them more prominent.

Volunteers now come regularly to pull weeds and pick up the area around the building and parking lot. Additionally, Grace’s Garden received many new plantings to improve the aesthetic, making it more lush and verdant. A Knock Out rose, mums, stonecrop and dianthus will extend the bloom selection from spring until late fall. Grace Mastrangelo’s favorite, purple iris bulbs, were also added.



Perfect Timing

At Matthew 25, God’s provision is experienced every day. Here is one example from earlier this quarter, shared by our Medical Director, Dr. Brad Isbister:

Thank you for supporting our patients at Matthew 25. I wanted to let you know that today we saw a patient with one week of bruising and pain in the toes of her right foot. She hadn’t fallen or stubbed her toes. We considered several explanations and would need to get X-rays tomorrow or lab tests later this week. But wait! A box came in the mail today and our new hand-held Doppler has arrived.

Within minutes we used the device and immediately identified normal blood flow to the knee but weak blood flow past the right ankle. Our patient has been referred to a vascular specialist and should be walking better soon. Our patient didn’t need to take days off work...spend time or money on transportation...or fees for labs and X-rays. Our doctors and nurses were able to make a confident diagnosis on the spot. Everyone wins, thanks to you.

The Doppler was purchased with a grant from the SIA Foundation.

Mission

We are inspired by the Gospel to provide free primary healthcare services to uninsured, low-income residents of Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio.

Matthew 25:35-37, 40

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

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Funding comes in many ways:

Do you shop at Kroger? Did you know that Kroger donates thousands of dollars to Matthew 25 through their Community Rewards Program? For the second quarter, 3/31/2017 to 6/30/2017, we received a check for \$871.58. By simply swiping their Kroger card every time they purchased groceries, supporters helped Matthew 25 in a tangible way.

It is easy to create an online Kroger account: Go to <https://www.kroger.com/account/create/> and connect Matthew 25 to your card. For every purchase you make, Kroger donates proceeds to the clinic. (This does NOT affect your fuel points.) You can enter in their system either our name or our ID# 79551.

Per Kroger's records, we have only 135 households signed up. If you have not done so already, create your account today!

While the actions of individuals add up, large grants from foundations are a key part of our development strategy and are instrumental in keeping our doors open so that we may fulfill our mission. In August, Matthew 25 was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne for general operating funds for the clinic. We are so thankful for their support.



We are grateful to our foundation partners who share in our mission to help the underserved:

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