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A NEWSLETTER FOR DONORS

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Success Stories

Congratulations to those who completed the Matthew 25 Smoke Cessation Program sponsored by *Tobacco Free Allen County*. One new patient to Matthew 25 in June 2013 had smoked for greater than 40 years. On average 4 to 6 attempts are needed to quit nicotine once a decision to quit is attained. Smoke cessation programs have higher success rates than alternative routes as nicotine patches, and medications alone. The program at Matthew 25 was held for 9 weeks from October to just before Christmas on December 23rd. We are happy for all of you! Much appreciation goes to Nancy Cripe from *Tobacco Free Allen County* for your sponsorship. We are looking forward to another successful class soon.



contributed by Yvonne Stuckey, Matthew 25 Nurse Practitioner

Affordable Care Act (ACA) & Matthew 25?

There is a misconception among the general public that the full implementation of the ACA will eliminate the need for a free clinic to continue to provide healthcare. Data from the Congressional Budget Office indicates there are millions of people, including documented, undocumented, and those eligible for Medicaid, who are still without access to health insurance and the need for medical and dental care to include medications. Providing care to more than 5,000 people, Matthew 25 is on the front lines of treating those who are most in need, without insurance, and living in poverty.



"Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give."
Ben Carson

Churches Supporting M25

Matthew 25 is fortunate to have several donor groups – private individuals, corporations, foundations, and churches who believe in and support our mission. We would like to publicly thank the following churches for making a difference in the life of the more than 5,000 people who receive medical, dental and vision services each year through Matthew 25.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Anthony Wayne Church of God
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From the Development Director

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our mission. Because of your generosity, we are able to further our work in bettering the lives of the uninsured and low income residents in our community. Since Matthew 25 does not accept government monies, support from individuals along with the foundations, corporate, and faith communities is huge, helping us provide over 25,000 patient visits each year.

If you have suggestions on ideas for news and information to be included in future newsletters, please let Ermina know via emustedanagic@matthew25online.org.

Thank you so much for your continued interest and monetary donation!



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Matthew 25...a medical clinic but so much more

Even though “Health and Dental” are in our name, there are some people in our community who see Matthew 25 as a medical clinic. The various ways we provide services every Monday through Friday are listed below. We average over 100 appointments per day!

Medical

Besides the daily general medical clinics, specialty clinics are regularly offered in Cardiology; Diabetes; Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT); Orthopedic; Nephrology; Hypertension; Nutritional Counseling; Pain Management; Podiatry; Pulmonary and Asthma; Urology; and Women’s Health. Care is provided by our small medical staff and a large volunteer pool of area physicians, nurses and other professional health care providers.

Dental

Daily dental clinics include exams, x-rays, extractions, restorations, and dentures. Dental education is also provided. Care is provided by our small dental staff

and volunteer participation from area dentists, dental hygienists, assistants, and other professional dental care providers.

Eye Care

Eye care includes ophthalmology, optometry and retinal photography and is possible because of a generous donation from the Helen P. Van Arnem Endowment. Care is provided by our small medical staff and a large volunteer pool of area physicians, nurses and other professional health care providers.

Medications

The Medications Room serves the clinic by providing prescribed medications to our patients. As medications are filled, education and instruction is given regarding

all medications dispensed to the patients.

Hearing

With special booth and equipment, in partnership with HearCare Connection, patients are able to receive hearing screenings and hearing aids.

Patient Assistance

Patient Assistance is the generic term given by pharmaceutical companies of the practice of providing medications without cost to the patients who qualify. Over 40 volunteers serve patients by doing the paperwork and ordering physician-prescribed medications for our patients. Over \$7,000,000 (retail cost) in medications was provided to our patients last year without cost to them.

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New Haven United Methodist Church
Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Wayne
Risen Savior Lutheran Church
Salem Mennonite Church
Salem United Church Of Christ
Saturn Christian Church
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
St. Charles Catholic Church
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
St. John's W.E.L.C.A. Of Lake Township
St. Joseph Church Hessen Castle
St. Joseph United Methodist Church
St. Mark Lutheran Church

St. Therese Catholic Church
St. Vincent Catholic Church
The Chapel
The Diocese Of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Inc.
Three Rivers Wesleyan Church Missions
Trier Ridge Community Church
Trinity English Lutheran Church
Trinity United Methodist Church
Trinity United Methodist Church
United Methodist Church Of The Covenant
United Methodist Church of The Covenant Women
United Methodist Church, Monson Chapel



Plan on joining us for the 17th Annual Walk/Run Event – Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Foster Park. This is one of Matthew 25's annual fund-raising events.

Registration is now open. For the first time you can register and pay online, or you can download the Registration form and send it in with payment. Or you can register on the day of the event. Please consider recruiting your friends, co-workers, neighbors, family members, track and cross country teams, church groups, and anyone else you know to participate in this year's event.

Anyone and everyone (even those who are not runners!), will have an enjoyable morning while supporting the mission of Matthew 25. More details to follow!



If you are on Facebook, be sure to share/like Matthew 25's page. This is a great way to share the mission and happenings of Matthew 25 with your friends and family!



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Imagine the Possibilities



Just imagine all of the possibilities of what your stuff can do.

iDonate processes all kinds of noncash gifts right on our website. You make a donation and get the full tax deduction; Matthew 25 receives the proceeds from your gift. It is really that simple! They are experts at what they do so we can focus on what we do: provide free primary health care and dental services to uninsured, low-income residents of Allen County.

- Yes, we can accept your generous gift of real estate...
- Yes, we can put the money from your old car to good use...
- Yes, we would love to accept your gift of stock...

iDonate isn't just for big-ticket items either. The possibilities for you to have a big impact on Matthew 25 are practically endless: gift cards, phones, video games, motorcycles, etc.

If you are like me (and most other people), about 90% of your wealth is in stuff. Now you can use that stuff – even if YOU aren't using it anymore – to make a huge difference to Matthew 25.

We are excited to offer you another way to show your support. Thank you so much!!

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