



Because of you, Jay has a job

Jay can sum up his life before Matthew 25 in one word, "Desperation."

Now he looks back on it and laughs, "I had no source of income, no insurance- and no teeth in my head." Jay had worked at a local foundry for more than 20 years. He made a good living, and enjoyed the benefits of health and dental insurance. When the economy took a turn for the worse, Jay's life did too.



He immediately tried to replace his income, but as a 53-year-old, he was having a hard time competing with younger, less expensive labor. At this time, he also lost a front tooth, leaving just the root. "That October, I had no income whatsoever, I was a heart patient, I couldn't get work anywhere," he remembers. "And everywhere I went, no matter how well I presented myself I had a smile that looked like a mountain cave."

By restoring Jay's smile, Matthew 25 also restored his life. He went from washing dishes for a pizza restaurant, to a higher paying job at a local hardware store. Jay also used his rediscovered confidence to give back to the community. He resumed his long-time job as a volunteer announcer at a local BMX parks. "Matthew 25 let me be who I can be," says Jay. "It's made all the difference in the world because I can get out there and do what I do—they gave me my dignity."

Jay's experience has totally transformed his view of Matthew 25. "When I first walked in, I thought, 'Well, these people are homeless and this is where they come too,'" he remembers. "Then I realized that these were guys just like me – worked hard their whole lives and now are in a spot and need a little help."

According to Jay, Matthew 25 is vital to the community. "There are a lot of people out there trying to do the right thing to get by, but just need a little help," he says. "Matthew 25 fills a big need in the community by catching the guys who fall through the cracks. They gave me something to get up in the morning and go do."

SAVE THE DATE
Fund Raiser
March 12, 2015
Sweetwater



Dr. Tom Gutwein

Welcome Mark Dixon

I would like to share with all of our donors, staff, and volunteers that as of August 1st, Mark Dixon has assumed the role of interim CEO. This is a step in the growth of the clinic we have anticipated for the past few months. He comes to us with a lot of experience in the “supplier” side of healthcare, and now moves into the “provider” side. Over the past 35 years, he has worked for J&J, B-D, General Medical and the last twenty years with Ecolab running the healthcare division for North America.

Mark has served on the Matthew 25 Board of Directors for the past 2 years, and with that experience has found his new calling to be with Matthew 25. After just a few days at the clinic, Mark’s first thoughts are “there are an awful lot of really good people here at Matthew 25” He comes to us with a tremendous amount of experience in many areas of management, and with a purpose to help Matthew 25 grow even more to serve the health and dental needs of our community. Mark stated as he completes just one week of working at the clinic, “What excites me the most is the tremendous void we attempt to fill here at the Clinic, truly God’s work on the part of the many that work and volunteer here.”



Mark Dixon

Please share a warm welcome to Mark Dixon!

Tom Gutwein

Board Chair, Matthew 25

Words from the Development Director

Can you believe the year is almost over? It sure has gone fast for all of us here at Matthew 25 Clinic. As we are closing our books this month, we are grateful beyond words to each and every one of our donors and volunteers who support the Clinic. These incredible people allow us to make a real impact on our community, providing healthcare services to those who can’t afford it. More specifically, the donations are used for medical, dental, hearing, vision and prescription services, giving each person in our community a chance to live a healthy lifestyle despite of their financial situation. In the fiscal year 2012/2013, Matthew 25 Clinic provided over 20,000 visits, giving each patient treatments including medicine and supplies.



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As we begin to think about Thanksgiving and Christmas, let’s not forget our neighbors who need to remain healthy during this season. Please consider a financial donation to the Clinic that will help us to care for the least of our brethren.

Walk-Run Results

A great year for health!

Thanks to all who participated and gave.

164 - Registered 10K Runners

87 - Registered 5K Runners

81 - Registered 5K Fun Walkers

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According to the report released by the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, over the last two years free clinics have seen a 40 percent increase in patient demand, regardless of the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act. It has been estimated by the Congressional Budget Office that 31 million Americans will remain uninsured by 2024, including those who qualify for health insurance but face additional barriers to gaining coverage.

As Matthew 25 Clinic continues its journey, we ask you to pray that we can continue this healthcare ministry for as long as we are needed.

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