



Clinic with a
HEART®

The Pulse Newsletter

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Working Together

There are many reasons Lincoln is a great city to live in. We are truly a community that understands that the well-being of one individual in the community is linked to the well-being of many others. We understand our inter-connectedness.

This has been a season of seeing the community come together. For example, in May the Lincoln Community Foundation hosted "Give to Lincoln Day." This event helped to support more than 300 nonprofits. Our community said we care to the tune of \$2,672,481. Friends of Clinic with a Heart donated \$22,467. Thank you!

We, as a community, are also coming together around data presented in the [Lincoln Vital Signs report](#), also coordinated by the Lincoln Community Foundation. The Vital Signs report is a starting point to look at data showing where we, as a community, are strong and where there is still a need. For example:

- The number of people in Lincoln below the poverty threshold increased 48% since 2005 and the city now has a higher rate of poverty than the nation.
- Since 2007, Lincoln's number of homeless individuals has risen 41%.
- In 2000, Lincoln had no neighborhoods in extreme poverty. By 2010, Lincoln had six neighborhoods in extreme poverty.

Living in community is a blessing and a responsibility. Our responsibility in the health safety-net is to actively collaborate and understand the needs of our patients and partners. Our blessings are the many great patients and partners we work with. Thank you, Lincoln! *Teresa Harms, Executive Director*

Pretty World Exhibition by Wendy Jane Bantam

Several months ago I was visiting our insurance broker and outside her office there was some beautiful pieces of art -- art that made me happy. Artist Wendy Bantam created those paintings. I am so honored that Wendy has selected Clinic with a Heart to be the recipient of proceeds from a special art exhibit. I hope you can join us for this event:

New Paintings from the Nebraska Lands

PRETTY WORLD
works in oil
and plaster
by
WENDY JANE BANTAM



The exhibition is inspired by the artist's impressions of the wonderful work Clinic With a Heart contributes to the City of Lincoln. For the past year the artist has been creating this life inspired work!

Join us for a glass of wine and a special viewing and celebration of the exhibition:

Saturday
June 21st.
6~9:30PM

FUSE ArtSpace

800 P Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska
(3rd Floor above The Mill in the Lincoln Haymarket)

For a private viewing, please contact Wendy Jane Bantam at 308.222.0242. You can see Wendy's art on her website: <http://www.wendybantam.com>.

Sponsor Golf! Play Golf!




Save the Date
6th Annual Clinic with a Heart
Golf Tournament
Date: Monday, August 25
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Firethorn Golf Club
9301 Firethorn Lane
Lincoln, NE
402-421-2924
teresa@clinicwithaheart.org
Register online at:
www.clinicwithaheart.org

Mark your calendar for Monday, August 25. It is time for our Sixth Annual Clinic with a Heart Golf Tournament. Once again we will hold the tournament at Firethorn.

This year you can register and pay online to golf and/or sponsor the tournament. The registration site is: <http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/25938-6thAnnualClinicwithaHeartGolfTou/>. Or, if you prefer to register via paper, you can print an invitation at:
<https://sites.google.com/a/clinicwithaheart.org/clinic-with-a-heart-events/6th-annual-golf-tournament>

We hope you can participate in this fun event supporting Clinic with a Heart.

Mini Missions

The Mission of Clinic with a Heart:

A faith-inspired organization, Clinic with a Heart serves the uninsured and underinsured through a ministry of healthcare. Our volunteers provide free healthcare with hospitality, dignity and grace. As part of our

commitment to our patients we serve as a gateway to other human service agencies helping them in finding an appropriate healthcare home.

As our volunteers serve patients, I have been witness to many other "mini missions." These are special strengths and gifts our volunteers bring with them when they serve. Examples include:

- A volunteer who reads each prayer request made by our patients. He says a prayer for each request.
- A volunteer who is a great seamstress. Every year she sews a supply of hats in a variety of sizes and colors. The hats are all beautiful and have sizing labels on them and are given to patients when the weather turns cold.
- Volunteers who put together care packages to give to patients when they leave the clinic.
- The volunteers who work on developing new partnerships and collaborations in the community.
- An individual who always makes sure we have coffee to serve patients and volunteers.

Big or small, all the mini-missions increase the love we extend to our patients. In fact, I know there are hundreds more examples of these mini-missions. Thank you volunteers for your special mini-missions.– *Teresa Harms, Executive Director*

Quick Facts

- Through May of 2014, volunteers have provided 1,177 visits to 1,138 patients.
- Volunteers have already donated 4,490 hours to provide services.
- So far this year, 63% of our patients are unemployed and 37% are employed.
- 96% do not have insurance.
- 83% of our patients came to the clinic for their first visit. This is a good indicator that we are helping people find a permanent medical home.
- 38% of our patients say they would have gone to the Emergency Room if they wouldn't have been able to come to Clinic with a Heart.
- We have served 30 people who are veterans so far this year.

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