



# GUADALUPE TIMES

WINTER 2022

## Vision Clinic Helps Patients See

Crystal is a long-time patient of Guadalupe Clinic and is on medications for chronic diabetes, cholesterol, and hypertension. Unfortunately, her diabetes was poorly managed for a time, resulting in accelerated vision loss.

As a person with diabetes, Crystal was aware her vision might be affected, reporting it had deteriorated significantly over time. Her health history and worsening eyesight made her a priority patient for an eye exam at our new Vision Clinic.

It had been seven years since Crystal had a vision exam. Her only option was cash for exams and eyeglasses, which she just couldn't afford. She was the first patient seen in our vision clinic and said, "I almost cried when I received the call asking if I wanted to schedule a free eye appointment." Her exam, by Dr.



Anita Campbell, was extensive with dilation and further testing for eye diseases.

Crystal's vision, although worsened, is corrected with an updated prescription. She picked out her eyeglass frames and, along with her lens prescription, we shipped them to a lab, where the lenses were manufactured and the eyeglasses assembled before sending

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## Mission

As missionary disciples of Christ, and with other people of good will, Guadalupe Clinic works to provide access to quality health care for people in need.

## Locations

### South St. Francis

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## Dr. Randall & Leigh Ann Lais Volunteer

When orthopedic surgeon Dr. Lucas retired, we knew it would be a loss for our patients. Most of them work demanding jobs that have them on their feet all day, in addition to co-morbidities like diabetes and hypertension that require orthopedic care. Volunteer Coordinator Elizabeth Stewart, was working on replacing him so we would not miss this vital service.

At a COVID vaccination clinic, she noticed one of the volunteer nurses wearing an Advanced Orthopedics Association logo and decided to let her know about our need for orthopedics. That nurse



was Leigh Ann Lais, who works with her husband at AOA, where he is an orthopedic surgeon. Leigh Ann was curious about the Clinic and our partnership with Kansas Mobile Solutions, which allows us to have instant access to x-ray results performed weekly at our St. Francis location.

A few weeks later, Dr. Lais visited the Clinic to see how he could help our patients. He now volunteers once a month with his wife, Leigh Ann, to provide injections, splints, and other orthopedic services. They are a great team, and we are so happy to have them on board!

# In Loving Memory

*Guadalupe Clinic wishes to honor special friends we have lost this year, who remembered us through memorial gifts. Please remember them in your prayers.*



Anna Dreiling  
Anna Reid  
William "Bill" Cook  
Carol Loeffler  
David Weber  
Dr. Leonard Borland  
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## VISION

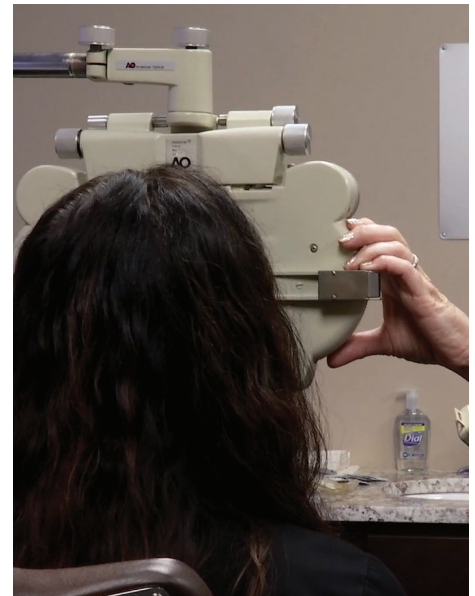
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them back to Guadalupe for Crystal to pick up. All at no cost to her.

Crystal expressed her appreciation for the care she received saying, "there's a good support system here; they care; it's not just a job." Since Crystal has diabetes, she will see one of our volunteer optometrists annually to allow

for close monitoring of her vision health and to identify any advanced issues that may arise.

We know that having this new service will allow us to help many of our patients, and others in the community, who would otherwise not have access to vision care.



## OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

### MATCHING GIFTS

You can increase the impact of your donation with a corporate matching gift from your employer!

### DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS

Without losing your reward points, give back every time you shop at Dillons!

### SHOP AMAZON SMILE

When you shop Amazon, designate Guadalupe Clinic to receive rewards at no cost to you!

# Dr. Thomas Hays Memorial Award Recognizes Superior Office

The Dr. Thomas Hays Memorial Award was established almost 30 years ago and is reserved for those who have demonstrated overwhelming support of Guadalupe Clinic with acts of stewardship or volunteerism.

For over 25 years, Jerry and Patty Pates provided support through their company, Superior Office. The charity shown to Guadalupe Clinic for the betterment of our patients was seemingly endless; there was never a need too great.

All of the Clinic's office supplies, from pens and printers to ink and paper, computer



*Left to Right: Jerry & Patty Pates and Jessica & Jeff Parsons accept the Dr. Thomas Hays Memorial Award.*

monitors to standing desks, logo shirts and note cards, and personalized gifts for donors and volunteers—even wall partitions—were donated courtesy of Jerry and Patty. Jessica Parsons, the director of operations (and their daughter), was our contact and ardent supporter. "We can't" was not in their vocabulary.

The Pates sold their company and retired in 2022. We expressed our gratitude for their generosity at this year's Heart for Health Appreciation Dinner by presenting them with the well-deserved Dr. Thomas Hays Memorial Award.

# Maggie Bishop Receives Servant's Heart Award

The Marlene Dreiling Servant's Heart Award is presented each year to a dedicated volunteer. Maggie Bishop is a registered nurse who began volunteering at Guadalupe Clinic late in 2020. She retired in 2019 following 38 years as a staff RN, 25 years in medical intensive care unit and 13 years in the post-anesthesia care unit.



*Maggie Bishop with her husband Roger accepting the Servant's Heart Award.*

though she does not speak their language. Maggie played a vital role during the height of our vaccination program, not just by helping with our in-house vaccines, but also by staffing some outreach clinics. Most recently, Maggie has agreed to volunteer twice a week to assist our new nurse practitioner, Heather French.

Maggie volunteers at both St. Francis and South Hillside locations. She has been very flexible and willing to fill in when we need her. She is happy to oversee student nurses who come her way, having experience as a preceptor, and is not afraid to dive right in with our Spanish-speaking patients, even

The Servant's Heart award honors the memory of Marlene Dreiling, the Clinic's Executive Director, who passed away in 2012. Marlene's devotion and heart for the Clinic were evident every day and live on in the partnerships she initiated. Her efforts substantially improved and expanded the care available to patients.

# An Update from J.V. Johnston, Executive Director

We are officially through the first quarter of our “new” fiscal year. Our staff have done an amazing job working to implement our Strategic Management Plan and all of its new initiatives – the Proactive Patient Care (PPC) model, same day clinic, and vision clinic.

We have promoted two staff members—one at each clinic—to fill the role of Promotor (health advocate). Spreading the duties of this position to two people allows the most support for our patients as they are encouraged to actively participate in their own health maintenance. A new patient packet was rolled out in mid-October for all new patients. The packet includes all of the necessary intake forms, as well as information on our clinics, services we provide, income guidelines, and a PPC member card for each patient which gives

them direct access to the promotors at each location. Current patients are given updated information and intake forms at the start of the new calendar year.

The Vision Clinic is still a work in progress and is looking good. All of the necessary funds are in place, and grants have been submitted for additional equipment. We now have three volunteer optometrists – Drs. Diana Ho, Suzanne Buchanan, and Bob Nelson – in addition to the JayDoc clinic one night a month. Cairn Health generously allows us to send patients’ prescriptions and frames to a lab in New Jersey, where they produce the lenses and mail them back to us at no cost to our clinic or the patient. We are incredibly blessed with this opportunity to help our patients improve their vision and overall health.

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## Christmas Food Boxes for Patient Families

This Christmas season Guadalupe Clinic continues its tradition of providing patients and their families with food boxes and Christmas gifts. We will have a drive-thru style pick-up again this year to allow social distancing between volunteers and recipients. Distribution is at our South St. Francis location. We appreciate all donations of new or gently used hats, scarves, gloves, and gift cards.

*To assist patients with transportation, medications, and medical supplies we give them \$5 gift cards as needed. Please consider helping with these costs by donating gift cards to be used at any of the following places:*

- *Dillons - \$5*
- *Walmart - \$5*
- *QuikTrip - \$5*
- *Wichita Transit (day pass)*






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# THE SEASON OF GIVING

**\$25**   
Provides a flu shot for one patient.

**\$35**   
Provides a pair of prescription glasses.

**\$50**   
Gives one patient family a Christmas food box.

**\$100**   
Provides 6 months of at-home diabetic testing.

**\$1000**   
Provides 10 vision exams and glasses.