

# William Thankful for Quality Care

William, a recent patient of the Clinic, was inspired by our services and was kind enough to talk about the positive experience he had with Physician Assistant Jennifer Larsen and the rest of the staff.

To him, the care he received at Guadalupe Clinic was a testament to the fact that safety-net clinics treat their patients with compassion and respect. Each patient's story and circumstances are unique, as are the patients themselves.

"I appreciate that," William began, "even though I'm going there because of my financial situation, they don't make you feel less than."

The trust and respect between a doctor and patient is critical, and can significantly impact a patient's compliance to their treatment plan.

No one knows this better than Jennifer, who volunteered at Guadalupe for more than ten years before joining the staff. Jennifer's work to improve continuity of care for each patient has not gone unnoticed.

Informed and impassioned by the stories and needs of patients, providers like Jennifer work to ensure they receive the care that they need. She says:

"The population served by Guadalupe Clinic is titled 'medically underserved.' However, the staff and volunteers of Guadalupe Clinic certainly do not 'underserve' these patients."

"We all strive to provide the best, value-based care possible. We are trying our hardest to keep each patient in as best health as possible so that they have one less worry in their life."



#### **Mission**

s 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.

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# Clinic Offers Families Hope during the Holidays

During last year's season of giving Guadalupe Clinic put together and distributed 125 food boxes to patients and their families. The boxes included everything needed to fix a Christmas dinner, along with additional food to help keep their cabinets full. Christmas gifts were also wrapped and paired with each box based on the ages of children in each home.

When picking up their boxes, many expressed gratitude, sharing that with the Clinic's extra help they may celebrate a traditional Christmas.

Thank you to Dillons, Harlow Aerostructures, Bob and Marilyn Bundy, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis of Assisi, Church of the Magdalen, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Paul Newman Center, and all of those who purchased gifts or food items to help support this effort.





## **COVID-19 Testing & Vaccine Efforts Continue**

Guadalupe Clinic continues to provide free COVID-19 testing at our South St. Francis Clinic five days a week. Testing is open to the public with no appointment needed, but the majority of people tested are our patients. Similarly, vaccinations are offered Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Each day, we see entire families concerned about returning to work or spreading the virus to their loved ones. After the holidays, a combined surge in demand and limited availablity of tests created much strain on our staff. Our postive rate soared as high as 59% in mid-January, and we were administering

over 250 tests a day. Vaccine interest also heightened during this time, though not as much as testing.

We have relied heavily on the time and talents of volunteers to continue these services. As we continue to offer PCR and antigen testing to the community, we ask that you please be patient with our team as we do our best to serve everyone.

If you know anyone who needs a COVID test to return to work, or is looking to get their next dose of vaccine, please recommend that they visit our clinic.

## Dr. Glenn Kubina Joins the Team

As the Clinic's specialty services continue to expand, we are seeing more new faces. Most recently, ENT specialist Dr. Glenn Kubina has joined our team and we are happy to have him!

He brings 42 years of clinical experience in his field of medicine, having practiced at Mid-Kansas ENT starting back in 1980. Volunteering for the first time in January of this year, Dr. Kubina continues to

give his time and talent alongside the other health care providers on our team. He works in the comfort of our new vision room.

Dr. Kubina earned his degree from Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health in 1973, then continued his studies by completing his residency in Missouri. He also served as an associate professor of surgery at



the KU School of Medicine in Wichita.

Aware of our mission, Dr. Kubina planned to retire into volunteer work when he was still practicing at Mid-Kansas ENT. Upon his retirement, he called Guadalupe to donate his equipment in the hopes that he and others could use it to serve our patients. With the medical equipment came some beautiful artwork that

now decorates the Clinic's walls.

When Dr. Kubina isn't practicing, he enjoys tap dancing, traveling with his wife, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

From all the staff and patients at Guadalupe Clinic, thank you for your time and talent, and welcome to the team!





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# **A Letter from Executive Director, J.V. Johnston**

I am so proud of the incredible effort our staff and volunteers have shown in response to the growing need for COVID testing among our patients. After the holidays, the rise of COVID cases created an unmet need in the underserved parts of our community. We went from administering 50 tests a day before the holidays to averaging over 225 a day at the start of the new year. In response, we have recruited more volunteer help to administer and input the tests.

Though the Clinic has been busier than ever, the smiling faces of our patients when we hand them a negative test result makes it all worth it - they tell me that they can now return to work. In addition to testing, we are continuing to offer vaccines twice a week at our South St. Francis clinic. I cannot thank our volunteers and staff enough for their support in providing this service to our community.

Meanwhile, our strategic planning process - led by board members Bill Cook, Tom Sanders, and Dave Sanford continues to move forward. Our community and clinical committees have wrapped up their roles, while our finance committee is just beginning their analysis. These committees report to the steering committee, which will present a detailed plan to our board in late March. I am excited to show you what we are working towards, and I think it will lead to some great opportunities for us to better serve our patients.

Thank you to those who financially support our mission, and who will help this strategic plan come to fruition. I stand behind the statement that we turn every dollar you donate into \$3.40 of health care services for the poor and working poor. We are blessed to have all of you and that our mission is one you believe in.

God bless you all,

Johnston

## Midwest Winefest is Back in 2022

After the changes to last year's Midwest Winefest, we are back in 2022 with the Old Town Walkabout and Reserve Room events.

The Old Town Walkabout will be Thursday, April 21st begining at 5:30pm. Guests will stop at local restaurants and venues to try food and wine samples across Old Town. In 2021 we introduced a fenced off hub in the Farm & Art Market which proved very popular. This year, we plan to bring this area back and increase its capacity to house 8 instead of 6 stops. Tickets for the Walkabout are still \$75 plus fees.

The Reserve Room is set for the following night at The Vail. Here, guests will enjoy higher end wines paired with small plates of food. All of this is followed by our beloved live auction which features exclusive wine lots and experience packages. Tickets for the Reserve Room are \$250 each or \$2,000 for a table of

eight. This event is limited in capacity and will sell out quickly, so be sure to get your tickets.

Silent auction items will be open to bidding beginning April 1st and will close before the start of the live auction. The Golden Ticket is returning this year, so be sure to get yours before they're gone! The winning Golden Ticket-holder has their choice of any live auction item before the bidding begins. Only 100 are available, so, don't miss your chance.

Volunteers are needed for the Walkabout. Visit our website for more information and to sign up.

All Winefest events benefit the Guadalupe Health Foundation whose primary beneficiary is Guadalupe Clinic. Tickets for this year's events are on sale now at Eventbrite. For more information, visit: MidwestWinefest.org.

# Eck Auto Group Supports Guadalupe with a Free Car Giveaway

Eck Auto Group has chosen Guadalupe Health Foundation as the beneficiary for their 2022 Car Giveaway. The lucky winner will receive \$30,000 towards any car from one of the three Eck Auto Group dealerships - including Ford, Toyota and Kia models.

Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased from MidwestWinefest.org or any of Eck Auto



Group's dealerships - Rusty Eck Ford, Midwest Kia, and Midwest Superstore. Five finalists will be drawn - 4 from online ticket sales and the 5th from attendees at the Old Town Walkabout.

The winner will be chosen at the Walkabout, where all five finalists will be given a key. The winning key will start a car in the Farm & Art Market. For more information regarding this giveaway, please visit: MidwestWinefest.org







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