

Apple Corps—Fall 2022

MCFC Says Thank you and Welcome

The MCFC Board wishes to thank Nancy Buckles, Julie Bergfors, Dawn Hutson, and Rev. Darla Goodrich (not pictured) for their years of service on the Board. Dawn served as our Treasurer. As well as being Board members, Nancy, Darla and Julie served on the Fundraising Committee and Public Relations. Nancy and Julie wish to

continue serving on the Fundraising Committee. We are so appreciative of their continued support of our future endeavors. We also wish to welcome our new Board members. Dan Bergfors is our new Treasurer. Other new board members are Derek Nelson, Jill Lamberton and Suzanne Thompson.

They have eagerly volunteered to serve on other committees as well to help fulfill our mission.



Dining With the Chefs In-Person

It was so much fun decorating the tables for this event. It seems so long since we have been able to do this annual event in-person and it was a huge success. As the table coverings show we were ready for a special evening, and that it was! Close to 200 people attended the dinner on a beautiful August evening in the Allen Center at Wabash College. Chefs Rick Warner, Lali Hess, Martin Gorham, and Jason Anderson wowed the audience with their cooking skills and entertaining tips. Jim Amidon MCed the event while Patrick Taylor presented various wine pairings for each course. It was definitely a fine dining experience for



all in attendance. It was wonderful to see so many returning attendees and a special welcome to our newcomers. Special thanks to our sponsors for helping put on a fabulous fundrais-

er! Dr. William Doemel, Amy (Ludwig) McCormick, Hoosier Heartland State Bank, Dr. Janet Rucker, Altschul Orthodontics, Tri-County Bank, JM Thompson Insurance, Gary Bohlander, Wendy (Ludwig) and Kevin Brogioli, Barnes and Thornburg, LLP, Franciscan Health, Robert Bertocchi and Rebecca Lang, Wabash College, Bon Appetit, Sennett Cattle and the Juniper Spoon. It would not be possible to offer such an amazing evening without the volunteers, sponsors, donors, chefs, Wabash College and all of you! Because of you the Montgomery County Free Clinic has been voted the #1 Fundraiser by the Journal Review. We can't wait to see what this event brings in 2023!!

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Meet Our Executive Director

We would like to introduce our new Executive Director, David Johnson. We are so excited to welcome him to the clinic. Pictured with David is Nancy Sennett who served as Executive Director in the interim. Our board president, Donna, spoke about Nancy "when the need arose, Nancy volunteered to take over the executive position without hesitation. Nancy's executive experience and dedication to the clinic allowed us to continue operating the clinic as usual while we looked for our next executive director. Her ongoing service to multiple Montgomery County nonprofits over the years shows how much she cares for the residents of Montgomery County."

Thank you, Nancy!!

David was born and raised in the Lafayette area. He attended Purdue University where he received his Bachelor's Degree majoring in Psychology, Sociology minor, with a Premedical Studies focus. After finishing his undergraduate work, David started his professional career coordinating general



medical and mental services for adults with disabilities for four years followed by two years working with youth on alcohol, tobacco and other drug

education preventive programs. Returning to Purdue to pursue a Master's degree in Health Promotion and working at the university providing health and wellness programs to the 12,000 students of University Residences, he met and married Montgomery County native Kim Carter Johnson. After graduate school he and Kim returned to Montgomery County where he served as the Executive Director of the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau for 3 1/2 years until leaving to be executive director of MUFFY for nearly 12 years.

David shared, "I was raised in a small town where everyone knew each other and where everyone helped their neighbors. So having grown up in an environment where service to others was the norm, combined with my background and passion for health and wellness, the Montgomery County Free Clinic was a perfect fit. I am so pleased to be part of this incredible community organization."

Again, Welcome David to MCFC!!!

Patient Receives Much Needed Care

Recently, we have noticed a large influx of people from Nicaragua. The country is currently undergoing tremendous political unrest and many people have had to flee. One patient in particular was a former elementary school teacher in Nicaragua who fled following multiple threats and physical attacks. He left behind his

wife and children due to the severity of his situation. Since coming to Crawfordsville, he has had unbearable stomach pain. He had gone to an urgent clinic but was unable to afford additional follow-up testing and treatment. He had lost a large amount of weight due to his stomach pain and

and loss of appetite. Thanks to the clinic and our contributors, we were able to provide the patient with additional testing and treatment. He was found to have severe gallbladder issues and has since had surgery. He is feeling much better and is working on being reunited with his family.

Meals on Wheels Speaks of Generosity

"Summer time and the livin' is easy" and it is also an opportunity for young people to volunteer in the community. Many children and grandchildren of MoW drivers offer to deliver meals as a community service. This past summer, a teenaged grandson was accompanying his grandfather on a route. Our clients frequently have other concerns besides food and insecurity. Many find it difficult to maintain a household. And one man, an amputee and legally blind, had a particularly messy house.

As the young man delivered the meal, he came back to his grandfather and said, "I need to help this guy." He reported about the food left out, flies, and general messiness of the house. Adult Protective Services had been involved and notified his family many times and still no intervention and no change. The teenager was told that he could not

help until he got permission from his family. The young man called the family contact immediately and informed the family of the condition of the house. He asked for permission to clean the house. He was not given permission, but the family promptly stepped in and cleaned up the mess. Thankfully, the family has continued to support the relative. Besides delivering fresh meals, Meals on Wheels is also a wellness check on the older vulnerable citizens of our community. And it is also an opportunity for young people to experience the satisfaction of helping others. Many other volunteers organize the drivers, supervise the packagers, plan the routes, handle the accounts, and register new clients. We are so thankful for the generous community we live in!

We are excited to welcome David Johnson, the new Executive Director of the clinic. He shares our passion in serving those in need.

As we face increased costs, we greatly appreciate all our supporters. Obviously many of you take the words of John Wesley to heart.

*"Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as you can."*

John Wesley