



# Apple Corps—Summer 2023

## NAFC Awards Gold Standard for Medical Care

We are proud to announce that the Montgomery County Free Clinic has earned a 2023 Gold Rating from the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC) Quality Standards Program. The highest quality of care standard award by the association, the Gold Rating re-

flects the clinic's commitment towards building a healthy community for all through quality, equitable, and accessible healthcare. We are fortunate and thankful to have a dedicated team of board members, volunteers, staff and donors that ensure excellent patient care regard-

of their ability to pay.



## Meet Our New Office Manager

### Welcome Ashley Menard, the new office manager of the Montgomery County Free Clinic!!

Ashley started with the Clinic on June 12th. She brings over six years of clinical experience and a passion for creating a welcoming environment that fosters collaboration and productivity. Ashley is committed to the mission of MCFC by ensuring all administrative tasks are handled efficiently and effectively. She is excited to



be part of such an important organization and

looks forward to working with the team to achieve its goals. We are thrilled she has joined our team and are excited to see what we can accomplish together.

With Ashley taking over as Office Manager, Gail Merriman will be focused on her new position of Patient Care Coordinator where she will assist with patient scheduling, confirmation, referrals and interpreting services.

**Register today for our 9th Annual Dining with the Chefs presented by McGowan Insurance Group and Auto-Owners Insurance.**  
**Event Date: August 12!**



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# Clinic receives \$50,000 Grant to Support Meals on Wheels

We are excited to announce a \$50,000 investment from the city of Crawfordsville in support of the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program. This investment will allow us to better meet the nutritional needs of seniors in our community. The goal of MOW is to provide our home-bound senior citizens daily access to fresh, high-quality, nutritional meals—all at an affordable price

that eliminates any financial barriers. Meals will be prepared daily by our longtime hospital partner, Franciscan Health. Our 100+ volunteers will help to pack, plan routes, and deliver more than 15,000 meals every year. We extend our gratitude to Mayor Barton for his support in driving this initiative. Pat Stull, Meals on Wheels Program director, expresses her enthusiasm for the

Investment; “MOW has been feeding seniors in our community since 1969. This ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) grant will improve the quality of the meal and expand the program to reach more needy seniors.” Not only that, but Stull hopes to “develop a social interaction piece to the program as 77% of our clients live alone.”

## Hoover Students Support Clinic

Each spring, student council members at Mollie B. Hoover Elementary School sponsor a carnival to raise funds for the school and community. This year, the students raised \$3000, and voted to give half of the earnings to our Clinic. We are thankful to the students for their generous donation of \$1500 and their enthusiasm and drive to help the community.

*Thank you Mollie B. Hoover!!*



## Introducing New College Interns and Medical Interpreter



Dhroov Paul joined MCFC as a college intern in the month of May. He has completed his junior year at the University of Ontario Tech as a premedical student. He hopes to incorporate his learning from interning at MCFC to his aspiring career in healthcare.



Jui Desai is our college intern from June to September. She has completed her junior year at The University of Chicago as a neuroscience major. Jui is excited to learn about healthcare and help the team advance its mission.



Marina Lopez is joining us as a Medical Interpreter. A Crawfordsville native, Marina is in her senior year of Nursing School at Indiana State University and is excited to be part of the team and learn more about the community health aspect in nursing.

*The Free Clinic is proud to help influence and support future healthcare professionals throughout their academic and professional journeys.*