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A Ministry of Faith, Health and Hope

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Big Success

Volunteers Are Our Everyday Angels



Dottie Achmoody

Have you made your reservation yet for our annual volunteer celebration? This is the last article about the brunch before it is here on Sunday, June 5, 2011, at 1 p.m. at OPEN M. Past OPEN M board President Scott Myers will be our guest speaker, and the Stow UMC Bell Choir will perform heavenly music to celebrate that our "Volunteers Are Our Everyday Angels!"

The menu will consist of:

- seedless grape salad with toasted walnuts and celery topped with an orange marmalade sauce
- broccoli, cauliflower, cheddar cheese, and bacon salad topped with sweet and sour sauce
- crème brûlée French toast
- sausage, mushroom, and cheese breakfast casserole
- Goshen's homemade sausage patties
- muffins and pecan sticky buns
- coffee/cream/sugar

If you would like to participate in this event, reservations are \$8 and must be made prior to May 27, 2011. Please contact Dawnya LaMantia, support & resource manager, Ext. 402, if you have any questions or to make your reservation!

A health expo that really helps!

On April 5, OPEN M had the pleasure to host the Minority Health Roundtable Health Expo. The Ohio Commission on Minority Health funded the event. Some of the life saving screenings that were available were cholesterol/blood sugar, dental services, prostate screening, stroke, HIV/ STD screenings and much more. We also had over 30 different health vendors set up at tables, handing out information to those who came through. Vendors included Summit County Community

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Our shining star, Regina Wickliffe

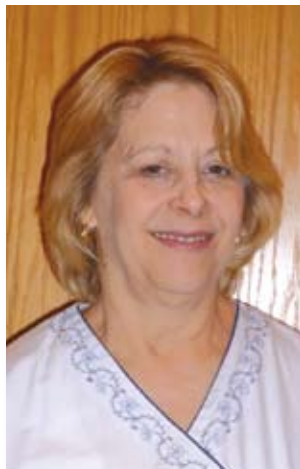


After helping with utility assistance at OPEN M since September, Regina Wickliffe wrapped up her final month as our intake specialist in April as the grant that provided funding for her position came to an end. In total, Regina met with over 135 different individuals. She scheduled appointments, performed assessments and completed paperwork with every one of those clients, and received many compliments about her kind heart and words throughout the process. OPEN M is not only thankful for Regina, but also proud of all she has done in this building.

Starting in 2009, Regina signed up through the Akron Urban League for a summer employment program, and OPEN M was blessed to be her placement. Regina worked at the front desk, utility assistance, Project Homeless Connect, and even volunteered to assist with our Christmas for the Love of Children program. Through this process, Regina also enrolled in our Getting Ahead class, and graduated from the program with a goal of graduating with her associate's degree. When the Urban League program ended, Regina left OPEN M for a few months, only to be invited back last year to help with utilities again. On top of all her work at OPEN M, Regina will graduate with an associate's degree in applied science and business administration and plans to one day open a special-needs day care.

We are thankful for all Regina has already done for OPEN M and hope to work with her more in the future. What a shining star from our Getting Ahead program!

Meet our new Nurse Administrator Patrice Fox, BSN, RN



OPEN M would like to welcome our newest staff member, Nurse Administrator Patrice Fox. Patrice comes to OPEN M with a very diverse background. She was a registered dietitian for 20 years before obtaining her degree in nursing. She is presently working on her master's degree in nursing at Kent State University. Her nursing experiences include ICU care for a long-term acute care facility in Barberton Hospital, home care and case management, and teaching at a community college. Patrice enjoys the patient contact the most and looks forward to having more access to our clients.

Patrice attends Green Valley United Methodist Church and Westbrook Park Methodist Church. When asked how she heard about OPEN M she said, "I have been aware of OPEN M for

many years. The good works here are evident in the community. I most enjoy the varied experiences and the opportunities to work and guide the clients we serve. The clinic is a great community asset and the more we can offer, the better health our clients will enjoy. Preventive health care is part of my personal interest, and working with those to make positive changes is exciting to me.”

Patrice’s hobbies include researching clinical use of essential oils, supplements and herbals. She pointed out, “There is so much history in the use of these complementary therapies that is healthy and cost effective. I am always reading and researching uses and effectiveness to complement my nursing care.”

Patrice likes to travel to Georgia and Colorado to visit family and enjoy her grandchildren. She has a very culturally diverse family with two Korean grandchildren in Georgia and a new Hispanic baby in Colorado. “These are great additions to our family,” she said.

Patrice is a great addition to the OPEN M family as well. Her high energy and positive spirit really adds to our free health clinic. Patients enjoy working with her just as much as she enjoys working with them. She has a lot of great new ideas to bring to our clinic, and we are excited to have her here. **Please welcome Patrice Fox!**

Volunteer of the Month – Tom Buckner

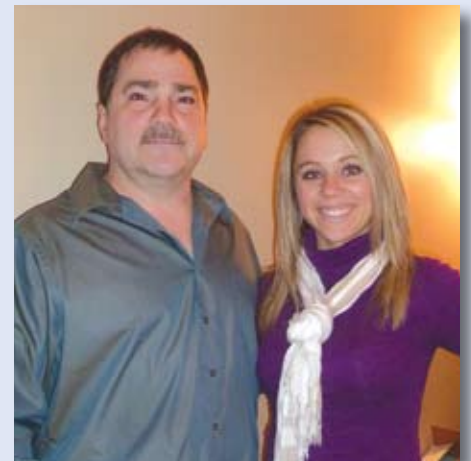
This month we are featuring a familiar face in the clinic, and also saying goodbye. Tom Buckner, our volunteer of the month, serves as our clinic medical massage therapist. Tom, a father of five and grandfather of six, has been a licensed massage therapist for about six years and has a practice in Cuyahoga Falls. You do not have to spend a long time with Tom to appreciate his quick wit and true devotion to his work. He truly enjoys what he does.

When asked about why he volunteers, he simply said, “I love, love, love volunteering.” Not only does he dedicate his volunteer time to OPEN M, but he also volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. Tom’s hobby is volunteering!

Kristina Spontarelli, our clinic manager shares, “Tom has been a huge blessing to our clinic. He is always so gentle and kind-hearted and always comes with a cheerful demeanor. Whenever a patient walks into his massage room in pain, they walk out

with relief. Tom’s presence will be incredibly missed, and we are so thankful for the time we’ve been given.”

We are encouraged to know that, even though his time with us was short, he made a major difference in the lives of our patients. He has recently decided to move out of state, but told us that wherever he goes he will find a place to help others. We greatly appreciate his time with us, and certainly wish him the best.



Save the Date for Our 11th Annual Golf Outing



When: Monday, August 8, 2011

Time: 9 a.m. shot gun start – 4 p.m.

Where: Fox Den Golf Course, Stow

Price: \$95 per golfer

(Includes golf, cart, lunch, light appetizers, catered dinner with steel drummer, games of skill, and a Chinese raffle)

Dinner: Provided by award winning Old Carolina Barbecue. Dinner includes pulled pork with choice of BBQ sauce, smoked chicken (legs and thighs), creamy cole slaw, and simply the world's greatest baked beans, served with dinner rolls, appetizers, and pineapple upside down cake for dessert (Dinner only tickets available for \$25)

Event Sponsor: Summa Health System

Other Sponsorship levels: Lunch Sponsor- Provider Services, Golf Cart Sponsor- Akron Children's Hospital, Luau Sponsor- A friend of Tim's, Gift Sponsor- Akron General Medical Center, Premium Sponsor, Beverage Cart Sponsor, Contest Sponsor, Tent Sponsor, Range Sponsor, Tee Sponsors



- 4-person scramble format - Sponsorships available now!
- Chinese raffle items needed

More information? Contact Tiffany Stahl at projects@openm.org or call her at 330-434-0110, Ext. 404

OPEN M announces 2011 Spirit Enrichment Camp L.E.A.R.N

(A camp that nurtures children to L.E.A.R.N)

Leadership, Encouragement, About themselves, Respect, & New interest



OPEN M, will hold its 2011 Spirit Enrichment Summer Camp L.E.A.R.N for at-risk children ages 5 to 12 starting on Tuesday, July 5, thru Friday, July 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The emphasis of Camp L.E.A.R.N will be to educate, foster leadership, build self-esteem, emphasize character, enjoy art, music, sports and recreation, and participate in field trips that will combine learning and fun for the enrichment of children's lives. We are excited to announce that some registrations have already started coming in.

This year our campers will be given breakfast, lunch, and a nutritious snack as well

Kudo's Corner

as a varied curriculum of learning experiences. Jungle Terry will be sharing his love for animals of the wild and will bring in several animals for our campers to see, learn about and touch. There will be field trips to the Akron Zoo, Metropolitan Park, Trinity Horse Farm, skating and many more. Our campers will also learn about different people in the Bible, and share in morning devotions each day. An end-of-camp celebration will take place on July 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There are many ways for you to get involved. Consider volunteering for a week or the whole month by being a camp grandparent! If you, or someone you know, are a certified lifeguard, we could use you for our swimming time.

Would you also consider sponsoring a child for Summer Camp? A donation of \$110 provides all of these events and the memories that will bless these children for years to come!

If you would like to volunteer or sponsor a child, please contact Dawnya at Ext. 402, or resources@openm.org for more information.

OPEN M welcomes Earth Fare to the neighborhood

Earth Fare – the healthy supermarket – is opening on May 11. One of the first things on their list of things to do for the community is to donate 500 bottles of water to OPEN M for the Walk for Kids. OPEN M would like to thank Earth Fare for their generous donation.

In addition, they will also be donating food to our food pantry on a regular basis.

Earth Fare makes healthy eating convenient, affordable, fun and – of course – delicious! They offer farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, a deli, a bakery and a full-service café. Their mission is to end childhood obesity in the communities they serve. This is why every Thursday night, beginning May 12, kids eat free at Earth Fare during Family Dinner Night. When an adult spends \$5 on dinner, up to six kids eat free every Thursday night from 4 - 8 p.m.

Earth Fare is located at 3737 West Market Street, in Fairlawn.



- The Chapel's Community Service food trailer led by Sandy Muffet for the donation of drinks, coffee, snacks and hot dogs for the Minority Health Roundtable Health Expo.
- Marco's Pizza donation of 10 pizzas for the volunteers and vendors at the Minority Health Roundtable Health Expo
- Gionino's Pizza donation of pizza to feed 50 for the volunteers and vendors at the Minority Health Roundtable Health Expo
- Gordon Food Service's donation of a gift card for our different programs
- The OPEN M staff for their hard work and dedication to the ministry
- Tom Harper for his help with working with the staff for the wellness in the workplace program
- The OPEN M Women's Board for their hard work on the benefit dinner. What a great success!
- Connor McMahan and Brie Winkler for their help at the annual benefit dinner
- High Street Christian Church for providing lunch for the Bridges Out of Poverty all day workshop!
- Jenna Bloom, CVCA student who volunteered with OPEN M several times throughout April
- Kappa Phi at KSU for assembling 110 bags of Girl Scout Cookies for National Volunteer Week
- The Girl Scouts of North East Ohio for the donation of cookies for National Volunteer Week.
- Clearview UMC for hosting a fish fry to raise money for the Walk for Kids!

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OPEN M Benefit Dinner was a big success!

The OPEN M Annual Benefit Dinner took place on Saturday, April 9, at Silver Lake Country Club. Thank you to our many sponsors and donors of the Benefit Dinner including:

Gold Sponsor-Summa Health System

Silver Sponsor- Mr. & Mrs. Philip Maynard

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Patron Sponsor- Dr. & Mrs. Brian Jones

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Oral Auction Donors- Mr. & Dr. Susana Bowling, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Jones, Dr. Gary Lichten, The OPEN M Women's Board, anonymous donor

It was a wonderful night filled with fellowship, food and dancing. The evening started off with Dave Stofka playing the



piano during cocktail hour to set the elegant and enchanted ambiance of the night. Then we had a "call to dinner" from the One Beat Drum Club from Hudson

Elementary. They played two pieces to get everyone ready for the evening's events.

The night continued with a solo sung by Charlene DeJournett who had the whole audience on its feet. Her singing filled the room with love and touched every soul in the room. There was a wonderful dinner provided while everyone listened to Reverend Knute Larson speak to us about the tears of Jesus, and how the OPEN M family shares in a compassion for others like Jesus showed throughout His ministry. Reverend Larson's address was followed by an oral auction and dancing.



Thank you to the OPEN M Women's Board and the event chair, Darlene Szilagy, and event co-chair, Mary Kay Martin, for their hard work in planning and executing this lovely evening. They did a fantastic job! OPEN M thanks our keynote speaker, Knute Larson, and all of those in attendance for your support of OPEN M!

Hot Lunch Headlines

May Hot Lunch

Mon. May 16
Hudson UMC

Mon. May 23
Greensburg
UMW

Fri. May 27
Montrose Zion

Tues. May 17
Fairlawn
Lutheran

Tues. May 24
Peninsula

Mon. May 30
NO HOT LUNCH

Wed. May 18
Grace UCC
Loyal Oak

Wed. May 25
1st
Congregational
Hudson

Tues. May 31
Prosecutor's
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Thurs. May 19
Twin Falls

Thurs. May 26
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Fri. May 20
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Saturday, May 14, 8 a.m. -
Walk for Kids at the Akron Zoo

Monday, May 30 -
OPEN M office closed for
Memorial Day

Sunday, June 5, 1 p.m. -
Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

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Partnership, Planned Parenthood, Summit ADM, Orianna House and many more. Summa Health System, Akron General Medical

Center, and other area agencies were involved with the planning and execution of the event to make this day go seamlessly.

More than 200 people received screenings during the health expo. Many more individuals and families came through to receive health information. We had over 100 volunteers who



devoted their day to giving back to those in need. Every person who came in and got a screening was able to go over the results with a doctor and ask questions. It touched



every volunteer's heart that day to see how thankful people were!

The Chapel in Akron brought their concession trailer and gave out punch, coffee, and hot dogs for lunch to everyone. Thank you to the Chapel, Fred and Sandy Muffet for their support and for supplying the wonderful treats. It was a day full of great people and life-saving health tests and information. Thank you to everyone who made the day possible!

