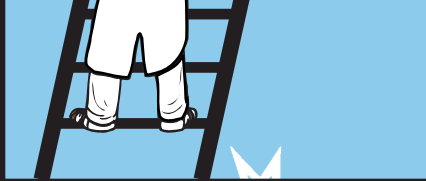


The Volunteer

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HOLD THE DATE!

Coming Soon!

Silver Anniversary Dinner/Dance

Volunteer Recognition

Thursday, April 3, 2003



Dr. Jean Malecki (center right) leads ribbon cutting ceremony at the grand opening of the West Palm Beach Health Center on December 10, 2002.

Health Department Opens New Clinic In West Palm Beach, Florida

It took over eight years to secure funding and construct a new public health clinic in West Palm Beach but the community should find the wait worthwhile as the 60,000 square foot complex officially opens on 45th street today.

Palm Beach County Health Department Director Jean M. Malecki, M.D. said, "For years we have been serving the people in a leased building on Olive in West Palm Beach. This new building will now allow us to take our service level to new heights and will help us serve even a greater portion of Palm Beach County." Malecki added, she anticipates well over 300 persons per day will be served at the new facility.

\$9.4 million for the West Palm Beach Health Center was allocated by the Florida Legislature and with the land donation from the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, this is now one of the largest facilities of its kind to be operated by the State of Florida.



WPBHC Auxiliary Volunteers, share a joyful moment on the Patio of the new center. Patio Furniture purchased by the Auxiliary.

A few of the services offered by the new clinic are pediatric care, adult care, immunizations, prescriptions, vital statistics, laboratory services, WIC/Nutrition, dental care and maternity. The Health Center is located at 1150 45th street, West Palm Beach and can be reached by calling 561-514-5300.

★ Public / Private ★ Partnership Does It Again!

In Belle Glade the idea of partnership works to the benefit of the clients of C. L. Brumback's Health Center.

A recent amputee was in need of a wheelchair and we began our search. However, during the middle of our search, we learned that this client was found to have other more life threatening complications and would need to undergo long-term therapy. This would probably weaken his immune system and zap his physical strength.



We searched harder to find a special type of wheelchair that would allow him to recline when necessary.

Jupiter Medical Center, the Jupiter Thrift Shop and a few of the employees at the Jupiter Center began the search. About 10 days later a notice was received that a "nearly" new wheelchair (used for only 12 days) was being donated to this

gentleman. A truck was borrowed and off staff went to collect the chair. A sudden death had brought forth family member's generosity.

Our patient was thrilled with his new ride and very grateful to the anonymous family who donated the chair. He wants to express his gratitude and appreciation. Mr. Lewis stated, "I am glad that the family remembered that the medical equipment purchased for their loved one could be of benefit to someone else and hope more people would follow this example."



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Barbara Purr Celebrates 25 Years of Service

Barbara Purr received an award from the health department at the Delray Beach Health Center's Employee Award Ceremony on November 7, 2002. Linda Hudson, ERC Chair and Dr. Berta Ferman, Center Medical Director, presented the Twenty-five Years of Service Award to Barbara. In her career Barbara has worked in a wide array of depts. She has served in the Division of Public/Private Partnerships since April, 1999 and currently leads the volunteers in Lantana and Delray Beach.



June Bular, outreach coordinator at Literacy Coalition gets help from an enthusiastic reader at West Palm Beach Health Center.



Helen Drake, Gerry Sedita, Karen Gramenz & Dorothy O'Brien

2002-2003 Lantana Installation Luncheon

Let the year begin. The Lantana Volunteer Auxiliary held its kickoff luncheon at Karen Gramenz's home. Everyone enjoyed a great buffet luncheon! The officers for this term are Karen Gramenz, President; Helen Drake, Treasurer; Dorothy O'Brien, Co-Treasurer; Agnes Fonti, Secretary; Gerry Sedita, Co-Secretary.

Welcome Gail Cooper State Volunteer Services Program Director



Diane Carlson presents a Volunteer Health Care Provider t-shirt to Gail Cooper during her site visit in October. Ms. Cooper joined the State Volunteer Services Program as Director in June, 2003. She was given a tour of some of the health centers and volunteer outreach programs. Staff and volunteers enjoyed meeting her and wishing her well in her new post.

★ What A Team! ★

Lillie Head, R.N. in Lantana's Overseas Immunization Clinic had surgery this past fall that resulted in several complications. However, she didn't have to be concerned with the clinic's workload. Sadie Ruggerio spearheaded coordinating the volunteers to address the flow of paperwork, handled the mail, combined records and sent notices for follow-up immunization. Lillie's "Dream Team" was truly great, well organized and made the difference!



A Fabulous Find!



Carol Roselle is a fabulous find for the Lantana Health Center. Several years ago she was the Administrative Assistant in Delray. Her pathway took her on to Bethesda Hospital from where she retired. She has now returned and her skills were quickly recognized by Dorothy Noel. Dorothy now beams with how much Carol enables her to complete. Carol's billing knowledge is not her only treasured ability. She also knits beautiful blankets, booties and hats for the babies at the Lantana Health Center. The Lantana Health Center has truly found a golden nugget!

The Jupiter Health Center Auxiliary requests that you join them in helping others in their special needs. Please save unusual and out-of-United States stamps for Hospice of the Palm Beaches, aluminum bottle tabs for McDonald House and towels, individual size soaps and shampoo for the V.A. Medical Center (they house a "clean-up" center for homeless veterans). These items can be turned in to your volunteer coordinator. Health Dept. employees can send them interoffice to: Admin. office, Volunteer Svs., 826 Evernia St., WPB. Thanks for helping.

★
I
Saw
Santa
Kissing
Etta!



It is with great pleasure that I get to introduce to you, Santa Arthur Rosenfeld and Mrs. Santa, Etta Rosenfeld. The two together really contributed to putting the cheer and the love into the Delray Health Center's Annual Christmas Party for the children, clients and staff. The Delray Beach Auxiliary held Santa's workshop for two days, allowing children who were in the center those days to receive a gift. On Monday, December 23, 2002 the Auxiliary distributed toys to 24 families totalling 80 children, this task was accomplished with a donation from the Jupiter Auxiliary. We wish them the best in the New Year and are very grateful for their contribution. Also, best wishes and many thanks to all the wonderful "smile makers" that made this annual event so fulfilling and such a great treat for all!

*A Special Holiday
Celebration For
"Extra Special" Children*



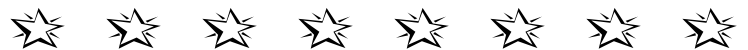
The Christmas Party for the Pediatric Immunology Clinic was held at Wells Gym in Riviera Beach on December 20, 2002. Hundreds of children were laughing, smiling and having a great time as they were being entertained by the Riviera Beach Fire Department puppet show. There was plenty of good food to eat and each child received an age appropriate gift, fruit and treat from Santa.

Special thanks to Susan Osha and Benjamin High School Students who donated 300 wrapped, age appropriate gifts. The gifts value approximately \$4000. Their generosity is truly beyond measure. An extra special thanks to DOH Tuberculosis and Refugee Bureau Chief Jim Cobb, who has traveled from Tallahassee for the past four years to be our Santa.

*A Very Busy Holiday Season
★ For Jupiter Volunteers ★*

Those Thanksgiving food baskets don't get out without lots of hard work getting done. Requests for donated food went out early in the fall. When November arrived it was time for pick-up: Sherrie and Geno Larrese went to Little Club, Mary Jacobs picked up at Dr. King's, Pat Cherry helped Pat and Jim Konefe pick up at Publix and then Pat and Jim also traveled to Dwyer High School, Mangrove Bay and the American Legion. Gail Chester, Pat Cherry and Peggy Shaw packed the food, and then Pat K., Audrey Aradi, Mary Jacobs and Georgia Dutschman helped distribute the food and gift certificates for \$30-50 (dependent on size of family) to 30 very grateful families.

December heralds the Christmas holiday drive for toys and preparations for helping needy families in north Palm Beach County. Contributions to agencies across the county (including Marine Toys For Tots) were very slow and slim. But thanks to some very generous donations, the Jupiter Health Center volunteers were able to shop for age-appropriate toys for all their referred families. These donations came from the following: Diane Simowitz, Rody & Don Toth, Bob & Marge Swift, Henry Hopkins, and the American Legion. Toy contributions were received from: Joe & Evelyn Doherty, Mangrove Bay, Yvonne Lloyd and Wachovia Bank. Once again, Auxiliary volunteer members pitched in to shop and wrap the gifts (Peggy Shaw, Gail Chester, Pat Cherry & Audrey Aradi, Sherrie Larrese & Mary Jacobs), then contact and distribute to the families (Pat, Gail, Peggy, Audrey, Mary and Georgia Dutschman). Thanks to all and a special "gracias" to American Legion Auxiliary Post #271 for the Christmas "goodie bags" that went along with the toys.



*Ho! Ho!
Santa*

Frank Fernandez volunteered to be "Santa" at the Lantana Christmas Party for the clients. He came complete with his Santa suit and bag. Frank works for the Health Care District in the Lantana Health Center and familiar with many of the clients. He knows how to be "Santa" and give cheer on a daily basis! Many thanks, Frank, have a happy and wonderful New Year!



Donna Addison, Admin. Assistant, played a tremendous part in our holiday success, takes time out to give Sam Hahn, WPB Vol. a comforting hug.



We do this for NORMA!!



I need to find a new job!
Millie Siegal, WPB Vol.



YES Virginia there is a "Santa"
Syd Baron, WPB Vol.



Is this the "RUM PUNCH" box?
Sam Hahn, WPB Vol.



Is it break tme?
Elenor Tushschneider, WPB Vol.



Don't bring me anymore to wrap
Florence Kostas, WPB Vol.



First Christmas at 1150 45th West Palm Beach Health Center



It's not how much you accomplish in life that really counts, but how much you give to others. The Christmas Holiday was so special to all of us this season. The Children's Holiday party held December 20th is one of the most heartfelt activities that our volunteers and staff work with throughout the year. Giving a wrapped gift, fruit and candy to our children brought tears of joy to our hearts and expressions of gratitude from the children and their families.

We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful, dedicated and hard working group of volunteers who make unusually good things happen for our children.

Special thanks to all our ongoing supporters (Rosarian Academy, Church In The Gardens, and The Christian Club) for their generous donations/contributions. Their efforts help our agency brighten the Christmas Holiday for our less fortunate.



The Jangling of Elves

Do you recognize these two merry makers? Its Karen Gramenz, President of the Lantana Auxiliary and Gerry Sedita, Co-secretary, sorting and preparing the truly great gifts that were received from the Boynton Lakes Social Club through their annual Christmas party. Both parties were fabulous successes. Thank you, Boynton Lakes Community for your continued support for the Lantana Health Center.



How Can I Help!



Madeline Hanney is an office assistant at Farm Bureau Insurance. A clinic client mentioned to her that the Health Centers could use knitted items for the babies. Madeline called and said she would love to help by knitting blankets. And she began, busily using her spare time and lunch hours to knit. She has completed 8 beautiful baby blankets. She also recruited a coworker, Marianne Swanson, who crocheted a gorgeous baby blanket. Madeline is a wonderful warm individual with extraordinary talent who recognizes others needs and shares her talents and efforts to help. She is a mother of two and actively involves herself in community projects. She also participates in "SHOEBOX", preparing shoeboxes of gifts containing various items for children that are distributed worldwide. She encourages others to get involved. Many thanks, Madeline.

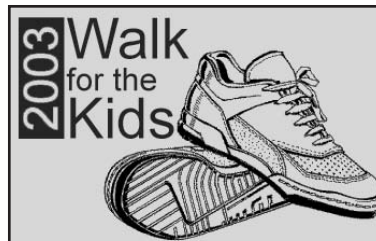
Madeline Hanney working away with her knitting while displaying some of her beautiful blankets.

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What special talents do you possess? Would you like to share your talents? If the answer is yes, call and share your ideas with Volunteer Services at your nearest Health Center!

★ ★ ★ Jupiter Godparent Program ★ ★ ★

The godparents have had an active winter. So far, they have sponsored a special outing to the Busch Wildlife Center in November, which featured an orientation session on animal habits for the children prior to their hands-on tour of the park. The children spent about an hour-and-a-half visiting and petting the animals before returning to their classrooms for lunch. The Head Start Christmas Party was held on December 19 at Jupiter Lanes. Santa arrived on his motorcycle, due to the excellent Florida weather, to greet the waiting children and listen to their wish lists. Santa gave each child a teddy bear and a rag doll in addition to the gifts which each of the godparents had brought for their godchild. Cookies and juice were served and the children got to do some bowling and participate in games.



Walk for the Kids

Get those walking shoes ready to "Walk for the Kids" on February 22. More than 1500 of Palm Beach County's lowest income children were able to attend summer day camps on full scholarships last summer, thanks to walkers and other caring companies, organizations, private donors and public agencies. About 300 people--men, women and children from every city in Palm Beach County--braved inclement weather last year and participated in the 2K, 6K and 10K walks at Okeechobee Park. More than \$21,000 was raised for another 100 children to come off the waiting list and another 200 homeless children to go to camp.

This year's walk will be held at John Prince Park in Lake Worth on February 22, 2003. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the walk beginning at 8:30 a.m. Kiwanis Clubs are the main sponsor but anyone interested in joining the Governor's Council for Community Health Partnership's walk team can call Bob Palin at 540-3340 or Jeanette Hartzell at 355-3013. T-shirts and team caps will be distribute. Pledge sheets are also available on Children's Services Council's website: www.cscpb.org



Former health Department staff members Edyth Pekin, Mildred Duffy and Barbara Rienecker serve as volunteers at the new Health Center's information desk.



Holiday Help In The Glades

It has been our tradition to distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to clients. The lucky families who are the recipients of this gift are referred by the nurses. 2002 was no exception!

Thanks to the assistance of members of the Lake Shore Middle School Honor Society and their advisors forty-two food baskets were prepared and either delivered or picked up in time for the holiday. These young people are models for others wishing to give back to their community. The C. L. Brumback Health Center thanks them for all their hard work and dedication.

In Memoriam

Two of our dear Jupiter Volunteers have passed away, Thomas Henry (on Sept. 3, 2002) and Ruth Butterfield (on Nov. 23, 2002). Both Tom and Ruth were over 90 years old and had provided long-term support as multi-talented volunteers at our Jupiter Health Center as well as in other local civic organizations. Ruth had served as President of the Jupiter Auxiliary and Tom had been the Treasurer for both the Auxiliary and the Godparent Volunteer Program. We miss their dedicated efforts, caring spirits and good company.

Dr. Chereskin served as a faithful volunteer for over 10 yrs. with the Palm Beach County Health Department at the Broadway Health Center in Riviera Beach. He was a loving and devoted husband, a caring and compassionate friend, and a dedicated volunteer. Dr. Chereskin passed away on April 2nd. We think of him often and miss him dearly. He spent his life helping to improve the lives of others and making people happy. We the staff, volunteers, and clients of the Health Department, were fortunate to share in his innate goodness.

★ Memorial Photo ★

Lucille "Gillie" Brumback

A copy of Dr. Brumback's favorite photo portrait of his beloved wife "Lucy" is now displayed as a memorial in the Vital Statistics office at the new (45th Street) West Palm Beach Health Center. Lucy was a dedicated volunteer, primarily in Vital Statistics, for over 20 years and is fondly remembered by the many staff members, volunteers and clients whose lives she touched with her gentle kindness. Please take a moment, when you are in the Center, to appreciate her memory and her devoted service.



Paid Staff Nomination Ballot

Please use this ballot to nominate a paid staff member for this annual award. Nominations should be based on the ideals that our division believes in strongly, Striving toward supporting the Palm Beach County Health Department's mission and goals; working through teamwork, promoting a positive presence and work environment for volunteers; going the extra mile for each other, respecting and supporting the volunteer program, etc.

Paid Staff Member's Name _____

Center/Division/Site they work _____

Your Name (Person Making nomination) _____

Please explain why you are nominating this paid staff member for the award:

Return to Center Coordinators or Division of Public/Private Partnerships,
Administrative Office, Room 111, 826 Evernia Street, West Palm Beach by March 5, 2003



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