Our Mission

The Bread of Healing Clinic is a neighborhood-based clinic for individuals with financial or other barriers to quality health care. We commit ourselves to respect, love, and learn from the people we serve, believing that the atmosphere we create reflects Jesus’ healing ministry.
A LETTER FROM THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Those of us who work and volunteer at the Bread of Healing Clinic daily are blessed by the generosity of spirit that infuses the space. Patients, volunteers, staff—all find occasion to share their gifts with one another. They are gifts that honor our shared humanity. Gifts that are given without expectation of response. Gifts that are given simply because there is need; not because someone has “earned” it. Gifts that recognize the individual in front of us is a blessed child of God. It is easy to recognize the gifts of our volunteers, who share their expertise and their time. But even our patients give—and we are moved.

One patient, who works at the El Ray grocery store, brings in a bag of mangos, ripened and juicy and sweet, each time he comes to the clinic. One patient presses a $20 bill into my hand, always apologizing that she knows it doesn’t begin to cover the cost of her inhalers. One patient baked and brought the best Tres Leche cake I have ever tasted, vaporizing in my mouth the moment it touched my tongue. One patient, who often lives homeless and on the streets, shared a bus ticket with another patient, simply because he had “extras.” All of these stories tell of the generosity of spirit that is the Bread of Healing Clinic.

The generosity of our donors moves us all, as well. Thank you to each of you, who has found a way to offer your own generosity of spirit to infuse the Bread of Healing Clinic. We could not continue this ministry to offer health care to our neighbors without health insurance except with your financial support. Please know that we think of you often and praise God for the generosity we experience. We pray that your own lives are infused with such generosity of spirit!

Blessings,

Barbara A. Horner-Ibler, M.D.

2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE
1,582 uninsured adults received 3,491 primary care visits at the three Bread of Healing Clinics at Cross Lutheran, Eastbrook, and Florist Avenue. Of these, 247 were new patients.

SPECIALTY CARE
Patients received 765 medical specialty visits from physicians and other healthcare specialists.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
232 individuals participated in a total of 2,138 individual or group counseling sessions provided by the counseling staff and interns.

DENTAL CARE
Dental and hygiene services were provided to 162 individuals (515 visits).

HEALTH SCREENING AND NAVIGATION
Community Health Resource Center staff screened 247 new patients and provided more than 3,000 contacts with new and continuing individuals.

COMMUNITY MEDSHARE PROGRAM
The medication access program disbursed free medications valued at $3 million which were donated through national medication programs, received through pharmaceutical patient assistance programs, or purchased by the agency.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
Bread of Healing Clinic physicians and staff provided over 7,000 hours of medical, behavioral health, social work, nursing, and pharmaceutical training and education to interns, residents, and students.
Raul is a 46-year-old Hispanic man with two young children. He complained that a few months ago, he was able to play a fast-paced soccer game from beginning to end, running the entire game. Now he cannot walk yards without shortness of breath. He cannot climb a flight of steps. He works as a roofer, but is struggling to do that job.

After a full work-up, including blood work, a CT scan of the lungs, and a consultation with a pulmonologist, Raul was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, secondary to chronic hypersensitivity pneumonitis. Translation: his lungs overreact to something he breathes in, and then they become stiff with all of the inflammation and scarring. His condition has deteriorated to the point of requiring daily oxygen.

There is only one medication indicated in this case. Ofev is a unique medication that interferes with the cells in the body that create fibrosis, created specifically for this medical condition. Unfortunately, Ofev costs $12,000 per month. Raul is an immigrant without documentation, so getting this medication for him through the Patient Assistance Program of the pharmaceutical company that makes the drug is unlikely.

The medical team at BOHC had a long discussion one day about Raul’s situation, his need for Ofev, and his very poor prognosis if he does not get this medication. There was no medication to substitute. We were heartbroken that we seemingly had nothing to offer him. Like other arenas, “thoughts and prayers” are woefully inadequate.

Two days later, our pharmacist came back to the medical team. He showed us an inventory of what is available for the asking on the Direct Relief website. Direct Relief is a humanitarian charity that works to bring medical resources to under-resourced medical professionals trying to deliver care. They make resources available as they have them become available. We ordered the year’s supply of Ofev. And Raul began taking the medication 10 days after we were overwhelmed by only “thoughts and prayers.” It is a God Moment. We have them all the time!

2022 Financials

Income
- Grants & Foundations $ 292,826
- Government Grants $ 465,182
- Contracts $ 144,161
- Individuals & Corporations $ 123,144
- Churches $ 79,003
- In Kind Contributions-Medical Professionals $ 679,554
- Capital Gains (Losses) $ (21,098)
- Other $ 208,221
Total $ 1,970,993

Expenses
- Program $ 1,705,010
- Management/General $ 155,965
- Fundraising $ 36,056
Total $ 1,897,031

Change in Net Assets $ 73,962

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A LETTER FROM THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BREAD OF HEALING CLINIC!

I am excited about having this opportunity to serve in this capacity. For me, there are no challenges to contemplate or prepare. This role is merely an extension of who I am and a well-orchestrated medley of all of my experiences and capabilities.

For the last 10 years, I have managed various programs for an inner city social service agency that provides holistic services for the underserved and disenfranchised. For well over 25 years, my role as a Regional Human Resources Director afforded the opportunity to become well abreast of policy and procedure. Currently, for 17 years I have pastored a local congregation of many different cultures and backgrounds where I am depended upon for excellent leadership, budgeting, fund development, organizing and then some, all with a sincere disposition of a compassionate, knowledgeable leader. In the course of 20 years, establishing community networks and collaborations both politically and non-politically, community focused and private initiatives, spiritually based and for profit, has garnered the exposure and experience in community issue involvement and resolution.

The Bread of Healing Clinic is entrusting me to bring all of these skills and accomplishments to continue their path of success, progression and security, in providing for a community in the greatest need. For 23 years, under excellent leadership, the focus has been on providing quality and equal care to a community who may have limited resources to receive it on their own. And it has been done quietly as Milwaukee’s Best Kept Secret, without self-promotion, financial gain nor charitable satisfaction. Instead, they have created a reputation in Wisconsin as being a neighborhood-based clinic for individuals with financial or other barriers to quality health care who commits themselves to respect, love, and learning from the people they serve, believing that the atmosphere they create reflects Jesus’ healing ministry. This is what attracted me to BOHC. This is why it is an honor and compliment to my character to have been offered this opportunity.

My style of leadership is “Hands On”. Always, I am accessible and approachable. Always, I am listening to the concerns and suggestions of the staff and community. Always, I am looking for opportunity to make life better for everyone.

I welcome your input and invite your participation in assisting me to carry on the mission of this great organization. We are Better Together.

Dr. Clifford O. Taylor, Sr., PHFF (Pastor, Husband, Father, Friend), Executive Director

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

A special heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers and donors. The work that we do would be impossible without your generous support. Your gifts help to provide individuals much needed care and assistance from physicians, social workers, psychologists, dentists, pharmacists, and other community resources. We recognize your passion for making a difference ... the difference between people being able to live full productive lives or struggling with compromised health. Together we can improve the health and wellness of the Milwaukee community.

We rely on donations and grants to provide the services that we offer. Please consider making a donation or volunteering your time. There are numerous options for both on our website at http://www.breadofhealingclinic.org/

We are updating our donor database to better communicate with you. Please consider updating your contact information on the enclosed envelope and return to Bread of Healing Clinics.
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