



Jazzed 2015 – A night of food, fun and philanthropy

Hazel Miller, Todd Park Mohr and Chris Daniels and the Kings delighted guests at the 4th annual **Jazzed** for Inner City at the Cable Center.

Some 300 guests visited the 12 chef stations for a tantalizing taste or two and bid against one another for dozens of silent auction items.

Modern Gladiator CEO Martin Alvarez was our elegant Master of Ceremonies. Guests stood amazed and amused as popular, long time Denver sports cartoonist, Drew Litton, drew a special cartoon featuring Peyton Manning and John Elway live at **Jazzed**. That cartoon and other Drew Litton memorabilia was featured in the live auction, along with an H.M Cole custom men's sportcoat and two custom men's shirts and a Bronco's game ball signed by Denver Bronco's punter Britton Colquitt.

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Frederick, Fuzzy's Taco Shop/Arvada, Jakes/Denver, the GrowHaus, Gigi's Cupcakes, Great American Coffee, Footers Catering and members of the United States Personal Chef Association/ Rocky Mountain Chapter: Sam Bittner, Barb Crispin, Lisa Givens, Liz Mount, Teresa Lindgren, Mary Broere and Brandon Spies.

Medical-Dental Integration Project

Thanks to a generous grant from the Delta Dental Foundation, true integration of the medical and dental clinics has become a reality. The Medical-Dental Integration (MDI) Project is being spearheaded by Karina Villagrana, dental hygienist, and Dr. Lavonas, Pediatric Coordinator. Initially the project was designed to include dental exams and oral health counseling with medical check-ups for both children and pregnant women. Within the past month, a

medical exam room has been converted into a fully functioning dental operator, complete with digital radiography and a dental chair. With this welcome addition, ICHC can expand its services to provide comprehensive dental care in the medical clinic.

Having a hygienist as part of the medical and dental team ensures that our patients are receiving true quality, comprehensive care in one place. The oral health counseling provided for

children and pregnant women can prevent the spread of one of the most preventable diseases to this vulnerable population, and patients have been enthusiastic and grateful for the service. As we move forward, ICHC is committed to continual integration of all facets of treatment to guarantee that each patient receives the high level of care that they have come to expect from Inner City Health Center.

New Board Members

Inner City Health Center is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of dedicated, Christian community volunteers who give their time and expertise to advance the work of the organization. The Board provides financial, programmatic and operational oversight, setting policy and strategic direction for implementation by the CEO and staff. Board Members serve 3 year terms, and may serve 2 consecutive terms before rotating off the board. ICHC has recently welcomed the following new Board Members:



Diane Drew
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Stefan Wenger, CPA
Chief Financial Officer
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Thank You to our Longtime Donors

Inner City Health Center sincerely appreciates every donor who contributes each year. ICHC is very fortunate to have many donors who have been faithfully giving for a very long time. In the fall of 2015, ICHC decided to do a special recognition of this group. Individual donors who had given for 5 or more consecutive years as of 2015 were recognized and given an Inner City Health Center mug as a way of saying "Thank You." Inner City Health Center is only able to provide critical health care services to the uninsured and underserved because the community makes it possible.

ICHC had the pleasure of recognizing 164 donors for giving 5 or more consecutive years. Additionally, the following 24 donors were recognized for contributing for **20 or more consecutive years:**

David and Janie Roos	Jeff and Deb Astroth
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Please join us in honoring the dedication and commitment of these very special donors.

Beloved ICHC Volunteer Passes

Anthony Thomas, Inner City Health Center's volunteer receptionist, recently passed away after a brief hospital stay. Anthony always had a kind word and a smile for patients, staff and others who visited ICHC during his shift. ICHC Chief Executive Officer Kraig Burleson participated in the memorial service last month. Anthony will be missed by all who knew him.



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Volunteers have always been an integral part of Inner City Health Center. The contribution of their personal time and talents provides extraordinary benefits to our patients. The care delivered by our numerous medical, dental, and counseling clinicians is clearly evident and much appreciated by those they serve. However, many work behind the scenes. Margie has volunteered as a pharmacist for more than 20 years and continues to come each week – even after the loss of her husband and partner Ray, a few years ago. Then there are the ladies from Christ Church (Varian, Alice, Gladys, and Lynn) who in recent years had to say goodbye to their hilarious longtime friend and co-laborer Phyllis – every month for the past two decades they arrive to coordinate the mailing of our billing statements. There are so many others, like D.J. Hillenburg, another volunteer, who can be cited for their tireless efforts, graciousness, generosity, and faithfulness to our ministry.

However today, there is one particular person I'd like to recognize. His length of service wasn't as long as others but his impact was no less significant. In fact, he has left an indelible impression in the hearts of many of our patients, staff, and other volunteers. His name

is Anthony Thomas. I called him "the mayor of Clayton". His devotion to the community and city as a whole was tremendous. He loved Denver and especially the Clayton neighborhood where he made his home and where ICHC resides. Though he interfaced with the Health Center in various ways, it wasn't until he participated in a Citizens Police Academy with several of our staff members that Anthony's engagement with ICHC became direct and personal. The rapport he built with our team members was so vibrant that he asked about volunteering. We eagerly accepted his offer recognizing that he would be perfect in filling the role of "Greeter" at our front door.

It was a match made in heaven. Mr. Thomas' kindness and love for people was evident from the first day. He not only was quick to offer help and guidance to those requesting information, Anthony took special interest in their well-being. This caring concern was extended to all patients, staff, and other volunteers alike. He became a trusted confidant for many. Whenever asked how he was doing, his response was always a smile and the words, "I'm blessed". He gave this reply despite his obvious own multiple health

challenges. As he sat at our receptionist desk and stared at the blank space above the door, in appreciation of our faith foundation, Anthony suggested that it would be a great place for a cross. We agreed and had a cross built for that spot. It proved to be an special blessing for Anthony because his health rapidly worsened and unbeknownst to most, he was terminal. Nevertheless, he asked to continue volunteering and he did. In spite of his condition, when asked how he was, his reply remained the same, he'd flash that smile and say "I'm blessed". We last saw that wonderful smile and heard those precious words on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. The next morning, his wife Norma called to say that he had just passed and went home to be with the LORD. For Inner City Health Center, because of the marvelous demonstration of faith by Mr. Anthony B. Thomas, we know that we are blessed!



Meet One of our Volunteers!

Ruthie Higgins has been a Registered Nurse for 40 years. She is a married mother of two adult children and has one grandchild. Currently, she works for Kaiser Permanente in the Primary Care Department. Ruthie is also one of the amazing volunteers for our Congregational Health Ministry (CHM) outreach program.

Ruthie has been volunteering for CHM for four years. When asked about her service, she said what attracted her to the organization was its foundation of faith and that she saw this as an area where she could use her God-given talents to help others. "It's a way of thanksgiving to God, because He has blessed my life, I want to be a blessing to others". She loves being able to pray for strangers whom she meets at community events and identifies one of her most memorable CHM experiences as being able to connect someone in need to Inner City Health Center. While volunteering

for an event, a fellow volunteer asked to be screened. It turned out that the man had no insurance, was unemployed and was thrilled to not only be screened, but also connected to a healthcare home in Inner City Health Center.

Ruthie encourages others to volunteer for CHM to connect with diverse communities and to see God work in different ways with different people.

In addition to volunteering for CHM, Ruthie has gone on six missions trips to different parts of India, Panama and Mexico to provide medical services for poor and disadvantaged communities and to build houses for the homeless.

Ruthie Higgins is an outstanding volunteer for Congregational Health Ministry. We appreciate all of her talent, time and service to others.

Patient Profile: Donna Pease

Even when circumstances change – even when finances improve, our ICHC patients keep coming back. Donna Pease knew about Inner City Health Center before it was even born. She attended Bear Valley Church where co-founders Dr. Bob and Jan Williams fellowshiped. She started out seeing the Williams' founder/partner, Dr. Duane Claussen as her primary care physician. She saw Dr. Claussen until 2000 – in the old location on Downing. She has been a dental patient since 1995. Recently, ICHC dentist Dr. Johnson saw Donna, fitting her with 3 crowns. While she usually pays based on our affordable sliding scale, the Daniels Fund covered the cost of the crowns!

Donna had no insurance for a long time. She has a medically-managed disability. While her coverage circumstances changed when she got older and she was able to follow Dr. Claussen to his private practice, she kept seeing our dentists in the old location, and now in the current

location. Donna recognizes the inherent value of what Inner City Health Center provides our community: "It allows people without health insurance to get quality health care. Sometimes it just fills the gap until you get insurance. It's often hard to find providers who will care for you if you don't have insurance."

Donna recalls, "I remember Porsia (Carter) from when she was the receptionist." Porsia is now the billing manager in the medical clinic. Donna adds that everyone at Inner City Health Center is "very respectful."

Donna notes that ICHC "helps people with other needs." She's been intrinsic to the operations of the Christmas Store at Bear Valley Church where ICHC kids' parents can secure gifts for their children. "I just like the idea that we're serving people." She says "we're" because she feels like a member of the ICHC family.



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