Sobering Findings on Access to Health Care in Shenandoah County

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recently released a study showing that Shenandoah County ranks #120 out of 134 counties in Virginia for access to health care. Among their findings:

- 20% of adults in Shenandoah County still do not have health insurance
- There are approximately 50% more preventable hospital stays by Shenandoah Co. residents than the average across Virginia. This indicates that too many people could not access primary medical care services in a timely fashion.
- (reference graph to the right) Shenandoah Co. has over 3,300 people per dentist, as opposed to Virginia’s average of 1,570 per dentist. In the same way, Shenandoah Co. has over 2,000 people per mental health provider (MHP) to Virginia’s average 680 per MHP, and 2,130 people per primary care physician (PCP) to Virginia’s average of 1,330.

The Clinic is just as essential to the work of bringing quality health care to Shenandoah County as it ever was. With your support, we will continue to fill the gaps in area health services!
Coloring Contest a VIVID Success

This summer the Clinic sponsored a Dental Coloring Contest for local elementary students. Pfeiffer Graduate Student Ashlee Brooks managed the project as a component of her graduate work, and there were over 400 student participants. The goal of the project was to inform children about dental care in a fun and engaging way, while also letting parents know that our Dental Clinic could address their children’s dental needs at a free or reduced rate.

Winners were drawn at random, with two Grand Prizes given of four single day passes to King's Dominion Amusement Park; all participants were thanked for their hard work and given a small prize. Congratulations to our 2016 Grand Prize winners, Xavier Garcia and Bailey Judd!

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all school staff members that made this project possible. Thank you!

Ways to Donate with Your Shopping Dollars

COMING SOON: holiday shopping! Wouldn’t it be nice to know that as you shop for friends and family, you are supporting a great cause in your community?

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Honoring our Decennial “Tin” Donors

Tin is the metal traditionally associated with 10th anniversaries; relatively pliable, it is meant to symbolize a couple’s ability to weather life’s ups and downs. It is a rare element that is often combined with other metals to fortify and prevent corrosion. In the same way, our clinic is fortified by those donors that have given of their time and resources long-term, providing stability, and steadfast commitment that places them in a category of distinction.

We take this opportunity to honor our “Tin” Donors, those that have given faithfully to the Clinic every year for ten or more years:

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Volunteer Spotlight

Jane Dysart has been volunteering with the Clinic since April 2013. She is a retired Office Clerk who enjoys time with family and holds a special place in her heart for the Shenandoah Valley. As a volunteer, she does "a little bit of everything", from checking in patients to preparing incoming medication lists to helping in the business office when needed.

Jane has a great passion for the work of the Clinic, and believes that the community benefits as a whole from its operation. In particular, she has seen lives changed through the Psychological and Counseling Services offered through the Clinic, witnessing patients whose mental health improves with each visit.

Thank you, Jane, for the dedication, proficiency, and talents that you bring to the Clinic!