

Huntridge Teen Clinic Dental Newsletter July 2016

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OUR MISSION: To provide medical and dental care for at-risk teenagers who are ineligible or unable to obtain assistance through Clark County agencies.

Steve Williams' Retirement Letter

It is with bittersweet memories that I am writing to inform you of my retirement effective June 30, 2016. First as Treasurer and member of the Board of Trustees and then as Executive Director, it has been my privilege to serve the youth of our community for the last nineteen years.

Finding a successor has been an arduous task taking almost two years. The 22-year legacy of The Huntridge Teen Clinic needed to be respected and embraced; the at-risk youth of Clark County needed to be protected and nurtured; and the Huntridge program needed new life to build on its solid foundation.

Our Board of Trustees concluded that, as a small inner-city clinic with limited resources, the mission would be best served by combining operations with a successful nonprofit that offered similar services. Several parties expressed interest but only one was committed to maintaining our downtown location and its access to underprivileged and at-risk adolescents. First Person Care Clinic, located only a few blocks away, met all the criteria. An agreement was reached to merge the two organizations effective July 1, 2016.

Like Huntridge, First Person Care Clinic (FPCC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides health care in the downtown area regardless of ability to pay. Having recently been awarded designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center, FPCC was seeking to expand services to include dental care and mental health. FPCC was eager to focus on teenagers, recognizing they are an overlooked population with unique needs. The merger is a perfect fit for both organizations.

The Huntridge Teen Clinic will retain its status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and as always, its donations and grants will be restricted to sustaining and growing adolescent programs. I will be engaged extensively during the transition to help ensure continuity. On July 1 FPCC's Chief Executive Officer, Tina Drago, will assume responsibility for The Huntridge Teen Clinic. Tina is eager to meet you and she encourages you to contact her directly at 702-277-5827.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the support you have provided The Huntridge Teen Clinic over the years. Your generosity has enabled us to help thousands of kids to a better, healthier life. I know your support will continue and allow Huntridge to grow and expand services. We're here to help kids to a better life. Thank you for all you've done to help us achieve that goal.

Steve Williams

June Salutes

Dentists seeing Huntridge Teen Clinic patients in their own offices during the month of June were:

William Dougherty, DDS
R.F. John Holtzen, DMD
Brendan G. Johnson, DDS
Gregory Hunter, DMD
Katherine Keeley, DDS
Christopher Kuranko, DDS
Clay Van Leeuwen, DDS
Samuel Savage, DDS
Sean Truong, DDS

Trang Nguyen, DDS, and the **UNLV Dental Students**, under the supervision of UNLV School of Dental Medicine faculty supervisors, **Eve Chung, DMD**, and **Scarlett Hernandez-Logsdon, DDS**, treated teens at the clinic during the month of June.

JULY CLINIC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 7	1 PM - 5 PM	UNLV Students/Dr. Hernandez
Thursday, July 14	9 AM - 12 PM	Dr. Eve Chung
Thursday, July 14	1 PM - 5 PM	UNLV Students/Dr. Chung
Thursday, July 21	1 PM - 5 PM	UNLV Students/Dr. Chung
Thursday, July 28	1 PM - 5 PM	UNLV Students/Dr. Chung

The July Adult Homeless Clinic will be Saturday, July 9th. Appointments are required. Please call Annette at 702-376-4029 for more information.

If you would like to join our list of volunteer dentists and help provide dentistry to at-risk teens who have no access to oral health care, please call Annette at 702-575-0866.