



# Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Health Clinic delivers quality medical care to low-income, working, but uninsured, Collier County adults, using a volunteer professional staff. We are committed to deliver these services in a caring, supportive environment that respects the dignity of each patient.

A Neighborhood Health Clinic Patient

## Total Recovery



Two years ago, Mike was a homeless drug addict and alcoholic with outstanding warrants. He was taken to the Campus Care program at First Assembly of God Ministries for an opportunity to change his life.

After six months clean, he realized he had medical issues and was encouraged to go to the

Neighborhood Health Clinic. On his second visit, after reviewing the test results, Dr. Gotsis told him, "You have Hepatitis C type 2 which is 65% curable." It was a shocking diagnosis, but Mike was thankful to point out that he "liked the way Dr. Gotsis listened and cared."

The treatment for the Hepatitis C costs \$50,000 and requires a weekly shot and daily medications. Roche Pharmaceuticals, accepted Mike into the Compassionate Medication program, and donated his life-saving medications. The treatment has rough side effects and the coordination of trips to the Clinic required skill and determination. Mike persevered and is cured of Hepatitis C and remains drug and alcohol free. He has gained a healthy 50 pounds and is engaged to be married on July 7th of this year – 07/07/07.

Now, Mike works 55 hours a week at a gourmet seafood food specialties shop. After dinner, he works for three more hours with an industrial cleaning service and finally gets home about 10 p.m. to sleep a bit before starting over the next day. On Saturday night, he stuffs newspapers into plastic bags for delivery the next day. Sunday belongs to him and to his family.

"Do you believe in serendipity?" asked Mike. "I do. My mom volunteers at the Clinic and I didn't know it until I went there as a patient."

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

# Endowment Campaign

The Neighborhood Health Clinic is pleased to announce the first ever Endowment Campaign, to assure our long term ability to meet the needs of our growing community. The Board unanimously decided to name the fund, the **William P. Lascheid, M.D. Endowment Fund**, in honor of our founder and friend.

Bill, along with his wife Nancy, have nurtured the Clinic into its eighth year and done so with the generosity of its medical and non-medical volunteers and the financial support of many local individuals and organizations.

We believe this is the best way to secure our mission into the future, and also the best way to say 'Thank You' to Bill on his 80th birthday. When asked, Dr. Lascheid said, "Nothing would make me happier than to have the knowledge that everyone's hard work will assure our long term ability to meet the needs of low income, working, fellow citizens of Collier County?"

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*, our campaign theme, runs through mid 2007. We need your help now. Please call our campaign co-chairs Bill O'Neill at 649-2722, or Tom Palmer at 566-2300, who can discuss the many ways you can help.

Everyone associated with the Clinic knows the love and care that live here, and also understands the reality – even dreams need funding to stay strong. This is our appeal to each of you. Make the decision to be a part of this campaign and forever have the knowledge that you have helped your fellow neighbors.



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## A Note from Nancy

### Who Really Cares for the Long Run?

Some eight years ago, because he really cared, Bill told me that we had to put our retirement on hold for a while because we were leaving something very important undone. Our work was not finished. We had not done enough.

This was the genesis of the Neighborhood Health Clinic and it came about because of Bill's experiences when we lived in Pittsburgh many years ago. In that large city there was a large community of working but uninsured men and women. And in many ways it was more apparent there than here in Collier County. Bill saw it, felt it and never lost his commitment to do something about it.

I think the idea of "doing something" was never out of Bill's mind. He was generous with his time with his patients; he would never say "no" to a colleague who asked for his time; he was always available to help innumerable charities and civic causes for those less fortunate. He cared. And it showed.

Yes, the concept for the Clinic came from a vision that Bill had and from a commitment that he and I made shortly after we retired in 1998. But the success of this wonderful medical home is not the doing of Bill and Nancy – it has come from many hundreds of men and women from every corner of our community who have enabled the Clinic to grow from two small rooms to the fine facility we have today. By any measure it has been a success beyond our fondest hopes. Truly this has been a divinely inspired endeavor from the very first day.

The goal now is to perpetuate the vision and to make sure it will always be here. A goal without a plan is just a wish unfulfilled. Thanks to the great leadership of our Board and our Staff, a plan has been created. It is aggressive, ambitious and attainable! It's the **William P. Lascheid M.D. Endowment**. The answer to the question asked – who really cares – is you, Bill and I, our friends, colleagues, volunteers, patients and others who have made the dream a reality and who will now step forward to assure the Clinic will be here . . . for the long run.

Nancy

*PS: Our cadre of volunteers now exceeds 500. Each one deserves to have an entire edition dedicated to them. Reluctantly, we have suspended this feature. Thank you for the support, love, dedication and spirit you bring to this amazing team!*

# Meet Our Board

**John P. Cardillo, Esq.**, is President and Chairman of the Board and has been associated with the organization since the Clinic's inception. He is a partner in the law firm of Cardillo, Keith and Bonaquist, PA.

"I was attracted to volunteering for the Clinic because of my prior association with Dr. and Mrs. Lascheid. I met them when I was allowed to shadow Dr. Lascheid in his medical practice for a day. I was impressed by his gentleness, consideration, and commitment with his patients and the teamwork and efficiency that Nancy effected in keeping him and the staff on schedule during very long hours. Thereafter, I kept up a mutual professional relationship with them. When Dr. Lascheid came to my office to ask me to do the legal work to organize the Clinic (gratis, of course), I felt compelled to be involved in it because of my admiration of the Lascheids in the desire to generously extend their lifelong professional knowledge and charitable nature for the benefit of the community. It was also an opportunity to be peripherally involved in a professional area that I always admired. Nancy's dynamic commitment to the success of the Clinic was spiritually contagious when coupled with her request for my opinions or help. That is enough to keep anyone involved."

## **Deborah Russell, Esq.**

*Chair Elect of the Board*

- Member of the Finance Committee and Governance Committee, associated with the Clinic for six years
- Principal in the law firm of Cummings & Lockwood

## **Connie Dalis, CPA**

*Treasurer and Chair of Finance Committee*

- Volunteer since 2002
- Partner with Johnston, Peacock and Dalis, CPAs

## **David Greider, M.D.**

*Secretary*

- Volunteer since the Clinic's inception offering clinical care to patients
- Senior Partner, DSI labs and Naples Pathology

## **Douglas Boynton, M.D.**

- Volunteer physician at the Clinic for seven years
- Private practice physician

## **Anne Davis**

- Chair, Board Development Committee
- Volunteer for five years
- Co-Chaired first Block Party

## **John Geshay, AIA**

- Architect for the Neighborhood Health Clinic
- President, Geshay and Associates

## **Sean Kelley, M.D.**

- Volunteer physician since the Clinic's inception
- Anchor Health Centers, Medical Director of Comprehensive Rehab Center, Naples Community Hospital

## **Martha Marland**

- Member, Finance Committee
- Senior Vice President, Northern Trust Bank

## **William O'Neill, Esq.**

- Co-Chair of the Endowment Campaign
- Attorney, Partner in Roetzel & Andress LPA

## **Thomas Palmer**

- Co-Chair of the Endowment Campaign
- Member of Finance Committee
- Senior Vice President, Robert W. Baird & Co.

## **Dave Weston**

- Member of Finance Committee
- Volunteer translator
- CFO, Coastal Engineering

## **Millard Younkens, Jr.**

- President, TIB Bank of Southwest Florida

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## Neighborhood Health Clinic Receives \$25,000 Sapphire Award

The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida, the philanthropic affiliate of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, awarded \$25,000 to the Clinic. The money will be used for patient medications.

The award recognizes Florida nonprofit organizations that have improved health care access and qualify for at-risk populations. The Neighborhood Health Clinic was recognized for its sustained initiatives that build on community assets to foster positive changes in health care access for the uninsured.

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### Patient Eligibility

1. **Employed**
2. **Low income - at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level**
3. **Collier County resident**
4. **Age 19-64**
5. **Without health insurance or any government assistance**

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