



**Tri City Health Partnership**  
**Medical and Dental Clinic**  
*Connecting a Healthy Community*



Providing free care to low-income, uninsured neighbors

# Partnership in-Action

NOVEMBER 2020

## Congratulations!

**2020 William Dr. Barth Award  
presented to our very own,**

### **Dr. John Mason!**

Sponsored by TriCity Family Services, the William D. Barth Award honors the memory of William D. Barth, a founder of TriCity Family Services and a dedicated community leader.

The award is given to someone whose belief in the community and concern for those living here is shown by an ongoing involvement in community life.

The recipient will have worked for the community by participating in activities affecting the quality of life in the Tri-Cities. These include civic, service, charitable, educational, cultural, youth and recreational organizations, as well as church and government.



**This is such a well-deserved honor for a truly giving, generous man and we are truly proud of him!**

Visit [www.tricityfamilyservices.org](http://www.tricityfamilyservices.org) to watch the virtual presentation.

Dr. Mason is with Mason, Faith & Hoscheit in St. Charles, IL

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# Hello.

## Meet a new patient, Heather

Since I contacted Tri City Health Partnership, I have gotten nothing but remarkable service. I initially called because I heard of the program from my boss. He said the place would help me, as I am uninsured and work in Kane County. I believed this to be untrue, because normally, I do not have good luck.

I called on Thursday, and was seen Friday, the very next day. Upon walking into the office, I was treated with respect. Karen, who saw me that day, worked me through my fears and told me she wanted to help me. She sure did! She took xrays of my teeth, and told me she would work to get my mouth back to looking good. And true to her word, since that day I have had a tooth removed, and they are helping me to get a bridge, so I do not look so horrible.

Karen suggested I also see their medical doctor as I had not seen one in a few years. I scheduled an appointment, and had a phone conference just a few days later. After that, I was instructed to schedule some tests at Delnor, and they would obtain my ER records. I am working towards a good mouth and a healthy body.

This place has really been life changing for me. I am happy that I can be a part of a group so open and welcome to helping people who need it, out of the kindness of their hearts.

I am not sure why the good Karma came my way, but I will be forever grateful for the people who run this program, and the help they have given me in just a short time.

## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

Since opening our doors in 2001  
TCHP has provided over 35,000  
onsite visits!

Make plans to join us on  
**November 13, 2021**  
to celebrate this remarkable milestone!



**If you have been a patient, staff member or volunteered at TCHP we would love to hear from you! We are collecting inspiring stories to share. Please email or call the clinic.**

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## 2020 Board of Directors

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thank you!

## TCHP Welcomes NW Medicine Residents what a wonderful opportunity!

For the past several months, TCHP has had the opportunity to be a part of the rotation process for current residents at Delnor.

It has given them a unique perspective into the world of free health care as well as adjusting to working with volunteers.

The unique backgrounds have been an interesting dynamic for the patients and staff. All have been filled with enthusiasm for the clinic and our mission.

In fact, a few have already started volunteering for us outside of their hectic schedules!

As the year progresses, we look forward to hosting these budding medical professionals. We have been impressed at their dedication and desire to make a difference in the world.

How blessed are we?

Thank you, Northwestern Medicine!



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ways to support your

neighbors

### 1 Volunteer

From onsite medical and dental professionals, referral sources, fundraising and office support, our volunteers are the heart and soul of TCHP

### 2 Donate Medications and Supplies

Unopened, unexpired medications, new home BP cuffs, Walgreens/Meier/Walmart gift cards - all have a big impact on the patients

### 3 Share the Word

Help us get the word out! You can share Facebook posts and more to raise awareness for those in need. Even attract volunteers!

### 4 A Financial Donation

TCHP never charges for services. There is no State or Federal aid, so we need your help to continue care. One-time, monthly, annual or endowment donations will save the lives of so many in need



# covid can't stop us!

It was all (washed) hands on deck, as we pulled together to continue care

Well as you can imagine, 2020 has played havoc on the clinic! But with social distancing, PPE, air scrubbers and purifiers, face shields, gowns, more Clorox wipes than I ever thought possible, patient care didn't miss a beat!

Admittedly, it was challenging trying to implement new policies and procedures to keep everyone safe. I'm sure many of you had the same conversations. Tele-health was never a big part of our days, but since March 15th, we have become experts!

I have said numerous times that this clinic is truly blessed. I was so proud of the staff, board and volunteers at how wonderfully they all pulled together to find solutions to keep the patients' needs at the forefront.

While everyone has been "all-in", it is important I take a minute to recognize two individuals. Linda Rockwell, our Clinical Director and Karen Webster, our Dental Program Manager stepped up in ways that are nothing short of miraculous.

From numerous webinars, CDC research, implementing new procedures, advocating for the safest equipment and environment, they have taken this COVID challenge under their control for the best patient outcomes.

TCHP has seen a surge in new patients from those that have lost their jobs and insurance. Some needing support at this level for the first time in their lives.

Calling a "free clinic" can be an anxiety-filled task. But many have commented that they were treated with nothing but respect and expressed a huge sense of relief and gratitude.

One woman I spoke to was so overwhelmed that she was able to be a patient, she asked to pray with me while on the call. Hearing the shakiness in her voice, the sincere gratitude that God had shown her to TCHP was a call that I will never forget.

Although the Thanksgiving table may be seen via Zoom, or Santa may deliver virtual gifts, I pray that the spirit of gratitude is not lost. I hope you continue to find joy in the little things, that we all count our blessings because they are so much bigger than we realize.

With so many suffering in this world, our little corner brings hope, health and peace to our neighbors. That is **only possible because of people like you**. Please consider a gift to help. We have enclosed an envelope for you, or you can visit our website to donate online.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Tri City Health Partnership, we thank you for your support through the years. You will be hearing more about plans to celebrate our 20th anniversary!

From the staff at TCHP, we hope your holidays are filled with love and laughter, health and happiness and 2021 brings joy for you and your families. Thank you for your commitment to the clinic and those we have the honor to serve on your behalf.

Kim Lamansky  
Executive Director

We can't do it without you. Now more than ever, we need you.

## Your neighbors need you.

We know you are scared. We know that many organizations are asking for help.

By supporting the only free clinic in the community, you will ensure  
a healthy future for those with no other options.

**Online gifts can be made at [www.tchpfreeclinic.org](http://www.tchpfreeclinic.org) or a return envelope is included.**

**Thank you for considering a gift.**

### *How your donations help:*

*Monthly PPE needs - \$45*

*One asthmatic inhaler - \$90*

*Cost of one patient office visit - \$185*

*One month supply of insulin for one patient - \$420*



## NOT JUST A LOCAL PROBLEM EXCERPT FROM YAHOO FINANCE

Record unemployment numbers led to millions of Americans losing their employer-sponsored health care coverage in 2020. And while some are enrolled in programs like Medicaid, Medicare, and COBRA, others are turning to free and charitable health care clinics.

A report from the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC), which serves approximately 2 million patients across 1,400 clinics nationwide, found that **74% of its clinics have experienced an increase in new, unemployed patients seeking medical care.**

"For many people, when they lose their jobs, they suddenly lose their insurance and they don't have any place to go, perhaps for medication refills," NAFC Board Chair and Grace Medical Home CEO Stephanie Garris told Yahoo Finance. "Immediately when there's severe economic hardship, they're focused on putting food on their table, keeping their homes, keeping their cars, and looking for another job." As a result, Garris said, **health care is often an "afterthought."**

"So, they need a place to go quickly to either deal with an acute issue," Garris said. "If they're concerned that they've contracted COVID, where did they go from there? Or if they need their medication refills or other medical services. So they're turning to free and charitable clinics in astonishing numbers."

"What we know is that there's roughly 14 million people who have lost their jobs," Garris said. "When you have such a large influx of the number of uninsured, if there are acute medical needs that need to be addressed, they simply suddenly have no place to go. And affordability for many of them is simply out of reach, whether it's maintaining a relationship with their private practice doctor or certainly attending an emergency room. That's something they just don't want to do because of affordability. **So, they increasingly turn to free and charitable clinics to meet their medical needs.**

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/health-care-clinics-amid-loss-of-employer-sponsored-plans-111235093.html>



# The Heart and Soul of Tri City Health Partnership: Our Volunteers

On behalf of the patients we serve, the staff and board of directors, we thank you for your unwavering dedication to the health of the community.

## Onsite Volunteers

### Physicians:

Dr. Tim Albion	Dr. Thomas Hazel	Dr. Alan Summers
Dr. Rajya Atluri	Dr. Steve Holtsford	Dr. Susie White
Dr. Jeff Bohmer	Dr. Sarah Kimber	Dr. Herbert Wigder
Dr. Tatiana Carrasquilla	Dr. Gary Kohn	
Dr. Peter Cladis	Dr. Kevin Krol	<b>Dentists:</b>
Dr. Raymond Dieter	Dr. Photine Liakos	Dr. Felicia Chu
Dr. Rosemary Espinoza	Dr. Marilyn Mistry	Dr. Scott Dykes
Dr. Ari Epstein	Dr. Robert Nierzwicki	Dr. Margaret Hoscheit
Dr. Katherine Fackler- Chapman	Dr. Sujata Oak	Dr. Alice Huang
Dr. Stephen Fister	Dr. Carl Pavel	Dr. John Mason
Dr. Patrick Gannon	Dr. Art Proust	Dr. Peter Smith
Dr. Evan Hale	Dr. Robert Reeder	Dr. Allison Wolski
Dr. Susan Hamada	Dr. William Scurlock	Dr. Joseph Wolski
	Dr. Robert Swartz	

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### RN, EMT, NP, MS:

Fely Arnold -RN	Tracy Esposito-RN	Teresa Nardini-RN
Olukemi Adeosun-RN	Marianne Goncher-RN	Joyce Proust-RN
Elise Berger-RN	Ashley Gonzalez -RN	Teri Roberts-RN
Cindy Brown-RN	Elizabeth Higgins-RN	Theresa Rockwell –MS
Joan Burke-RN	Joan Joseph-RN	Darlie Simerson - NP
Anthony Castelvechi	Nila Kannankeril-RN	Holli Spata-NP
Mawna Clardy -RN	Jessica Kuzelka-RN	Alec Swartz – MS
Steve Cohen-RN	Jaclyn Leibforth-RN	Paula White-RN
Deb Coleman-RN	Flora Lucas-RN	Susan Wilding-RN
Mikaela Didler -RN	Linda McBride-RN	Bradley Wilton - EMT
	Linda Mulder-RN	Cynthia Yeo-RN

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### Dental Hygienists:

Gaylene Baker	Suzanne Fruendt	<b>Dental Assistants:</b>
Christine Bethel	Alba Lane	Barbara Braulick
Christina Byrne	Lori McNamara	Audrey Chu
Christine Casile	Dawn Piper	Kolbein Stevens
Francesca Fiore	Jennifer Rothenberg	Geraldne Schneider
	Lisa Siemsen	

## Referral Specialists

Dr. Carla Adams	Optometrist	Dr. Todd S. Hewell, II	Plastic Surgeon
Dr. Keven Arnold	Dentist	Dr. Evan Johnson	Dermatologist
Dr. Steven Baginski	Dentist	Dr. Kevan Ketterling	Orthopedic Surgeon
Dr. Sakina Bajowala	Allergist	Dr. Kevin King	Ophthalmologist
Dr. Eric Bartel	Orthopedic Surgeon	Dr. Brian Klobberdanz	Oral Surgeon
Dr. Norbert Becker	Ophthalmologist	Dr. Andrew Kramer	Surgeon
Dr. Steven Bielski	Endocrinologist	Dr. Michael Larry	Gynecologist
Dr. Katherine Brito	Ophthalmologist	Dr. Bill Mackin	Cardiologist
Dr. Navinchandra Dodhia	Nephrologist	Dr. Arun Mani	Chiropractor
Dr. Jasmin Eco	Dentist	Dr. Perry Menini	Medical Oncologist
Dr. William Foerstel	Dentist	Dr. Mark Mondul	Podiatrist
Dr. Scott Genutis	Oral Surgeon	Dr. Eric Quartetti	Ophthalmologist
Dr. Christopher George	Medical Oncologist	Dr. Kishore Santwani	Neurologist
Dr. Bahram Ghaderi	Plastic Surgeon	Aparna Sekhar	Physical Therapist
Dr. David Ginsberg	Chiropractor	Dr. Michele Slogoff	Surgeon
Dr. Mark Glesener	Chiropractor	Dr. Gregory Spitz	Vascular Surgeon
Dr. Keith Gordey	Pulmonologist	Dr. Herbert Stith	Dentist
Dr. Kevin Haddle	Oral Surgeon	Dr. Michael Teuscher	Dentist
Dr. Christopher Hampson	ENT	Dr. Brett Trockman	Urologist
Dr. Anjali Hawkins	Ophthalmologist	Dr. Melanie Zahner	Dermatologist
Dr. Lauren Hewell Fischer	Plastic Surgeon	Dr. Scott Zahner	Dermatologist

*"This clinic has done so much more for me than provide care and medications. They are my Guardian Angels".*

*Stephanie*



Can you  
IMAGINE?

- Rationing your medication?
- Living in a car, homeless and sick, and nothing to ease the symptoms of the flu... or worse?
- Telling your wife you can't afford insulin this month?
- Ignoring an infected tooth that causes more pain that you ever thought possible, with no end in sight?

These are daily struggles for low-income, uninsured residents.


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The mission of Tri City Health Partnership is to provide quality healthcare, in an environment of mutual respect, to those members of the community without the ability to pay for services.

We promote better life choices through education and preventive care to foster the growth of the whole individual.

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