

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- There were over 150 participants at the Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Service.
- The Thea Bowman Community Health Center received 2500 books from Macmillan Publishers for its reading program.
- AHC placed in the top ten for the National Health Center Week's photo contest.

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Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Service

On the longest night of the year, community members and several Metro Detroit service organizations met Friday, December 19th at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul to remember those homeless individuals who died during the past year, for lack of housing. Rev. Scott Hunter presided over the service with Joe Ferguson, AHC's ED and guest speakers, Sheilah Clay, the President and CEO of the NSO and Tasha Grey, the ED of HAND.

"We want to recognize those who have passed without headlines or news reports but are remembered in our hearts" said Rev. Scott Hunter.

After the service, the Dorsey Culinary Academy provided a delicious lunch to over 200 people;

twice as many participants as the previous year. The Michigan Veterans Foundation kicked off the lunch with a color-guard presentation of the flags, and Br. Bob Malloy offered a blessing.

Afterward, volunteers from WWSU distributed warming gifts, generously donated from organizations all over the region, including NSO, Matrix, St. Vincent de Paul Dental, Detroit Dental Institute, St. Francis Cabrini Clinic, and many others.

As we reflect on their lives, we also mourn the fact that in the richest nation in the world, we continue to have record numbers of fami-



lies and individuals without homes. Housing is Healthcare! M.DaSilva

Thea Bowman Community Health Center Begins Reading Program

Last fall, our Thea Bowman Community Health Center (TBHC) began its pediatric Reading Program. With this program, every child that comes into the Thea Bowman Community Health Center for a wellness check-up will receive a free book. Early literacy exposure is critical to language and interpretation skills for children, and

the program emphasizes reading to kids as well. AHC now hosts monthly reading programs at TBHC where kids participate in literacy activities and storytelling. Pictured to the right: Dr. Erin Hendriks with a 2,500 book donation from Macmillan Publishers.



Donations



Advantage Health Centers has received several donations over the past few months.

- For his Eagle Project, William Schreiber and Troop 357 of the Boy Scouts of America donated 110 first aid kits and 153 activity bags.
- The Dorsey Culinary Academy generously donated the luncheon for the Homeless Memorial Service as well as labor to prepare and serve the meal.
- Macmillan Publishers donated 2500 books to the Thea Bowman Community Health Center Reading Program
- United Health Care donated over 140 books to our reading program.
- The St. Frances Cabrini Clinic Detroit donated 10 coats, 60 ball caps, and 76 polo shirts.
- Covenant House Michigan donated 144 pairs of gloves, and a large box of hygiene supplies.
- Matrix Human Services donated 5 coats.
- Henry Ford Health System donated 15 coats
- Neighborhood Service Organization donated 164 blankets
- Michigan Division of Community Health donated coats, gloves, hats, and scarves
- And we received several donations from individuals for the Memorial service!



Our residency program is entering its second year and has received over 2000 applications for next year's residents slots. Here are what our residents have achieved and have been working on:

- Dr. Donyelle Moore's photo placed in the top ten in the National Health Center Week's photo contest.
- Residents will be the doctors of the Hazel Park and Renaissance Schools' sports teams as well as conducting physicals.
- Residents collected over 300 pairs of socks for the Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Service.
- Residents will be doing rotations with the Detroit Area on Aging, which will consist of shadowing nurses on home-visits.
- Residents will be conducting quarterly health and exercise as-



Residency Projects



Farewells and Welcome New Hires!

We bid a fond farewell to:

- Brenda Hemphill, HR Coordinator
- Amy Evans, Director of Fiscal Services
- Patricia Soares, Director of Clinical Services

We would like to Welcome to the organization:

- Ryanne Exposito, Human Resource Manager
- Ladawn Durant, Medical Administrative Assistant
- Luther Brown, Medical Assistant (student)
- Lauren Carroll, MD
- Tamra Maben, MD
- Malinda Williams, Controller
- Jason Wilkinson, PhD, Behavioral Health Program Manager
- Kim Mckalpain, Accounting Clerk

Walk Against Homelessness

In November, Advantage Health Centers' participated in the 18th annual Walk Against Homelessness, the finale to Michigan's Homeless Awareness Week. The Walk increases awareness of homelessness while raising support for the Homeless Action Network of Detroit to carry out its mission of creating permanent solutions to homelessness in our community.

Despite the cold weather, volunteers from all over Advantage Health Centers participated in the walk to help end the tragedy of homelessness in Metro Detroit and raised over \$200 in pledges.



Nurses' Events and Clinical Corner



The University of Detroit Mercy nursing students conducted "Bringing Attention to Hypertension Free Blood Pressure Screening" events at the Detroit Public Library Hubbard Branch and Thea Bowman Community Health Centers last November. The nursing students conducted 50 blood pressure screenings!

Clinical Corner

Bed Bug Facts

- Bedbugs are flat, round and reddish brown, around a quarter-inch (7 millimeters) in length.
- Bedbugs don't transmit disease or pose any serious medical risk.
- Bedbugs don't have wings, and they can't fly or jump.
- Their narrow body shape and ability to live for months without food make them ready stowaways and squatters.

Advantage Health Centers Annual Fundraiser

Last August, Advantage Health Centers held its annual fundraiser at the MGM Grand Casino for a "Roaring Night". It was a wonderful night that consisted of: dancing, singing, silent auctions, raffles, and a buffet of delicious food. It was a big success and is helping us greatly on planning next year's annual event. Next year we hope to invite the community to learn about our work on Thursday, August 6th, 2015.





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Detroit Health Care for the Homeless DBA Advantage Health Centers (AHC) is a not – for – profit (501c3) organization operating as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Since 1986, AHC has operated with the Section 330(h) designation as a Health Care for the Homeless project. It is the second oldest such homeless health care center in the nation. In 2003, AHC added the additional status as a community health center. We provide comprehensive medical care to the insured and under-insured in the Metro Detroit community, but specialize in serving the vulnerable and underserved populations including the homeless. We provide internal medicine, family medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, dental services, behavior health, laboratory, outreach, and social work services. We have six practice locations: the Waller Health Center, Waller Dental, the Children's Health Center, the Children's Dental Center, Advantage Family Health Center, and the Thea Bowman Community Health Center. We are always accepting new patients at all of our locations.



Announcements



Birthdays

December

- Lawanda Alford
- Iris Ray
- Zelena Hammond
- Wonner Lawson
- Cynthera McNeil

January

- Dionetta Richardson
- Yolanda McCloud
- Amelia Hamm
- Gloria Evans

February

- Daniel Zemke
- Kelly Norwood
- Latoya Floyd
- Alma Myers
- Tamra Maben
- Michael White
- Wendy Barrow
- Joi Cooper
- Yolanda Laird
- Jamie Jackson
- Lillian Alexander

Congratulations!!!

Employees that married:

- Ryanne Exposito

Employees that had children:

- Lekeysha Robinson-Royster
- Isaiah Johnson



Amore Olivia Johnson

