



THE LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC NEWS

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CARING RELATIONSHIPS ARE THE KEY

8 months into our pilot project we are beginning to better understand why, when there are so many health-care facilities in the City of Detroit, the patients we are serving were not receiving prenatal care prior to coming to The Luke Project 52 Clinic.



The picture at right explains it all. Dr. Katy Gold MD is performing a non-stress test using a Doppler (we do not have an expensive fetal monitor) that takes close to 40 minutes and doing it in 90 degree heat. She would not let the patient leave till we were sure that the baby was well. Mom's condition requires twice weekly non-stress tests for the babies safety. Mom has no transportation. Because of a bureaucratic mix-up her insurance had been cut off. She can't make it to the hospital for her tests because she has to babysit her roommates children in exchange for room and board. She had missed her Tuesday non-stress test and couldn't go the next day. What Doctor spends that much time in that kind of heat to do that? **Only one who really cares!**

NEWS UPDATES

- Dr. Carrie Bell MD provided the clinic with an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)
- Calvary Lutheran Church in Lincoln Park has donated 40 cases of diapers to The Luke Project 52 Clinic and is considering joining the team of congregations supporting our mission
- Jen Kosakowski (one of our doulas) has taken on the task of updating our Facebook Page and keeping it current. Check it out.
- Wellspring is in the final stages of hiring a replacement for our Social Services team to work with Charita Kelly in helping our patients navigate what is sometimes a very uncaring health-care and governmental system.
- 7 of our team members will be attending the 2017 Mobile Health Clinic Annual Forum in September. Besides a 1-day intensive "How To" on running a mobile health clinic, the team will be attending multiple seminars in their areas of expertise to assist us in providing quality care to our patients in a mobile setting.
- Our Board of Directors is working on a "Legal and Operational Guide for The Luke Project 52 Clinic" modeled after a guide produced for free clinics by the AMA. First draft should be ready for our Board meeting in September.
- If you would be willing to serve on a team of "Prayer Warriors" for the project, please respond to this email indicating your willingness. I will be sending out a bi-weekly prayer request to that group. *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and*

LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC STORIES: (text message threads of caring)

RN: Hi. I'm reminding you of your prenatal appt. on Thursday. Will you be there? Also your shower is on —.

Patient: Yes, I will be there and thank you. (love emogi's) Hey ... I just needed vent and would love for you to pray for me. I just found my Mom. She's been gone...for years...I've been taking care of her for the last few weeks and it's been so hard because she doesn't appreciate me. I'm the oldest of 10 and when she abandoned us I took care of everyone...I'm so hurt that she left us but I still respect her and take good care of her even though she treats me like crap...I know it's the right thing to do. Please just pray for my strength and that things will get better. I never will know how it feels to be loved and taken care of...I'm so thankful for you guys. I love you. Just please pray for me.

RN: I honestly feel so privileged that you would trust me enough to share your innermost thoughts with me. You probably won't believe or understand me when I say this but I do love and care about you. It is why we do the Luke Clinic. My heart and the hearts of those who care for you there are so blessed that God would let us be part of the lives of you precious Moms. I want to make everything right for you but of course none of us can have everything right in our lives until we are together in Heaven with Our Father who will right all wrongs and our pain will be gone forever. In the meantime we will go on living by trying in every possible way to bring light, love, and hope to those He puts in our path, as you are doing with your Mom. Your unconditional love for her is how He loves us in all of our imperfections. You are a light, and His love shows through. You are a beautiful strong child of God. I love you for that sweet friend.

Patient: Aww thank you! I love you so much.