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THE LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC NEWS



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HARD LIFEBOAT DECISIONS?

At least 34 migrants, most of them toddlers, drowned, as coastguard boats and other vessels tried to save hundreds of others packed into boats off the coast of Libya, rescuers said.



The headline above illustrates an issue we are struggling with at The Luke Project. We continue to receive calls from desperate moms who have been turned away from other clinics. We have 48 appointments scheduled for clinic tomorrow in a 4 hour timeframe. To this point we have not turned anyone needing care away,

but as the Executive Director I know that at some point, if circumstances don't change, I will need to insist that we do so that we do not burn out our highly dedicated volunteer staff and so that the lifeboat that we call The Luke Project 52 Clinic does not capsize. The circumstances that will need to change are more volunteer medical staff (Providers, RN's, and sonographers) and increased donations so that we can transition to a partial paid staff supplemented with volunteers. Please pray for these things so that moms and babies reaching out desperately for help find room on our boat. If you would like to volunteer or give you can do so on the website or call me 734-646-8206

THE NUKA SYSTEM OF CARE—RELATIONSHIPS ARE THE KEY!

Southcentral Foundation's Nuka System of Care, based in Anchorage, Alaska, is a result of a customer-driven overhaul of what was previously a bureaucratic system centrally controlled by the Indian Health Service. Alaska Native people are in control as the "customer-owners" of this health care system. The vision and mission focus on physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness and working together as a Native Community. Coupled with operational principles based on relationships, core concepts and key points, this framework has fostered an environment for creativity, innovation and continuous quality improvement. Alaska Native people have received national and international recognition for their work and have set high standards for performance excellence, community engagement, and overall impact on population health. The health care transformation led by Alaska Native people and the benefits and results of customer ownership and the relationship-based Nuka System of Care are similar to what we are trying to accomplish at The Luke Project in addressing infant mortality through relationship building. I hope you will read more on the NUKA System of Care.



News Notes

- Mobile unit visits:

September 22—Grace Community Church, Detroit

October 21—Trinity, Wyandotte

October 27—Trinity, Pinckney LWML Ann Arbor Zone Mtg.

November 18—Christ Our Savior, Livonia

November 19—Concordia University North Campus

March 4, 2019—Guardian, Dearborn LWML

- If you would like the clinic to visit your church or organization call 734-646-8206
- We welcome a pediatrician to our staff! Adrienne Musci MD begins seeing babies at the clinic on September 20