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THE LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC NEWS



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EXPLORING PARTNERSHIPS TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY



The vision and mission of The Luke Project 52 Clinic focuses on the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness of the moms and babies we are called to serve coupled with a delivery of care system based on relationships.

The centrality of relationship building extends also to our efforts to seek symbiotic relationships with any organization that can help us “save babies, change lives, and help churches (build community)”. The logos above represent organizations we are currently working with. Little Tots & Moms Circle of Life (MIHP) and WellSpring help us with social services. Michigan DHHS has given us a grant. The Michigan District of the LCMS provided our original start-up grant. We have an agreement with the U of M to provide clinical experience to students in the School of Midwifery and most of our staff originate from there. Detroit Public Health sets up an immunization station on site each clinic day. Doulas assist us in providing prenatal education. Family of God Lutheran Church has provided the space for the clinic location and provides a hot meal for their community and our families 6 days a week. Concordia University School of Nursing is using our project to provide clinical experiences for their students. Mobile Specialty Vehicles helped us acquire our mobile clinic and the Church Extension Fund enabled us to purchase it. The Navigators help our patients navigate the insurance maze. The DMC has been with us from the beginning in providing lab services and we are currently exploring expanding that relationship.

On October 4th representatives of the DMC and WSU visited the Luke Clinic: Dr. Patricia Wilkerson-Uddyback, MD, MBA, FACEP Vice President, Academic & Community Affairs, Dr. Jay Berman, MD Vice Chair, Professor and Division Director General Gynecology and Obstetrics, and Jacqueline Snow, Chief Strategy Officer to see what we have been doing at The Luke Clinic the last two years and to discuss ways we could work together to improve outcomes for the vulnerable populations that both of our organizations serve. We discussed among other things:

- The possibility of providing advanced ultrasounds and maternal fetal medicine consults on site.
- Establishing a telemedicine link between Luke staff and DMC physicians
- The possibility of DMC medical staff serving onsite
- Enhancing Hutzler delivery services for our patients

The meeting was very encouraging with Dr. Uddyback stating in a follow-up communication “I know there is a way for us to join the Luke Project 52 Clinic team and partner in serving this very underserved community.”

News Notes

- Our Medical Director and Nursing Director (Dr. Gold & Sherie Garrison) will present at Grand Rounds at the University of Michigan on November 8th.
- Thanks to our Board member Dr. Carrie Bell, MD for filling in on an emergency basis for one of our providers who had a family emergency.
- Four staff will be attending the National Association of Free Clinics Symposium on Oct. 14-16