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THE LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC NEWS-NURSING EDITION

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NEW PAID NURSING STAFF AT THE LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC

Maria Lulgjuraj RN



CUAA Nursing School Graduate
Starts in September as our
Pediatric Clinical Coordinator
(did her externship at Luke)



Tiffany Burrell RN



U of M L&D Nurse who has been
volunteering since we started in
2016 now serving as one of our
Mobile Antenatal Testing Unit RN



Christine Polley RN

U of M L&D Nurse who has been
Volunteering since we started in
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Mobile Antenatal Testing Unit RN

Nichole Kesterson RN

CUAA Nursing School Graduate
Started in June assisting with
Clinical Care Coordination
(did her externship at Luke)

Because of the rapid growth of the clinic, the addition of the weekly Mobile Antenatal Testing Unit (MATU) program, and our plans to expand to a second location in Flint between Jan.1 and Easter 2021 we are now in the process of transitioning from an all volunteer nursing staff to a partial paid/partial volunteer workforce. We continue to be thankful for the healthcare worker volunteers that have and continue to make our efforts to “**save babies, change lives, and help churches build community**” possible, but with the amount of work necessary on non-clinic days to staff the 24/7 nursing triage line, and to do the pre-clinic preparation and post clinic follow-up, we are starting to hire nursing staff to meet the need. We hope to hire another nurse (hopefully another Concordia grad) by April 2021.

FLINT-HERE WE COME

At their meeting on September 1st the churches of the Flint Tr-Circuit voted to sponsor the returnable mission dollars portion of a Start New to Reach New grant/loan to enable the Luke Project 52 Clinic to expand to a second location at the Franklin Avenue Mission on Flint’s east side. This was a pre-requisite for our application to the Michigan District LCMS for such a grant. That request is under review by the District.

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN

Planned Parenthood **called us** this month to refer a Mom for prenatal care who had decided not to abort! I chalk this up as a “baby saved” just because we were there.