

Bridging the Gap

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Bringing healing and hope to our communities and our immigrant neighbors

Fall 2017

Student nurse will take some of CHH with her

Nursing students don't get to choose where they are assigned for their training rotations, but for Alexis Goeglein and the Center for Healing & Hope, the match could hardly have been better.

Alexis, who completed her rotation in community health at CHH in the middle of October, appreciated things as basic as being able to do part of her training in her home community, to something as intangible as the teamwork and camaraderie at CHH as volunteers and staff serve the community.

Two-way benefits

"I really like getting to know different medical personnel. It's cool to get to work so closely with the nurse practitioner and nurses and doctors—to be such a combined unit," Alexis said. That team approach, where doctors and nurses work so closely together, is something she experienced in few of her other rotation settings. She had opportunities to ask questions and learn from the medical volunteers.

Alexis speaks Spanish, because she had earlier spent a year in Peru working in an orphanage. So she was able to serve as a translator for several

evening clinics. At the same time, she was learning medical terms in Spanish. "That will be a big help in the future," she said. "No other clinical site could really give me that."

Taking CHH with her

Alexis will complete her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind., next spring. She plans to get married next summer and move to Texas where her future husband is studying physiology.

"This has been one of the favorite places where I've worked, because the

atmosphere is so different than any other place," Alexis explained. "I want to bring an attitude and a personality to other work places that I've learned to have here and that I really enjoy and appreciate. I want to capture that and be able to take it with me wherever I go."

Her work at CHH has inspired her, Alexis said, to look for similar organizations to work with in the future. "Many communities have organizations like this and I want to be involved. In any community where I am, I want to give back and serve. My work here has instilled that in me." &



Mary E. Klassen

Alexis Goeglein, a native of New Paris, Ind., was a student nurse at the Center for Healing & Hope in September and October.

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by Bryan Mierau,
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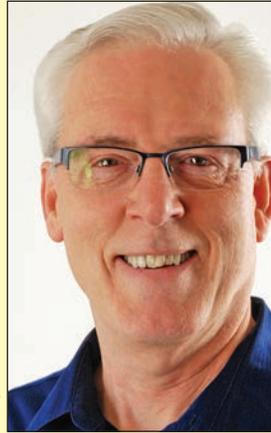
Where we live is more than a street address. It's also the location where we find ourselves with all that is going on around us. This means that the Center for Healing & Hope's **federal address** is 2017 Intersection of health insurance uncertainties and immigration anxieties. Think about it—are these not two significant recurring dilemmas that our leaders are wrestling with that will continue to make an impact on the quality of life of many in our country, including Elkhart County?

We are blessed to be able to provide a **local address**: 2017 Intersection of healing & hope—a place where those without health insurance still have access to medical services via our committed volunteer physicians and nurses. And a place where immigrants of all nationalities find hope through access to health services and referrals to community resources.

The Center for Healing & Hope also has a **Kingdom address** based on our prayer, "May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." This prayer guides us in our mission, vision and values—helps us draw on God's strength, will and compassion to make a difference on a local level.

You are an important part of our **community address** because of your prayers, your volunteering and your financial donations. Together, let's engage this kingdom mission—there's more work to be done!

– Bryan Mierau, Executive Director



3rd quarter clinic report

Goshen clinic visits
As of September 30

2017: 848

2016: 825

Note: Both numbers reflect only the Goshen clinic, not the Elkhart clinic that closed at the end of June 2017.

Diabetes statistics

Patients screened

2017: 286

2016: 270

Pre-diabetes identified

2017: 61

2016: 65

Diabetes identified

2017: 34

2016: 27

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Clinic hours

Goshen Clinic

Plymouth United Church of Christ
902 S. Main St, Goshen
Tuesday 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursday 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Clinic schedule

Patients check in during the first hour.
Clinic session follows.

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With our new online giving page, making a secure credit card gift has become easier than ever. Visit our website (CHHclinics.org) and look for the large “**Donate**” button. On that page you can choose the amount of your gift, and where you want your gift used. If you wish, you can name a person to honor with your gift.

Watch the new video while you are there. You will hear why community support for the Center for Healing & Hope is so important ... and why we value each gift that helps our neighbors with needs.

Evergreen Singers benefit concert helps CHH

The opening concert of the Evergreen Singers fall season on Sept. 10 was also the debut performance of two musical pieces performed by the choir. The singers generously chose the Center for Healing & Hope to receive a free-will offering during the concert, which resulted in gifts of totaling \$3,397. 🎵

EAT•SHOP•GIVE

Twenty-five Goshen businesses and restaurants participated in our fall fundraising effort. Between Sept. 13 and Oct. 20, friends of CHH purchased **466 certificates.**

Each EAT•SHOP•GIVE certificate gives the buyer \$20 to enjoy in the business or restaurant they chose, while \$10 goes to the business and \$10 supports CHH programs. Those certificates, plus donations and Venturi Pizza's match for the first \$1,000 in donations, results in just over \$7,000 for our clinics and immigrant support programs.

Thank you, EAT•SHOP•GIVE partners!

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The Nut Shoppe
Olympia Candy Kitchen
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Soapy Gnome
South Side Soda Shop
Ten Thousand Villages
Universal Tamal
Wasabi Japanese Steak House and Sushi
Woldruff's Footwear and Apparel

Venturi Pizza matched the first \$1,000 given above the cost of certificates

NEW DONORS

Thank you to recent major donors, **Kevin and Eddie Ksiezopolski**. Your generosity provides tangible help to people who don't have many resources. For example, in a recent free health screening at Faith Mission in Elkhart, a resident was diagnosed with both diabetes and hypertension. Our staff was able to arrange for him to see a doctor at Heart City Health Center and to sign up for health insurance.

Thank you for your help for this patient and many others.

Thank you

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Community comes together

Since June, more than 30 community leaders have been working together to help build a stronger community for all of us. Representatives from schools, churches, not-for-profits, businesses and Goshen's city government have joined in a major initiative to be launched in November. This work grows out of the Elkhart County HOPE network that became part of CHH in April.

The new effort will give everyone in Goshen an opportunity to support the immigrant neighbors in our community. Watch for announcements coming soon. &

At left: Richard Aguirre, CHH board member and founder of Elkhart County HOPE, with Felipe Merino, immigration lawyer in Goshen; Yolo López Pérez, CHH patient advocate and development director, with Jorge A. Campos, chairman of the CHH board. **At right:** Dominique Chew, CHH immigrant resources coordinator and office manager; Julia King, member of the Goshen City Council.



Photos by J. Tyler Klassen

We want to talk with you. Call us at 574-534-4744 during office hours (9 am to 5 pm) and you will speak directly with Dominique Chew or Bryan Mierau. No more wading (or waiting) through a long menu.

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