

New board member sees strengths

Father Royce Gregerson, a priest at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Goshen, gives two reasons for why he has joined the Center for Healing & Hope board of directors.

“I want to be able to help parishioners better understand the services available at the Center,” Father Royce said. He also wants to help the Center better understand the needs of the parishioners and the community.

Although he has been in Goshen less than a year, he comes with a head start at being this link. Father Royce previously volunteered at a similar, though larger, clinic in Fort Wayne, Ind. When he was in high school, his mother was on the board of that organization, called Matthew 25, and he became an interpreter there. Later he worked with a patient assistance program, helping people get medications for free or at a reduced cost. “There are a lot of resources out there,” he said, “but they are hard to navigate. People really do need others to help them.”

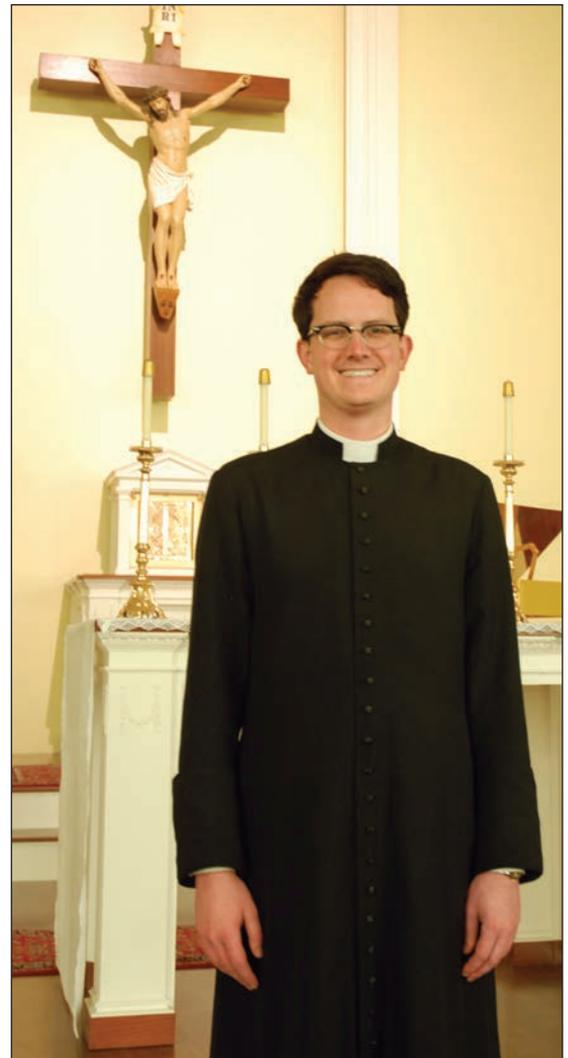
The Center for Healing & Hope, Father Royce said, has something he has not seen at other health clinics—the desire to serve the whole person.

“It’s really great that we are not serving just their health needs, but we have an integrative view of the whole person.”

Another strength is the commitment to the Latino community. “It brings me a lot of hope as we reach out to them, helping them feel at home here—which doesn’t always happen” he observed. “I see the positive impact on people’s lives.”

In addition to being a board member, Father Royce will chair the Spiritual Care subcommittee. This group, to which the Center’s volunteer chaplains and several community members will be invited, will help keep a strong focus on emotional and spiritual wellbeing of patients.

“The Center for Healing & Hope fills a genuine need in the community,” Father Royce said. “We want patients to get into a more stable kind of care, but there will always be a need for what we do as well. It’s good to see that need is being met.” &



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Father Royce Gregerson is the newest member of the Center for Healing & Hope board of directors.

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Director's view by Yolo López Pérez

As I move full-time into my Director of Development role, allow me to tell you a little about myself.

I am a Goshen College graduate with a degree in broadcasting and youth ministry. I am the mother of two little girls and I have worked for WFRN Christian radio and then Fox 28. Towards the end of 2012, I followed my passion of helping others, so I relocated to Costa Rica. There, and later in Panama, I helped organizations develop biblical teachings and promotional materials through video and web projects.

With all of these experiences, I am quickly learning that philanthropy is part (if not all) of my calling. Today, I couldn't be more excited about working for the mission of the Center for Healing & Hope "to continue providing medical and advocacy services in a Christ-like manner to meet people's needs in our community." I have never seen such a committed group of volunteers, specialty medical partners, donors and staff.

These are some of the reasons



why I am committed to the Center for Healing & Hope. What I really want to learn this year is your vision and passions. What are your reasons for supporting this ministry? If you haven't already, what is stopping you? I want you to come alongside me so together we can provide healing and hope to those that are hurting in our community.

There are many ways we can work together in this mission. So I invite you to walk with me in this new journey to make CHH a better place than it was yesterday. No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

If you have questions, suggestions or want to get more involved, please don't hesitate to reach me. I am a phone call or email away. I look forward to hearing from you!

Yolo López Pérez

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New patient advocate Marbella Chavez

Marbella Chavez is the new patient advocate for the Center for Healing & Hope.

She has been an intern, working as a volunteer, since last fall. Now she is on staff half time in the advocate role and also will work in a community health program we are developing.

She said, "I want to be involved in bettering the quality of life for all by

ensuring we provide quality healthcare to marginalized communities who already have a hard time receiving this care."

Marbella is a 2017 graduate of Indiana University Bloomington. She's looking toward medical school at some time in the future.

Yolo López Pérez, who was patient advocate until recently, is now full time director of development. &



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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.

GRID registration sessions

Alternate between Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Call 574-534-4744 to make an appointment.



fiesta
feast 2018

Join in our annual spring fund-raiser: a delicious meal ... a festive setting ... a gathering of friends of the Center for Healing & Hope.

Saturday, April 14, 5–7pm
College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall
1900 S Main Street, Goshen

Meal prepared by
San Marcos Mexican Grill

Tickets go on sale March 12.
Call 574-534-4744 or
place your order online:
CHHclinics.org/blog/fiesta-feast.

Ticket prices
Individual ticket: \$20
Table of eight: \$200

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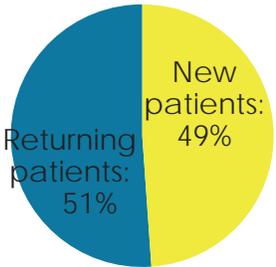
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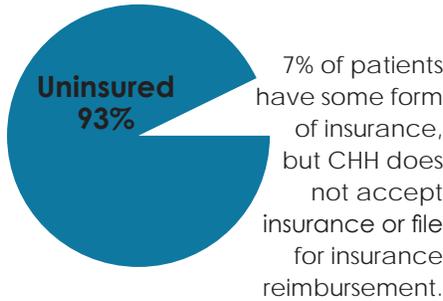
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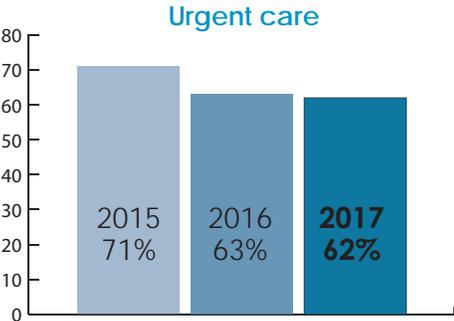
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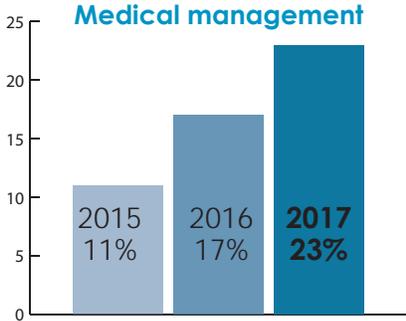
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Types of patient visits



Urgent care visits as a percentage of total visits



Medical management visits as a percentage of total visits

Other types of visits include school physicals, employment physicals and Spring into Health women's exams.

GRID card: Ready. Set. Go!

More than 450 GRID (Goshen Resident ID) cards have been issued since the Center for Healing & Hope launched the effort in November.

GRID is a photo ID card, endorsed by the city of Goshen, that benefits everyone. It will be most effective when a broad spectrum of Goshen residents get and use the card. And it's a valuable way of supporting local businesses and getting discounts.

Registration sessions are by appointment only and alternate between Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Required documents are listed on our website: chhclinics.org/GRID-english. If friends from your church want to come as a group, that's great. Call Dominique Chew for an appointment.

Show your support for our immigrant neighbors with your GRID card! &



J. Tyler Klassen

Anissa Hatton, volunteer; Dominique Chew, immigrant resource coordinator; and Bryan Mierau, executive director, take a moment to confer during a lull in registering people for the GRID card. The process takes less than 10 minutes when all four stations are well staffed with volunteers.

To join the volunteers helping with GRID registrations, contact Dominique Chew, 574-534-4744. Each session requires at least three or four volunteers in addition to one or two staff members.

Fiesta Feast tickets go on sale soon. Plan now to join the festivities and enjoy a great Mexican meal on April 14 at College Mennonite Church in Goshen. Call 574-534-4744 or visit www.CHHclinics.org.

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