

Bridging the Gap

CENTER FOR
HEALING
& HOPE

Bringing healing and hope to our communities and our immigrant neighbors

Fall 2023

Festival of Hope offers vivid experience for vibrant community



St. John the Evangelist's Ballet Folklórico Guadalupeño provided a stunning display of colors and choreography.



Children and adults alike loved watching the balloon twister work his magic!



Los Doble RR took the stage for the third consecutive year.



Saca Los Tacos is always a festival favorite!

On June 24th, the community joined Center for Healing & Hope at Goshen Brewing Company for a day of diverse entertainment, delicious food and drink, community resources, and games and activities. At the heart of it all was the goal to raise \$24,000 in 24 hours to support the programs and services of CHH.

“Attempting to reach a large fundraising goal is both exciting and challenging,” said Daniel Tackett, Director of Marketing & Development at CHH. **“But we have faith that our supporters believe deeply in the important work we do, and they’ve shown us that by helping us to reach our goal for the past three years,”** he said. “We’re incredibly grateful for this generosity, and to all who made Festival of Hope a special day for many.”

Event sponsors, clinic sponsors, and donors raised over \$33,000 for the Day of Giving as part of Festival of Hope. Center for Healing & Hope extends

a special thank you to Miller Poultry for being the presenting sponsor of the festival for the third year in a row.

While the fundraising aspect is of course important, there are several reasons to celebrate Festival of Hope. The festival promotes a space where one can experience community, explore a different culture, and get to know their neighbor. Seeing attendees happily interacting with the different elements of the event, and with one another, is certainly worth celebrating!



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Entertainment

St. John the Evangelist Ballet Folklórico Guadalupeño, Sam Lagunas-Diaz, Renacer, La Klave Latina, Los Doble RR



Food and Beverage

Goshen Brewing Company, Saca Los Tacos, Diana's Dulces, Tropicana Ice Cream Shop

Director's View

In a recent staff meeting, Dr. Rose read Philippians 4:4-9 as a way of centering our work. This passage has everything to help us choose to be our best selves, even when we are not at our best. It addresses anxiety and attitudes, trust issues and safety, goodness and peace. The words of this passage direct us to embody our mission of serving those in need in a Christ-like manner.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is

pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:4-9

In our work, we often encounter people at their worst – in pain, desperate for relief, searching for resources, or fearful about their future. Our job is to care for people in whatever state they come to us and to respond in a Christ-like way to their needs, fears, and concerns. We have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus, the Jesus who always treated those who are oppressed and marginalized with compassion.

When we lay our concerns for our patients and community members at

the empty tomb, we know that they are taken up with the hope of the risen Christ, carried and cared for in ways we cannot imagine.

What we receive in return is peace of mind that we have done all we can – physically, emotionally, and spiritually – and that these cares will be folded into the arms of a loving God.

As we go about our daily lives, let us truly think *and* act on the things that are true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, and praiseworthy so that we can know *and* show the peace of God in our work and lives.

— Missy Schrock,
Executive Director



CHH to be presented Minority Business Excellence Award



Minority Business Excellence Award

Center for Healing and Hope

Center for Healing & Hope will be receiving a Minority Business Excellence Award in the Health category from the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce's Business Diversity Initiative. The award will be presented on November 9th at Hotel Elkhart at 5:30pm. We are excited to accept this award on behalf of our staff, volunteers, donors, patients, and community partners without whom, CHH would not exist. Tickets for the dinner are available at www.elkhart.org/event.

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Growing our mission = growing your impact

What if you could make a difference in the wellbeing of your neighbors who encounter barriers to healthcare so that everyone has access to the services they need to care for their bodies, minds, and spirits?

This is the mission of Center for Healing & Hope: to provide medical care in a Christ-like manner to meet people's needs in our community. Our vision is to be a welcoming place for people who are often marginalized because of income, language, or status.

In Deuteronomy, the LORD speaks through Moses about the reality of life in God's earthly kingdom saying, "Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land'" (15:10-11, NRSV).



As long as there are barriers to healthcare, Center for Healing & Hope will be here to provide quality, safe, and culturally competent care to those who need it, but we can't do it without your help!

Compared to last year at this time, the number of appointments we have completed has grown by 20% and the number of unique patients by 12%! There are many more we must turn away because we don't have the resources to increase our capacity. This is where you can help!

As our mission grows, your impact grows along with us. As we treat more patients, you are contributing to the physical, emotional, and spiritual growth of those we serve. Your generous contribution will make a difference in the lives of neighbors in our land. One patient shares, **"I am diabetic, and at CHH I can receive all of the care I need. I can get my medications here. Everyone is kind and the cost is affordable for me."**

Right now, your gift can be multiplied to make an even bigger impact because of a matching gift of \$30,000. If you have never given to CHH or if you haven't given in a while, your gift will be matched dollar for dollar. If you are already a donor and give more in 2023 than your total giving in 2022, the difference will be matched dollar for dollar.

Will you help us to grow our mission of caring for even more uninsured community members by growing your financial impact?

You can make your gift by sending a check in the enclosed envelope, giving securely online at www.chhclinics.org/donate, requesting a grant to CHH from your donor advised fund, or making a qualified charitable contribution from your IRA.

We are grateful for everyone who supports our mission through financial gifts, prayers, volunteer time, and donations to the tiny pantry. Thank you for contributing to the building up of God's kingdom by opening your hand to "the needy neighbors in our land."

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Missy Schrock', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Missy Schrock

P.S. - Proceeds from t-shirt sales will be matched dollar for dollar! Turn this page over and order your favorite color.

Center for Healing & Hope T-Shirt Fundraiser!



The place where healing & hope meet
Center for Healing & Hope

Design courtesy of past CHH intern Amelia Black

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**All proceeds benefit the Community Health Fund at Center for Healing & Hope!*

Giving Back(packs) to the Community

On July 29th CHH staff and volunteers handed out 300 backpacks filled with school and hygiene supplies to local families in the parking lot of Grace Community Church. Families also received a parent/guardian resource folder and a gift card to Meijer. This is the 4th year of the Muchas Mochilas (Many Backpacks) giveaway, and is an additional way CHH is meeting needs in the community.

“We strive to be good stewards of our community beyond our four walls,” said Missy Schrock, executive director at CHH. “Muchas Mochilas is a great way for us to get out and serve local families in a meaningful and impactful way.”

Backpacks and folders were assembled at Center for Healing & Hope on the Thursday prior to the event thanks to a large group of staff and volunteers. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement and teamwork as the group made quick work of the project. No job was too big or too small, and a sense of accomplishment and community pride filled the clinic as the last backpack was stuffed and readied for its final destination.

We give a special thanks to InterCambio Express for being the presenting sponsor and providing all 300 backpacks, to Grace Community Church for being the location host, and to all who volunteered or donated to this cause!



Staff and volunteers pose for a picture at CHH after packing all 300 backpacks.



Volunteers assemble parent/guardian resource folders at CHH.



Herman Kauffman unloads backpacks from the trailer at Grace Community Church.



Kathy Holsopple and Carolyn Chupp deliver backpacks to a family.



Students were excited to pick their favorite color of backpack!

Giving Tuesday efforts to focus on stocking pharmacy, keeping medications affordable for patients

Center for Healing & Hope pays \$7,500 annually to receive medications on demand from a charitable partner called Medications of Hope. On any given year, the retail value of medications CHH orders and distributes can exceed \$1,000,000. And the cost our patients pay to receive these medications? “Because of this great partnership, and given the fact that our entire mission is based around affordable

healthcare for the uninsured, we do not charge our patients for medication,” said Dr. Rose Gillin, medical director at CHH. “We charge a very small dispensing fee to reimburse the direct and indirect costs associated with dispensing and distribution,” she said. “You won’t find many places that offer a 90 day supply of insulin for only \$10, and that is just one example of the cost effectiveness of this great program.”

This Giving Tuesday, Center for Healing & Hope will be trying to raise the \$7,500 to pay for our annual partnership to receive medications.

Will you join us on November 28th for Giving Tuesday by making a gift to provide patients with affordable, and often life changing, medications? Mark your calendars!

Lauro Zuñiga departs, Jane Ross Richer joins as Immigrant Resource Coordinator



Lauro Zuñiga has stepped out of his role as Director of Immigrant Services at Center for Healing & Hope. Lauro will be focusing his time on completing his MSW, moving him one step closer to his goal of serving the community as a social worker. His work at CHH has been integral in managing and carrying out the GRID card program,

coordinating the Natural Helpers program, distributing the Immigrant Resource Guide, and disbursing financial assistance from the Immigrant Resource Fund. “I am excited to be able to focus all of my efforts on school but I will miss the connections I’ve made with so many amazing community members from all over the world,” Lauro said. We are grateful for his time and efforts and wish him all the best!

We are excited to welcome Jane Ross Richer, MSW as the interim Immigrant Resource Coordinator. Jane will pick up where Lauro left off, coordinating the immigrant advocacy programs and services at CHH.

Jane is a mother, teacher, social worker, and member of the community of Goshen. She has spent the last ten

years working for Mennonite Mission Network as an International Service Worker accompanying members of the indigenous community of Zábalo in Eastern Ecuador. Before that, she co-led Goshen College’s SST program in Peru for ten semesters. Prior to moving to Goshen, she lived in Northern California and was a bilingual social worker with a focus on accompanying immigrant families as they navigated their way through and around court-ordered child protective service requirements. Experiences in her personal and professional life give her a unique understanding of the complex issues encountered by immigrants who help form our community here in Elkhart County. Welcome to the team, Jane!

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