



Cherry Street Health Services

BRINGING HEALTH TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY...20 YEARS AND COUNTING....

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Above: Governor Jennifer Granholm with Executive Director Chris Shea

Governor Granholm visits Westside Health Center

Cherry Street welcomed Governor Granholm to our Westside Health Center during the month of July. She toured the health center and met with staff to discuss the current economic situation and its impact on health care access. She spoke emphatically about the importance of the services that Community Health Centers provide in the State of Michigan.

She was enthused about the potential for the Stimulus dollars to infuse the state with the necessary funds to rebuild the economy and provide health care to those in need. Particularly, she emphasized the Community Health Centers role in providing primary care and reducing the dependency on Emergency Rooms and improving patient outcomes. With possible health care reform on the horizon, she recognized how Community Health Centers will be a vital part of the solution. Cherry Street was honored to have her visit and appreciates her support in advancing our mission and the goals of Community Health Centers in Michigan!





Ehlers: A longtime advocate of CHCs and community service

Congressman Ehlers has been a strong supporter of Cherry Street and Community Health Centers for many years. He has shown his dedication through his many visits to Cherry Street. As co-chair of the National Service Congressional Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives, Ehlers is a leading advocate in Congress for volunteering and community service. The National Service Congressional Caucus is a bipartisan group of legislators dedicated to raising awareness of national service and expanding service opportunities for all Americans, of which AmeriCorps is one program. He recently showed his support for Cherry Street’s AmeriCorps by reading to children at the Reach Out and Read event and our Health Center Week celebration both held at our Westside Health Center. As an advocate for the health care of the underserved, Ehlers was recognized by the National Association of Community Health Centers as a 2009 Distinguished Community Health Superhero. On behalf of Community Health Centers and Cherry Street HealthCorps, Cherry Street extends our appreciation for the years of Congressman Ehlers’ support and his dedication to healthcare and community service.

(See Photo on right)

Congratulations 2008-2009 Community HealthCorps Graduates!

This August, Cherry Street honored the Community HealthCorps team with the annual Graduation Celebration. The members gathered together with Jennie Mills, AmeriCorps Coordinator at Cherry Street, Cherry Street staff, family and friends to be honored for all their service at Cherry Street. The ceremony was held at the Marc Stewart Guest House across the street from our Westside Health Center. Lunch was provided and was followed by a presentation by the Community HealthCorps in which the team shared their favorite memories of the past year.

Thank you Community HealthCorps members for your service!

Community HealthCorps team members:

- *Luz Alvarez, *Disnelaine Aroche,
- *Adrianna Cardenas, Jessica Diaz, Joni Dykema, Jannet Florian, Jennifer Genao, Ellen Harnisch, Marsha Hazen, Paul Hazen,
- *LaShauna Horton, Kim Hudson, Conni Huether, Jorja Jankowski, Latoya Jones,
- *Karen Kresnak, Cathy LaPorte,
- Lisa Lopez, *Kayla Morris, Adrian Munguia,
- *Aneily Ortiz, Leysha Ortiz, Yesica Robinson, Elizabeth Tompkins, and Angelica Wright
- *second year members

2009 HealthCorps Service projects included:

- Recovery Palooza September 20, 2008
- Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Run Sept 27, 2008
- Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk Oct 18, 2009
- Susan G. Komen, Bowl for the Cure Oct 25, 2008
- MiChild Enrollment Telethon January 13
- MLK Day at God’s Kitchen January 19
- Family Matters @ GRCC February 2
- Cover the Uninsured Week March 23—27
- Special Olympics Basketball State Finals March 27
- Ronald McDonald House breakfast April 11 & 18
- Jaycee’s Easter Egg Extravaganza April 11
- Creston Plaza/Campau Commons Health Fair April 14 & 16
- Fifth Third River Bank Run May 10
- AmeriCorps week events May 11—16
- Girls on the Run Celebratory 5k Run May 14
- Signature Service Project in Flint May 15 & 16
- Garage Sale to raise money for a wheelchair ramp build May 28, 29, 30
- Ferris State University Eye Doc Camp June 18 & 19
- New Life Fellowship Health Fair June 18
- Kerry Ingredients Health & Safety Day June 26
- Farmworker Appreciation Day August 2
- Cherry Street Kids Block Party August 12

2009 HealthCorps Statistics:

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| No Show Reduction calls | 4817 |
| Medicaid applications completed | 3272 |
| Health Screenings | 2668 |
| Referrals made for services | 2636 |
| Smoking cessation/prevention | 1778 |
| Student Education | 1808 |
| Translation services provided | 1553 |
| Medications ordered through PAP | 986 |
| Scheduled appointments | 56 |



Above: 2009 HealthCorps graduates with Congressman Ehlers, Right: Congressman Ehlers reads to children at Children's Block Party, Far Right: Volunteer clowns strike a pose



Health Center Week event a true success

In celebration of National Community Health Center Week, Cherry Street and AmeriCorps hosted a Children's Block Party at our Westside Health Center this August. The event included assistance with health insurance, health screenings, a mobile food pantry, the mobile social security office and plenty of fun for the kids. The fun included face painting, crafts and a balloon artist. Cherry Street was grateful to have Congressman Vern Ehlers join us to read to the children and enjoy the festivities with the community.

We extend our thanks to:

- Congressman Ehlers
- National Heritage Academy
- Reach Out and Read Michigan
- Gordon Food Service
- Goodwill Industries
- Feeding American Food Bank
- Family Friendly Entertainment
- Secretary of State Mobile Unit
- KC Health Department
- La Ponderosa and La Maquina
- Child Discovery Center
- T&W electronics



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Touchstone employee comes up with “Heart of the City Health Center” name

By Pat Painter

Ann Linabury started working for Touchstone *innovare* 24 years ago. She’s held a variety of administrative support positions during that time and currently has a dual role. Ann works in our Apogee training department and also performs internal audits as part of her duties in the Corporate Compliance department.

Ann has a delightful sense of humor which makes working with her great fun. But don’t let the sense of humor fool you.....she’s also got a fine analytical mind. Give her a problem and she’ll come up with a creative solution , so when challenged with coming up with a name for the new integrated health center, she was up for the task. She won the contest for coming up with “Heart of the City Health Center.” Ann is one of the bright stars of Touchstone and is always willing to help the staff and they appreciate that willingness to help in a way that is respectful & meaningful to them. Ann looks forward to working in the Heart of the City Health Center building that will serve the downtown community.

Ann is mother of two grown children and grandmother to 2 darling little girls.