

The Pulse

of The Neighborhood Christian Clinic

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The Impact of Prayer.

by Paul Lorentsen, Medical Director

Nearly every patient visit at our clinic concludes with prayer. I first ask if the patient has any additional questions, and if they understand my instructions. Then, I will ask if they would like me to pray for them. If it is their first appointment, I'll preface it by stating that I believe that God's power to heal is stronger than any treatment I can provide. I may say that I can dispense pills, but God can bring them complete healing.

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Prayer is nearly universally received, even by those who confess that they haven't spent much time on their relationship with God, as well as by those who are unsure what they believe. During prayer, even the agnostic sees their doctor humbling himself before God, and appealing to Him on their behalf. This has a powerful impact on the relationship between patient and healthcare provider, an impact almost so significant that the act of praying with a patient would be beneficial even if God didn't exist.

Almost, but not quite. Because when God acts powerfully as a result of prayer, people are changed forever. I recently prayed with a long term patient of the clinic, praying over her health problems and asking the Lord to



give her strength to care for her 17 month old boy. Following prayer, she looked up at me with a big smile. She reminded me that she and her husband had been unable to conceive, but that over 2 years ago I had asked God to bless them with a baby. The following month, after 18 years of infertility, she had become pregnant! She is now raising a healthy boy, and thanks God for answering her prayer.

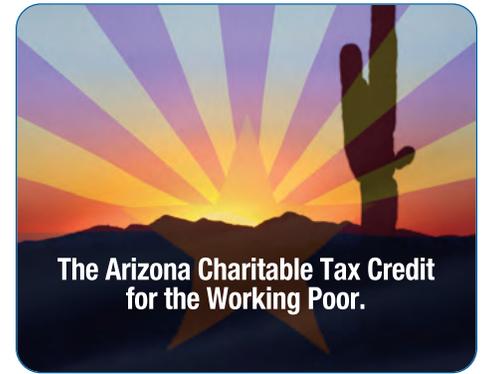
Thank you God that our prayers are not merely meditations or incantations merely able to bring relaxation and peace to our troubled lives, but that you listen to each word and respond according to your perfect will and good pleasure!



Current Clinic Stats

	Patient Visits	Volunteers	Hours	Turn Aways
Jul	727	102	762.0	40
Aug	827	95	651.3	36
Sep	703	100	640.6	54

Help The Working Poor
at no cost to you!



The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit
for the Working Poor.

The state of Arizona has once again maintained the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit for anyone filing Arizona taxes that has earned income. Taxpayers have the unique opportunity to actually redirect a portion of their state income tax to organizations that minister to the working poor; at literally no financial cost to themselves! It's "giving without giving"!

Giving Without Giving

For many, handling their finances and tax obligation is a matter of stewardship. What better stewardship is there than to give your tax dollars to a qualifying charity like TNCC rather than to the state. Dollar-for-dollar, your tax liability is reduced by what you donate. The Clinic relies heavily on donations to meet its budget every year. Approximately, 75% of the Clinic's annual budget is met through the generous gifts from our donors.

The Bonus: you can take advantage of all three allowable tax credits simultaneously each year AND your donation may be deductible on your federal returns as well. The three credits are the Charitable Tax Credit, the Private School Credit and the Public School Extra Curricular Credit.

Note: Just like last year, you no longer have to itemize to take advantage of the AZ Charitable Tax Credit.

More information about the credit is available at: www.azdor.gov. Donate online at: www.TheChristianClinic.org or download a form to mail-in.

	Individual	Couple
Charitable Credit	\$ 200	\$ 400
Private School	\$ 1,053	\$ 2,106
Public School	\$ 200	\$ 400
Combined Total	\$ 1,453	\$ 2,906

Meet Angela Tamayo and Mary Fox

Choosing a site for our last clinical rotation was not easy. When our instructors shared an opportunity at The Neighborhood Christian Clinic (TNCC) we both knew that applying was an absolute must! The main reason we chose TNCC was for the opportunity to train with health care professionals who share our love for Jesus Christ and a desire to serve in an underserved community. As hospital staff nurses, we are trained to respect a patients' religious & spiritual views by offering them privacy to express themselves in times of prayer. However, there is an added level of connection when instead of offering privacy, we are able to share God's love through prayer with our patients. We find that patients respond positively to prayer and always express their gratitude for the medical care received as well as the time spent in prayer. We look forward to the beginning of every shift when TNCC staff & volunteers discuss spiritual topics and pray together as a team.

At TNCC our clinical reasoning has been challenged through a wide range of clinical presentations. Our clinical preceptor Dr. Lorentsen and Clinic staff are amazing! They make sure our time at TNCC is a continuous learning experience. This preceptorship is one we will never forget; it has sharpened our clinical skills and opened our hearts and eyes to the plight of the uninsured working poor. Our TNCC experience has been great in every way possible. We wish to sincerely thank Dr. Lorentsen, TNCC staff and other volunteers for helping us to grow spiritually and professionally. We could not have done it without their support, guidance & patience.



Angela and Mary are FNP Students at Grand Canyon University. They are currently participating in a four month clinical rotation at TNCC.

Director's Corner

by Greg Morell

During the initial years of the Clinic, I was invited to join the Clinic's Board to provide a non-medical voice; hesitantly, I accepted wondering what I would be able to add.

I soon realized the Clinic's mission was very ambitious though incredibly worthy. Given the Board's make up and limited experience, starting the Clinic was a substantial challenge; most notably in community relations and promoting the Board's vision; however, by God's grace, the Board solidified and became unified.

The logistical obstacles were daunting;

how could healthcare be provided with no staff, no volunteers, no building, limited supplies and virtually no equipment? But, after much discussion, planning and prayer, our Sovereign God provided by filling each need as it arose.

God provided Board members who were able to provide leadership in Finance, Personnel, Legal, Technology, Regulatory Compliance, etc. Whenever there was a need, God filled it. There was plenty of hard work but what joy there was in serving and watching God provide in the Clinic's early years.

Personally, being a member of the Clinic's Board has been a true blessing for me; yes, there has been work, hard & difficult decisions, etc. but as I look back, God's hand has been in every bit of it. The fellowship in Christ that Clinic Board members, staff, volunteers and donors share is wonderful as together we seek God's will and for Him to be glorified through the Clinic's ministry.

I am blessed to be a part of and a supporter of the Clinic; I hope you are as well.



Not goodbye... just "see you around." And Welcome to Kris!!

Over seven years ago, Dr. Gina Thorley joined the Clinic staff as its 2nd Dental Director. Effective October 3, Gina resigned her position; however, her relationship with the Clinic will continue as a volunteer. Gina had a wonderful impact at the Clinic; so many lives were changed for the better because of her dental skills but more importantly because of the way she loved the patients and prayed with them. Gina and her family live in the southern part of Chandler and her commute at times was grueling. She continues in dentistry with Gila River Healthcare where she works in a mobile dental Clinic that moves from school to school caring for those in need. She also continues with her adjunct teaching at A.T. Still Dental school.



On October 6, Dr. Kris Alpers joined the Clinic as its 3rd Dental Director. WELCOME KRIS!! Kris graduated with a BS degree from Michigan Tech where he played NCAA Division Two basketball; when you meet Kris you will understand why we may start a competitive basketball team for the Clinic. After graduation, he enrolled in the school of dentistry at Marquette University and graduated in 2014. While being the Clinic's Dental Director, Kris will continue his part-time position at a private dental practice in Scottsdale.

On a personal note, Kris was born and raised in Eden Prairie, MN. He loves the Lord and became a Christian prior to starting his undergraduate program. His wife Kelly had a role in that life changing decision and after prayer and weighing their options, they moved to Phoenix in July 2014. Kelly is a Senior Marketing Coordinator for Mortenson Construction. They attend Scottsdale Bible Church and enjoy golfing, working out and hiking. Please stop by to say hello and to welcome Kris to the Clinic; we praise God for them.



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