

San José Clinic

Breaking down barriers to health care access for the disenfranchised poor



From the Heart of San José

Welcome! This is San José Clinic's first issue of From the Heart of San José! This newsletter will update you on San José Clinic happenings and will highlight the Clinic's wonderful volunteers.



Thanks to the Greater Houston Hygiene Society, 44 children received sealants at San José Clinic on February 17, 2007. In total,

290 sealants were placed.

Left to right: Sahil Sethi, DDS, Nancy Johnson, RDH, Mimi Bach, RDH, Betty Waldeman, RDH, Christel Hornstra, RDH, Katrina Knox, and Hope Garza, RDH

2007 Quarterly Newsletter

January – March

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Upcoming Event:

Art with Heart
Saturday, May 5, 2007
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Lawndale Art Center

2006 Year-end Review

Through the hard work and dedication of volunteers, the Clinic provided a total of 27,157 patient visits in 2006:

Downtown visits	17,015
Spring Branch visits	4,936
<u>Eligibility interviews</u>	<u>5,206</u>
Total visits	27,157

For this, San José Clinic gives **many thanks** to an outstanding team of dedicated volunteers! This could not have been achieved without the hard work of the volunteer physicians, dentists, teaching affiliations and community volunteers. Collectively in 2006, volunteers logged a total of **11,692** hours with a value of **\$328,881.00**.

New volunteers!

There have been several additions to our wonderful team of volunteers.

Mark Connelly, DDS
Prosthodontist

Gary Williams, DDS
General Dentist

Ignacio Barcenas, MA
Family and Individual Counselor

Volunteer Needs – If you are interested in any of the volunteer positions below or if you know someone else who is, please contact Texas Adams, Volunteer Coordinator, at 713-228-9413.

X-ray Technician – third Saturday of every month from 8 am to 12 pm.

Bilingual Eligibility Volunteer – Spanish/English speaking individual is needed. Hours are flexible.

Art with Heart – Volunteers are needed to greet art auction attendees on Saturday, May 5, from 7 pm to 10 pm.

Volunteer Recognition: January – March 2007 Volunteers of the Month



Merlin Lugo, MD
January 2007
Patient Care
Volunteer of
the Month

It is with great sadness we say farewell and happy

retirement to Dr. Lugo. As a family practice physician, Dr. Lugo has volunteered his services at San José Clinic for more than 12 years.



Esther Houser
January 2007
Patient Support Volunteer of
the Month

Esther Houser has been a friend of the Clinic for five years. Esther educates Clinic employees on their personal financial matters and assists with special events.

The Greater Houston Dental Society
February 2007
Patient Care Volunteer of the Month



Through the years, the Greater Houston Dental Society has partnered with San José Clinic on a number of important activities, namely *Give Kids a Smile Day* and *Sealants Across Texas*.

The Society also has supported San José Clinic with representation at the Society's annual *Star of the South Dental Meeting*, dental supply drives, and complimentary inclusion in *The Journal of the Greater Houston Dental Society*.



Daughters of Italian Heritage
February 2007
Patient Support Volunteer of
the Month

The Daughters of Italian Heritage have served San José Clinic generously since 2002. Each year, the Daughters provide numerous gift baskets filled with basic hygiene materials for the Clinic's senior patients. These gift baskets are a hit at the Clinic's annual Senior Christmas Party. In addition to providing patients with the essentials, the Daughters continually provide office supplies to the Clinic.



Adelaide Hebert, MD
March 2007
Patient Care
Volunteer of the Month

As a dermatologist, Dr. Hebert has provided healthcare services faithfully at San José Clinic for 20 years. Dr. Hebert is the director of pediatric dermatology at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston. Given that San José Clinic acts as a teaching affiliation for the medical

school, residents accompany Dr. Hebert to the Clinic. Dr. Hebert's service has proven to be a valuable asset.



Jaime Obando
March 2007
Patient Support Volunteer of the Month



Jaime came to San José Clinic as a social worker through Family Services of Greater Houston. In his six years at the Clinic, Jaime has assisted countless San José Clinic patients and friends with obtaining access to healthcare. In addition to providing social services, Jaime has entertained patients at the Clinic's annual Children's Christmas and Easter parties for children over the past several years. Although Jaime recently resigned from Family Services of Greater Houston, his legacy at San José Clinic continues.

The mission of San José Clinic is to provide quality healthcare and education to those with limited access to such services in an environment which respects the dignity of each person.