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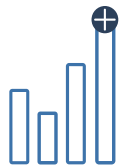
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Schedule

Thursday, August 31

11:30 am	Pine/Fir	Lunch buffet opens
12:00 pm	Pine/Fir	Welcome!
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Pine/Fir	General Session: A Wide Range of Approaches to Dental Care Delivery Susan K. Neal, MAOM, BSN, RN , Battle Ground HealthCare Ken Dale , Community Health Partners Rose Gibbs , Sequim Free Clinic Randy Meyer , Caring Hands Worldwide

Not all free clinics have dental operatories. Hear how four free clinics - including clinics with and without dental infrastructure - have forged partnerships and devised creative, replicable ways to meet patients' dental care needs.

1:15 - 1:30 pm	Pine/Fir	General Session: Exhibitor Introductions
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Foyer	Exhibits
2:00 - 2:45 pm	Pine/Fir	Breakout Session: Effective Social Media for Free and Charitable Clinics Andrea McMakin , Grace Clinic

Learn how to design and implement social media to support your clinic's goals, including awareness, fundraising, volunteer recruiting, and community partnerships. Learn which kinds of content increase reach and engagement, while protecting patient confidentiality. See creative examples of calls to action. Understand scheduling tools, how often to post, and easy ways to use analytics strategically. See a range of time and cost expectations for a social media manager position. BONUS: Receive a social media template that you can adapt for your clinic.

2:00 - 2:45 pm	Oak	Breakout Session: Patient Mental Health - Resources for Providers Jennifer Magnani, MSW, LICSW , UW Dept of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
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Patients with mental health and/or substance use issues are more prevalent in healthcare settings than ever before. Stress levels remain high, and those living on the margins are even more impacted. At the same time, behavioral healthcare has significant access issues even in the most resourced clinics.

We'll discuss resources providers can use to support patients, including practical ideas to discuss with patients, and a free, provider to provider consultation service.

2:45 - 3:15 pm	Foyer	Exhibits, hotel check-in available
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3:15 - 5:00 pm Neighborhood **Free clinic tour**
Clinic

Neighborhood Clinic is located at 1323 South Yakima Avenue in Tacoma, 98405. The clinic entrance is on the side of the building, in the middle of the block. There will be two volunteers outside to help direct folks. Elevator access to the clinic is at the Yakima entrance. For anyone needing the elevator, please park on Yakima Avenue to avoid stairs.

Please carpool with your colleagues.

5:00 - 6:30 pm Foyer **Hosted happy hour**

1. Bring an idea others might like to replicate, like a system, partnership, or funding strategy.
2. Get a beverage and an appetizer.
3. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. First time attendees have a green ribbon on their name tag.
4. Exchange ideas!

6:30 - 7:30 pm Pine/Fir **Dinner**

No program - just relax, network, and enjoy the music of the Felix Halvorson Trio.

Friday, September 1

6:00 - 7:00 am Pine/Fir **Yoga for all levels**

Laura Anderson, Grow Mobile Yoga

Join yoga instructor and owner of Grow Mobile Yoga, Laura Anderson, for a 60-minute, slow flow, vinyasa class, meant to strengthen and stretch the body. Laura blends yoga poses with functional movement, combines the classes with a curated yoga playlist, and often throws in a joke or two throughout the class!

Feel free to bring a yoga mat and blocks if you have them, a water bottle, and comfortable clothes. Some mats will be available.

7:30 am Pine/Fir **Breakfast buffet opens**

8:30 - 9:00 am Pine/Fir **General Session: Annual Membership Meeting**

Washington Healthcare Access Alliance is a membership organization and, as our constituents, we want to keep you informed of our board leadership, finances, and priorities over the last year.

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Break

9:00 - 9:45 am Pine/Fir **Breakout Session: Fundraising - We All Have to Do It**
David Eller, Lahai Health

This session covers resource development. We will explore strategies for fundraising for your nonprofit organization, applying specific skills to your context. Topics include understanding your donor, fundraising management, giving campaigns, and possibly a little time on grant writing.

9:00 - 9:45 am	Oak	Breakout Session: The Deconstruction of De-escalation Eugene Youngblood , Freedom Project
Join Eugene Youngblood, dedicated violence interrupter with King County Regional Peacekeepers, as he shares his specialized expertise in trauma-informed care, honed through training and experience. This session will introduce and break down de-escalation techniques.		
9:45 - 10:00 am		Break
10:00 - 10:45 am	Pine/Fir	Breakout Session: Student Run Healthcare Services that Bridge Gaps Tiffany Childs, Erika Sasaki, Meghan Hershowitz, Isha Shrestha, and Esteban Abeyta , University of Washington
This session will cover University of Washington affiliated, student run healthcare projects. These include the University District Street Medicine program, mobile services, and site-based partnerships. Students will discuss how their programs were developed and are run, who they serve, and how to work together.		
10:00 - 10:45 am	Oak	Breakout Session: Legal Protections and Public Benefits Available to Immigrants Camila Maturana and Megan Monahan , Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
This session will provide an overview of immigration law and common forms of immigration relief, as well as provide specific information regarding the immigration legal services provided by the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. Further, we will discuss the current landscape and updates for immigrants accessing health insurance. We will also address public benefits for immigrants who hold specific types of immigration status, who are part of mixed status families, or who are Washington State residents.		
10:45 - 11:15 am		Break, opportunity for hotel check out
11:15 - 12:00 pm	Pine/Fir	Breakout Session: Leveraging Community Partnerships to Provide Mental Healthcare Tonia Hogan , Neighborhood Clinic Diane Paulson , Health and Hope Medical Outreach Mario Paredes , Consejo Counseling and Referral Service
Mental healthcare is almost universally identified as a primary area of need for free clinic patients. Learn how three of your colleagues are meeting patients' mental healthcare needs, working together and with external partners.		
11:15 - 12:00 pm	Oak	Breakout Session: Trafficking - Identify and Respond Krystle Haga and Chris Rogers , Rebuilding Hope Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County
What do you think of when you hear the word trafficking? Who is at risk?		
This session will cover societal bias on trafficking, red flag indicators, how to approach and respond to a survivor, verbiage and platforms used by survivors, outreach strategies/brain storming, and resources to help. We'll also provide a "tool kit" for attendees and those who couldn't make it.		
12:00 pm	Pine/Fir	Lunch buffet opens

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Pine/Fir

General Session: Charitable Care Advocacy - Efforts to be Heard

Don Downing, recently retired from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy

This session will be a discussion of effective ways to use clinic staff and advocates to scale up access to free or low-cost clinical care services. The speaker will share the impact that advocacy organizations and others can influence legislators and commissions to counter "big money" influences that often diminish patient access to care.

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Pine/Fir

Wrap up

Keep patients out of the emergency room and get them connected to dental homes.

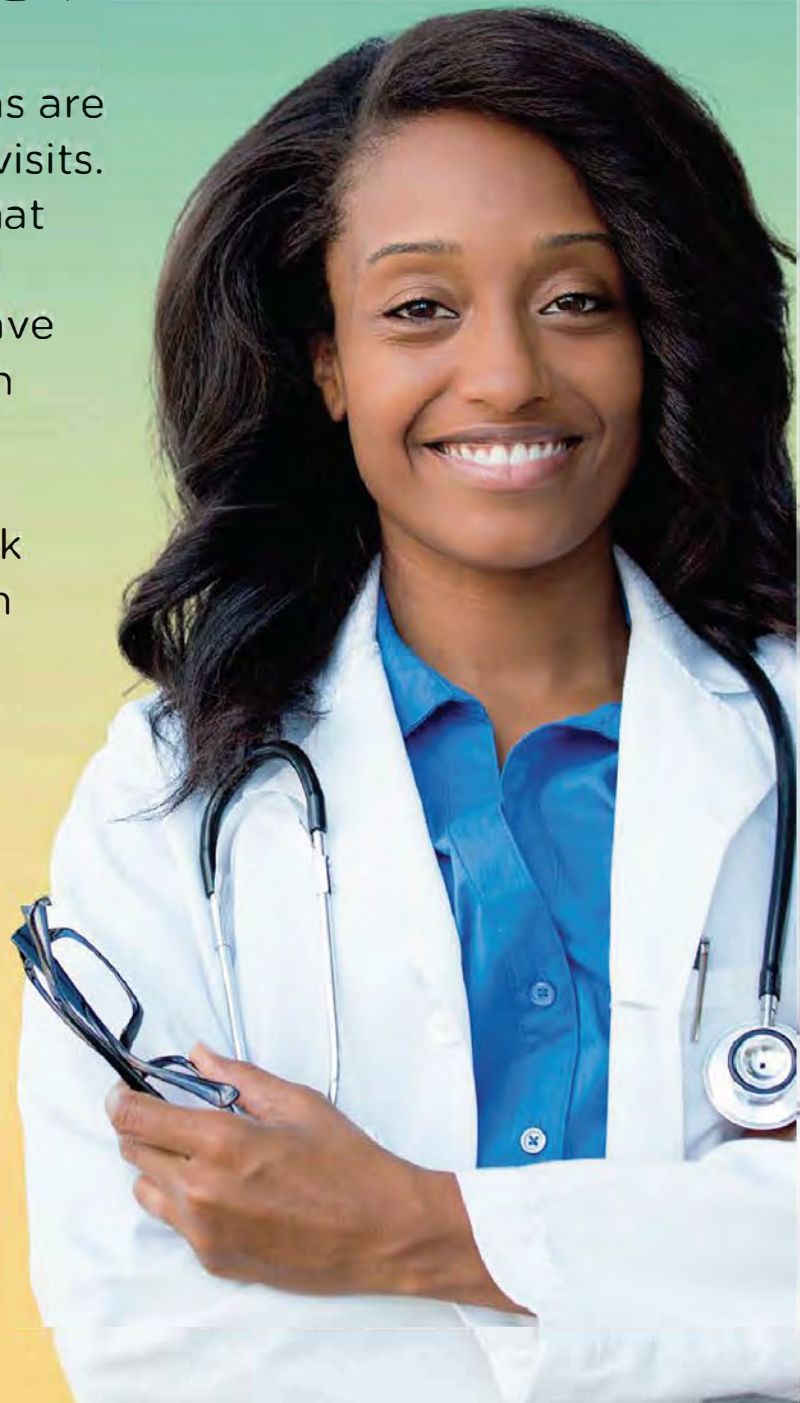
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Presenters

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Esteban Abeyta, MS3,
University of Washington
SHIFA Health Fairs

Esteban is a third-year medical student at the University of Washington School of Medicine and leads SHIFA Health Fairs, a student organization that offers A1c testing at local health fairs in and around Seattle.

Laura Anderson,
Founder and instructor,
Grow Mobile Yoga

Laura Anderson is a realtor and yoga teacher based in Tacoma, Washington. Her yoga classes are geared toward beginners and seasoned yoga practitioners alike, with options to modify or challenge oneself.

Tiffany Childs, SUDPT,
University District Street
Medicine

As one of the current, project co-directors, Tiffany plays an important role in helping recruit preceptors, maintain outreach locations, expanding undergraduate/graduate involvement, and collaborating on new projects to bring into University District Street Medicine (UDSM).

Outside of UDSM, Tiffany is a current undergraduate student majoring in Public Health, works part-time as a substance abuse counselor trainee to fulfill her license requirements, and assists as a research assistant at the Harm Reduction and Research Treatment (HaRRT) Center with an end goal of pursuing addiction medicine.

Ken Dale,
Executive Director,
Community Health Partners

Executive Director of Community Health Partners, a free medical, dental, and vision clinic in Longview, Washington.

Prior Work History:

- Executive Director of two early childhood development schools, 10 years, Portland
- Executive Director of Special Olympics Oregon, 18 years
- Special Projects Coordinator Human Resources Department, 5 years, Cowlitz County
- Executive Director of Socialization Center for Chronically Mentally Ill Adults, 7 years, Seattle
- Peace Corps Volunteer - Teacher/Vice Principal of Secondary School. Sierra Leone, West Africa, 3 years

Education:

- BA History/Anthropology - University of California at Berkeley
- Master of Public Administration - Seattle University

Don Downing,
Clinical Professor (retired),
University of Washington
School of Pharmacy

Free the Pill Steering Committee; Former Chair UW School of Pharmacy Community Engagement; Start-up of tribal health clinics in the NW; Pharmacy Global Medical Brigades in Africa and Latin America; Healthcare advocacy in India, Japan, Micronesia/Marshall Islands, Chile. Helped to develop first national pharmacist-provided immunization and contraception services; Authored WA Leg bill SB5557 in 2015, providing pharmacists with medical provider status.

David Eller,
Executive Director,
Lahai Health

David has 22 years of fundraising experience including five years as Chief Development Officer for CRISTA Ministries. He has been Executive Director of Lahai Health for four years, overseeing all elements of administration. David has taught fundraising and grant writing as a masters level for Northwest University as an adjunct professor.

Rose Gibbs, RN, MSN,
Clinic Director of Dungeness
Valley Health & Wellness
Clinic (The Sequim Free
Clinic)

After almost 40 years in nursing, mostly at a high management level, Rose joined the Sequim Free Clinic in March of 2009. She holds dual Masters degrees from USC in Health Services Administration and Public Administration, but she is most proud of her Baccalaureate in Nursing. Her experience in large hospital systems has given her a great foundation on which to explore and support the free and charitable clinic established in the Sequim community in 2001.

Rose retired in 2008 and initially took the clinical leadership position at the free clinic for “only a few years.” Fourteen years later, she is still in that role. She remains in that role because, “Service for those most vulnerable in our community is a challenge and a great reward, and the volunteer staff is awesome.”

Krystle Haga,
Prevention Advocate,
Rebuilding Hope! The Sexual
Assault Center for Pierce
County

I am a Prevention Advocate at Rebuilding Hope. In my role, I go into the community and provide presentations to our youth and adults on healthy relationships, consent and boundaries, and online safety and exploitation.

I am a Coeur d’Alene tribal member and a mother of 5. I truly believe that normalizing these uncomfortable conversations will help deplete all the intersecting issues we have in community. It will also encourage people to take steps to healing and turn their looked at to be "negatives" into positives.

Meghan Hershkowitz, MS4,
University of Washington

Co-Board Director of Student Health Initiative for Access. Oversee five medical student run clinics that provide health screening services around King County.

Previously worked as Health Fair Co-Director, organizing health fairs around King County that provide health screenings including A1c, nutrition, and cholesterol screening.

Tonya Hogan,
Executive Director,
Neighborhood Clinic

Tonia Hogan joined Neighborhood Clinic as executive director in March 2022. She brings a passion for serving the marginalized, as well as many years of non-profit experience, to this role. Tonia has a longtime desire to be part of the solution to bringing care and support to the underserved.

**Jennifer Magnani, MSW,
LICSW,**
Assistant Director, Psychiatry
Consultation Line, UW Dept
of Psychiatry and Behavioral
Sciences

Jennifer Magnani, MSW, LICSW, has been a social worker for over 23 years, and has worked in a number of clinical areas including Inpatient, Emergency, Ambulatory, Psychiatry, and Home Hospice.

Jennifer got her Master of Social Work degree at the University of Washington and holds a BS in Journalism from the University of Kansas. Her current work is with the UW's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, but she previously worked extensively at Harborview Medical Center and Providence Hospice.

Jennifer is passionate about helping the most difficult to serve patients and creating health and social systems that work effectively.

Camila Maturana,
Supervising Attorney,
Northwest Immigrant Rights
Project (NWIRP)

Camila is a supervising attorney with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) Tacoma and South Unit. She has been an attorney at NWIRP since 2015, primarily working on asylum, U visa, VAWA self-petition, and SIJS cases, as well as representing clients in removal cases.

Camila received her B.A. from the University of Chicago and her J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis.

Andrea McMakin,
Communications
Coordinator, Grace Clinic

Andrea McMakin is Communications Coordinator for Grace Clinic, the only free clinic in the Tri-Cities, serving Benton and Franklin counties. She has more than four decades of experience in strategic communications for government, business, and nonprofits, and is a published author on risk communication.

Since 2006, Andrea has provided communication support for Grace Clinic, including outreach, fundraising, and recruiting. She has increased the reach of Grace Clinic's social media presence by up to 65% and increased its effectiveness in obtaining donated services and products.

Randy Meyer, MSW,
Executive Director, Caring
Hands Worldwide

Randy Meyer is the Executive Director for Caring Hands Worldwide and International Caring Hands. Randy graduated from Walla Walla College with a Master of Social Work in 1991. He worked in Alaska for 15 years in community mental health and overseeing State grants to Mental Health Centers from Bethel to Barrow Alaska. He assisted small rural mental health centers to receive increased funding, in order to better meet the needs of communities off the road system. Randy has over 30 years of experience working with nonprofit organizations.

In 2002, Randy and his wife, Marta, left Alaska and spent 18 months working in an orphanage in El Salvador. It was here that Randy found an abandoned dental clinic and started to coordinate free dental care for all the children in the Orphanage. In 2005 Randy worked in for-profit dentistry, managing Oregon Health Plan Dental care for up to 66,000 members. In 2010 Randy became the Executive Director for Caring Hands Worldwide and established portable dental clinics in Zambia, Madagascar, Mongolia, Peru, Moldova, Micronesia, Bahamas, and Argentina. In 2012, Randy started providing pop-up clinics in Oregon, California, Arizona, Idaho, and Washington State.

**Megan Monahan, MSW,
LICSW,**
Social Services Manager,
Northwest Immigrant Rights
Project (NWIRP)

Megan Monahan is the Social Services Manager at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP), a pro bono immigration law firm in Washington State. Megan received her Master of Social Work from Loyola University Chicago, where she specialized in Migration Studies.

Prior to her role at NWIRP, Megan worked as a case manager with immigrant survivors of human trafficking, and as a mental health therapist with Spanish-speaking adults and families in Seattle and Chicago.

After completing undergraduate studies at Boston College, Megan spent two years in Santiago, Chile as an international Jesuit Volunteer, where she worked with women experiencing homelessness and at-risk youth. In addition to her role at NWIRP, Megan volunteers to provide forensic psychological evaluations for immigrants to supplement their applications for immigration relief. Megan is bilingual in English and Spanish.

**Susan K. Neal, MAOM, BSN,
RN,**
Executive Director,
Battle Ground HealthCare

Sue Neal is the Executive Director for Battle Ground HealthCare. Sue has been in leadership at the clinic since 2013. She completed her nursing degree from the OHSU School of Nursing in 1975 and a Master of Arts in Organizational Management in 2001 from the University of Phoenix. Her professional background includes more than four decades of focus in pediatrics, women's health, community education, occupational health services, management, faith community nursing, community outreach and collaboration.

Sue worked for Tuality HealthCare (Hillsboro Medical Center) for 25 years, ten years as a director. She has filled interim executive director positions and

served on various nonprofit boards. Currently she serves on the board of directors for Borland Free Clinic and the Walters Family Foundation. Sue is a member of the Clark County Public Health Ethics Review Committee, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Advisory Board (CCBHC), Clark County Community Health Improvement Planning (CCHIP), and the Latino Community Resource Group (LCRG).

Sue has a strong commitment to the community, and a history of service and commitment to the vision of building a healthier community. Sue is dedicated and passionate about working with individuals and groups of people to facilitate a positive environment through teamwork and collaboration. She strives to assist individuals and organizations in developing a healthy lifestyle through holistic healthcare, which focuses on mind, body, and spirit. Healthy people equate to a healthy community. Her leadership and tireless enthusiasm for the work has inspired many.

When Sue's not at the clinic, she enjoys camping, boating, and hosting gatherings with husband, Lloyd, and her children and grandchildren.

Mario Paredes,
Executive Director, Consejo
Counseling and Referral
Service

Mario Paredes, MA, MHP, serves as the Executive Director of Consejo. He has devoted more than twenty years of his career to the organization. He has a masters degree in clinical psychology and a masters degree in nonprofit management. As a highly accomplished Executive Director and advocate, he skillfully manages a multimillion-dollar budget and expertly oversees 12 Consejo office locations. With his impressive track record of consistently delivering outstanding results, he is an exceptional leader who inspires confidence and trust among his team and stakeholders alike. As part of his support expanding the organization, Consejo's locations include behavioral health, housing units, and victim services facilities in King, Pierce, Thurston, Mason, and the North Sound regions. Mario represents ethnic minority behavioral health providers as a member of the King County MIDD Advisory Council since 2018 and the King County HealthierHere Board since 2020. Since 2018, he has served on the UW Northwest ATTC Substance Abuse Advisory board. Mario also serves as a foundation trustee for the Frost and Margaret Snyder foundation since 2021.

As an advocate, Mario pushes for policy reform, monitors behavioral health legislation, and represents the voices of marginalized communities. His policy focus includes achieving equity for the uninsured, increasing accessibility, and reducing healthcare barriers. Mario regularly meets with legislators and funders to discuss immigration protections, healthcare reform, and criminal justice reform to discuss equity and social justice issues. He is vocal about the fair treatment of BIPOC communities and expresses concern about the prevalence of colorism in the criminal justice system that affects the organization's clients.

As a native of El Salvador, Mario deeply understands the repercussions and

conflicts that may lead to migration to the United States. Through his altruistic empathy, he also advocates for immigration reform to ensure groups of all backgrounds, regardless of insured status, have equal access to behavioral health care. He confidently paves the way for those who need help accessing services from alternative sources, or he effectively ensures that their needs are fulfilled through the services offered by Consejo. With over 30 years of experience in serving the Latinx population, Mario continuously aims to improve services for low-income, refugee, immigrant behavioral Health clients.

Diane Paulson, RN,
Executive Director,
Health & Hope Medical
Outreach

Diane Paulson is the Executive Director for Health & Hope Medical Outreach in Centralia Washington. She served 21 years in the US Army and retired as a Nurse Corps Major in 2006. Her experiences include four years in Medical/Oncology at Tripler Hawaii, Charge Nurse for a Family Practice Clinic in Ft. Stewart Georgia, Charge Nurse in an ICU in Wurzburg, Germany, Charge Nurse for the Emergency Department in two combat deployed hospitals (Kosovo and Kuwait) and Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Emergency Department at Ft. Lewis Washington. She retired from bedside nursing at Providence Centralia Emergency Room in 2017.

Diane volunteered with Health & Hope beginning in 2013 and became the director in 2020. She enjoys gardening, painting, and attending craft fairs.

Chris Rogers,
Navy Veteran, Client
Services Program Manager,
Rebuilding Hope! The Sexual
Assault Center for Pierce
County

In my role, I oversee and manage the advocacy department and STEP (Sex Trafficking Exploitation Program) at Rebuilding Hope. I have worked in the field for five years in various roles that led up to my current position. I am honored and humbled to be able to be a strong support system for our community and look forward to my future years assisting survivors on their path to healing.

Erika Sasaki,
Site Manager, University
District Street Medicine

I am a fourth-year medical student at University of Washington and site manager for University District Street Medicine.

My primary responsibilities revolve around hosting clinic at Elizabeth Gregory Home, our community partner. I coordinate student volunteers from multidisciplinary backgrounds, work with preceptors, work with preceptors who oversees each clinic, manage medical supplies (stock and organization), and closely communicate with organizational leadership to improve client care.

Isha Shrestha, MS3,
University of Washington
SHIFA Health Fairs

Isha is a third-year medical students at the University of Washington School of Medicine, and leads SHIFA Health Fairs, a student organization that offers A1c testing at local health fairs in and around Seattle.

Eugene Youngblood,
Violence Interrupter,
Freedom Project

Eugene Youngblood does his community work through a nonprofit called freedom project and he is also a dedicated violence interrupter with King County Regional Peacekeepers, committed to creating safer communities. He possesses specialized expertise in trauma-informed care, honed through training and experience.

Eugene holds a certification in psychological first aid from John's Hopkins University, demonstrating his commitment to supporting individuals in crisis. His role involves community-based de-escalation efforts, contributing to the overall well-being of the region.



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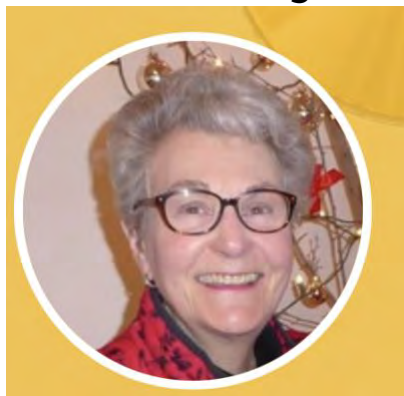
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In Memoriam

Diane Gallagher



Diane Marie Sterner Gallagher, age 79, returned to her creator on April 25, 2023, in Tacoma. She passed at home with family at her side. Diane was very involved in, and dedicated to, the work of Neighborhood Clinic, where she volunteered and served on the board for three decades.

Diane was the joy of everyone she met. She was born to Frank and Anna Sterner in July 1943, in Hutchinson, MN. Her mother passed when she was 4 years old and her stepmother, Fredricka Hagen "Freddy" became her mom. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth MN. Diane served in the Army Nurse Corps (ANC), with most of the time in Japan during the Vietnam War.

After being honorably discharged, she returned stateside and moved to Washington State. She worked at the Seattle VA Hospital, Tacoma General Hospital ICU, Tacoma General Hospital School of Nursing and the Cardiac Study Center cardiology practice of Doctors Anderson, Nagle, Strait, and Lapin. She established the patient education/rehab program visiting hospital patients and developed the Device Clinic, following those with implanted pacemakers and defibrillators.

Diane married the love of her life, Brendan Gallagher, on January 24, 1976. They shared 42 years of happy marriage, living in the Browns Point community. Diane retired early to care for Brendan, who passed away with Alzheimer's disease in 2018.

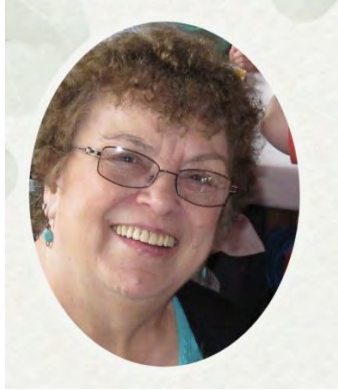
Diane had a passion for all things beautiful: herself, her faith, her loving care of Brendan and extended families of nieces and nephews. Colleagues, friends, and neighbors relished her gourmet cooking and appreciated her exquisite gardens, at home and at the Browns Point Light House Cottage.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, five siblings and her husband, Brendan. She has extended family in Ireland and many nieces, and nephews throughout the United States.

Diane wanted to give thanks to nieces, Mary Stucky and Peggy Borders, for their generous and supportive care, especially during the final course of her cancer, and to Dr. John VanBuskirk and Susan K Wenski, for their consistent kindness in caring for her. Thanks also to Dr. Nicholas Hamill for his compassionate care, the MultiCare medical team, the Providence Nutritional Support team, and the CHI Franciscan hospice team, especially Cindy and Marie.

In Memoriam

Ginny Gannon



Virginia “Ginny” Gannon, born in Seattle July 11, 1939, passed away Nov 7, 2022. She is preceded in death by parents Cliff and Grace McGammon and husband Robert. She leaves behind, son, Bob, daughter, Ginny, five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She loved our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Ginny joined Christ Community Free Clinic in 2007 with the goal of serving and expanding the clinic. Ginny accomplished this, and more, during her 14 years as Executive Director. Her leadership, friendship and presence will be incredibly missed within the clinic community and beyond.

Ginny was a founding board member of Washington Healthcare Access Alliance. She served two consecutive board terms, including as president, and extended herself considerably to staff, volunteers, and other board members, ensuring a smooth organizational leadership transition. Ginny was known for her generous spirit, quick laugh, and excellent hugs.

In Memoriam

Joan McLain



If you ever attended a Washington Free and Charitable Care Conference, you would have met the lovely Joan McLain, who attended with her husband, Dr. Paul McLain, representing SOS Health Services of Walla Walla. Joan Gibson McLain left this life on November 1, 2002, to live eternally with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She lived for 81 years.

Joan was born in Pittsburgh to William and Barbara Gibson and was the oldest of five children in this busy doctor's family. She had the joy of living an extremely happy childhood and growing years, playing and learning with friends and family. While in Edgewood Elementary School, Joan noted that a tall, gangly boy seemed to pay a lot of attention to her and learned that his name was Paul McLain. They became friends, later dated off and on, and by the time of graduation Mc and Gibby were a couple in their closely-knit high school class.

Joan attended Lake Forest College and then transferred to the University of Pittsburgh when she and Paul were married. The two were blessed with Barbara and then Bruce during their years of working and studying in college and then medical school and residency in the Philadelphia area. During military service, Joan stayed in Arizona with the children while Paul served as an Army medical officer in Vietnam.

After discharge, they moved to the countryside near the small wheat farming town of Davenport, Washington. There they spent 30 wonderful years nurtured by the people of Davenport and the surrounding community. When she and Paul felt called to mission service, Joan assisted in the administration of a mission hospital as the two of them ministered in Haiti for four years.

On return in 2005, they moved to Walla Walla, where Joan took pleasure in establishing their home and being widely active in the Walla Walla Presbyterian Church. Throughout her life, Joan cherished her family. She frequently shared memories and visits with her siblings, and she deeply loved and took pride in the lives of her children and their families, especially her two new grandchildren.

Joan ran her race with joy, gave the world God's love and grace, and left those who knew her better people.

She is survived by her husband and best friend of 62 years, Paul L. McLain; daughter, Barbara H. McLain-Snow (David); son, Bruce L. McLain (Heather); brother, Robert P. Gibson; and grandchildren, Nathanael and Sierra McLain. She was preceded in death by her parents, William E. and Barbara P. Gibson; brother, Thomas W. Gibson; and two sisters, Barbara C. Gibson and Ann E. Gibson.

In Memoriam

Barbe West



Barbe West served as executive director of the Free Clinic of SW Washington for nine years. She was a consummate professional who worked to establish and operationalize quality standards for free clinics in Washington State and beyond. Barbe was a fierce advocate for free clinics and free clinic patients, and an excellent ambassador of this sector.

Barbara Ann West (76) passed away peacefully in her sleep on the morning of Sept. 5, 2022, in Vancouver, Washington. She was surrounded by her husband, Dave, her son Brandon, and daughter-in-law Jami. Barbe, as she liked to be called, was born in Amboy, Illinois, to John and Doris Welty on Sept. 6, 1945. She married David West on Aug. 17, 1968.

Barbe spent her life helping other people. She began her career as a hospital administrator for Kaiser Permanente Health Plan where she was employed for 30 years, attaining the position as President of Kaiser's Northwest Region. After retiring from Kaiser in 2001, Barbe served as Executive Director for Community Choices. She later served as Executive Director of the Free Clinic of SW Washington, providing health care to local low income and uninsured families. Recently, Barbe served as Chair of the PeaceHealth Community Collaboration Committee and Chair of the PeaceHealth Hospital Board in Vancouver.

Barbe was preceded in death by her father, John Donald Welty; and mother, Doris Ellen Welty. Barbe is survived by her husband, Dave of Camas, WA; her son, Brandon (Jami) West of Camarillo, CA; sisters, Becky (Pat Breeding) Welty, Susan (Rick) Bernotas and Ruth Arredia all of Dixon, IL; brothers, Joseph (Jean) Welty of Dixon, IL, and John (Sharon) Welty of LaQuinta, California.

The family of Barbe West extends a sincere thank you to the doctors and nurses of the ICU department of PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center, who tirelessly provided exceptional, compassionate, around the clock care.

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