

Sojourner Health Clinic

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13th Annual Banquet and Silent Auction

On May 5th, 2017, the clinic held its annual banquet for everyone involved in running the clinic. The invitation was open to generous donors, board members, volunteers, and representatives from the UMKC Alumni Association—Friends of the School of Medicine. The banquet was held in the

30 items with all proceeds from the auction going towards clinic equipment and other clinic costs. Donors also contributed directly to the clinic through personal donations. We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who attended, and



museum-like Diastole Scholar's Center, donated to the UMKC School of Medicine by the school's founder, Dr. E. Grey Dimond. Guests gathered for food catered by Grampa's Café (based in Overland Park, Kansas), and were given "prescriptions" of chocolate as goodies. In the Kiva, new board members were inducted (see next page), and outstanding volunteers were recognized. To raise money for the Sojourner Health Clinic, a few volunteers set up a silent auction with over

contributed to the success of the banquet and the clinic.

Thank you to the following businesses for their donations to the Sojourner Health Clinic Banquet and Silent Auction:

Hammerpress, Art of Shaving, Mid Coast Modern, Mash Handmade, Pryde's Kitchen and Home, Houndstooth, Soaring Adventures of America, Yard House, Jaegerz Paintball & Laser Tag, Waldo Pizza, & Cinemark Theatres.

Board Member in the Spotlight

Shipra Singh, clinic manager



"I've been a clinic manager since...2 weeks ago really. Every week, I'm humbled to be able to work with a talented team of students from all areas of healthcare and professionals whose passion for medicine embodies the kind of physician I want to be one day. I make it a point to remember people's names and their stories, so I'll go around to other students, randomly blurring their names just for my benefit. Perhaps that makes me a weird person; I've accepted it. To me, the clinic adds value to the community. I know this sounds pretty cliché, but I believe that healing is an art. We may hold stethoscopes instead of brushes and paint differentials instead of landscapes, but in the end, the goal is to add value to the world and to make us think in ways we never expected to."

What's New?

Patient Assistance Program

The Patient Assistance Program began in an effort to reduce costs and continue high quality of patient care. One of the greatest expenses for Sojourner Health Clinic has always been the dispensary. Priyeshia Bijlani (MS IV), along with the rest of the board, recognized that inhalers are both commonly prescribed, and extremely costly to the clinic. After discussing with Dr. Cameron, who was instrumental in starting the Patient Assistance

Program at the Jackson County Free Health Clinic, Priyeshia decided to help implement the program at the Sojourner Health Clinic with the assistance of MERCK, a company that provides inhalers free of charge to patients that meet a certain set of criteria. There are currently twenty-eight patients enrolled in the program, having saved the clinic **\$14,625**. We hope to expand the Patient Assistance Program in the future to include more volunteers and

offer more commonly prescribed medications to our patients. To learn how you can get involved, you can email Priyeshia at pb9q3@mail.umkc.edu.



Priyeshia receiving an award for her leadership in implementing the program.

Who's on the Board?

Sojourner Health Clinic Board 2017-2018:

Executive Directors: Peter Lazarz (MS VI) and Danielle Terrill (MS V)

Director of Development: Sree Balusu (MS VI)

Main Operations Director: Amena Mohiuddin (MS VI)

Secretary: Angela Nwankwo (MS II)

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Clinic Managers: Seenu Abraham (MS VI), Tony Cheng (MS IV), Ella Glaser (MS V), Vishnu Harikumar (MS IV), Alana Hoffman (MS VI), Antonio Petralia (MS IV), Adithi Reddy (MS IV), Shipra Singh (MS IV), and Vaishnavi Vaidyanathan (MS VI)

Patient Assistance Program Director: Priyeshia Biljani (MS IV)

Pharmacy Liason: Alexandra Awada (MS III)

Lab Director: Kavelin Rumalla (MS IV)

Lab Managers: Raga Kilaru (MS III), Elizabeth Theng (MS III), and Michele Yang (MS II)

Physician Assistant Representatives: Daniel Beck (PA II) and Ryan Smith (PA I)

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