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The End...and the Beginning...of the Road

Laura Cudzilo
Clinic Director

With the date of medical school graduation looming closer, we always like to take a step back and look at everything that has been accomplished within the Magis Clinic organization over the past academic year. It has been one of many changes—changes that we hope will allow us to better manage our current patients and expand our services to offer care to more people in the Omaha community.

As I type, renovation is currently underway on our clinic space at the Siena-Francis House. After construction is complete, we will have three patient rooms instead of the current two, including one that will lend itself to procedures, breathing treatments, and lab work. We will also have a remodeled area in which our volunteer physicians and medical students can discuss patient presentation, assessment, and treatment options.

Our psychiatric clinic, under the direction of Dr. William Marcil, and the STD clinic, generously staffed by various CUMC faculty members, continue to provide essential care for the residents of Siena-Francis and of other area shelters and treatment programs. We are also planning on expanding the services we offer to our diabetic patients to include follow-up in a clinic setting in addition to the monthly education classes that are currently held at the Siena-Francis House. Work is also in progress to increase the healthcare maintenance services we provide to women by establishing further relationships with the CUMC Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Nebraska Every Woman Matters program, and local domestic violence shelters.

None of these modifications could have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our graduating Magis officers. They have been an integral part of the leadership team, and we will miss them dearly next year. Aaron, Chad, Jacob, Judy, Jason, Justin, Maggie, Sandy, and Willa, thank you so much for all that you have done, and best of luck in residency!

Magis Classic: A Three Year Success!

Justin Birge
Fundraiser

During its first three years, the Magis Golf Classic has grown by leaps and bounds. In 2005, a core of sponsors and students braved a stifling August day to raise money for the student run clinic. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and the final tally exceeded clinic expectations. In 2006, the Magis Classic began a relationship with the Medical Alumni Association, coordinating the tournament to coincide with reunion weekend. Since 2005, the event has grown over 35% per year in participa-

tion and over 50% per year in earnings. Community sponsors, such as RDG Planning & Design, Thompson, Dressen & Dorner and Farris Engineering, have coupled well with immense support from the Creighton Medical Center and university community. In 2007, a generous match gift of up to \$15,000 was also made by the Hawks Foundation. To date, the Magis Classic has earned over \$89,000 for the ever-growing clinic, and appears to have taken hold as a long-lasting, annual tradition at Creighton. Looking ahead to 2008, improvements will be made in alumni awareness and ease of access to registration materials. As always, the goal of the Magis Classic remains promoting a fun, entertaining and enjoyable event to assist Creighton students in their goal of improving health care in the Omaha community. The 2008 Magis Classic is set for Friday, September 13 at 8:00 am. It



Father Schlegel showing off his golfing skills at the 2007 Magis Classic

will again be held at Ironwood Country Club.

Magis Partners with Creighton Pharmacy Students

Amy Heller
Clinic Supply Manager

The Magis Clinic is pleased to announce a partnership with volunteers from the Creighton School of Pharmacy. Second-year pharmacy students Emily Kathol and Johnny Chau have joined the officers of the Magis Clinic in providing quality healthcare to the homeless population of Omaha. The pharmacy students will incorporate their expertise into development of new programs for the clinic. We look forward to a successful partnership and thank Emily and Johnny for their efforts to bring about a team atmosphere in medical education, with pharmacy and medical students working and learning together while serving the healthcare needs of the community.

Psych Clinic Update

Chad Thorson
Psych Clinic Manager

When it was decided to include psychiatric care as a part of the Magic Clinic, nobody knew what the response would be. Was there a need? How would we afford to provide care? Would we be able to attract clients? Little did we know how successful the clinic would actually be. With the leadership of Dr. William Marcil and clinic director, Chad Thorson, the

clinic has surely been a success. There has never been a shortage of patients; in fact, the clinic usually needs to be extended to accommodate all patients. We have been able to obtain psychiatric meds from two main sources, donations and HOPE Pharmacy. HOPE has provided medications at a discount and has also registered patients in their Medication Assistance Program (MAP). The program has alleviated much burden on the patients by allowing them to pay for medications on an income-based sliding scale. When it comes to obtaining patients, the majority of our referrals are from the Visiting Nurses Association though the Charles Drew Clinic and Sienna Francis House staff occasionally refer patients. With the re-opening of Community Alliance, most of the patients seen at the Saturday morning Magis psychiatric clinic are able to get into established psychiatric care within a few weeks. Additionally, the Douglas County system is now accepting new patients. With the services provided by the Magis psychiatric clinic, patients will get the help they need to increase their functionality in society. It is great to see that we have actually had the opportunity to make a difference.

As the new academic year begins, and fellow students become physicians, the next wave of leaders will take the reins. Marley Doyle, M2 has been appointed as the next psych clinic director. With this new leadership and the clinic expansion, I believe that even greater

things are to come.



Magis Clinic supporters enjoying a glass of wine at the clinic's fundraiser.

Wine & Cheese: Magis-Style

Betsy Hassebroek
Fundraiser

About 100 community members gathered at the V.J. and Angela Skutt student center for the first annual Wine and Cheese Extravaganza and Silent Auction on Jan. 18. Event goers nibbled on cheese, sipped on wine, and bid on a variety of items, raising \$3,500 for the Magis Clinic.

Event goers enjoyed spirited bidding wars on silent auction items that ranged from massages to a private box at the Qwest Center for a Creighton basketball game. Wine expertise was provided by a team from Johnson Brothers Distributing Company, while an assortment of fine cheeses and nuts were donated by Whole Foods Market.

After such a successful evening, Magis leaders are already discussing how to make next year's event even more successful!

Physician Spotlight: Dr. Maureen Fleming

Kim-Thuy Truong
Clinic Manager

Every Saturday, the homeless men and women at the Sienna Francis House wait by the Magis Clinic's door to receive care from Creighton's doctors and medical students. Today's Saturday Clinic is no different except for a nice surprise at the beginning of the clinic. Dr. Maureen Fleming, our doctor for the day, comes in with two heavy bags filled with 10 eggplants, 7 yellow/green squashes, and 2 HUGE green zucchinis.

It is obvious that Dr. Fleming likes to garden and shares what she has. She also likes to volunteer at the Magis Clinic. When asked what motivates her to serve at Magis Clinic, she states that she enjoys interacting with the excited and eager-to-learn students. At times, she is amazed to see the growth in the students' medical knowledge and skills—from the budding M1s to the nearly bloomed M4s. At a more personal level, Dr. Fleming offers her favorite quote, "To whom much is given, much is expected." She has been brought up to believe that philanthropy and charity are important aspects in life. Serving the homeless population at the Magis Clinic is one way to live and express this faith.

Dr. Fleming attended University of North Dakota for medical school. She completed her Obstetric and Gynecology Residency at Creighton in 1991. After her residency, she stayed in Omaha because she liked the city and its people.

Today, Dr. Fleming serves multiple roles at Creighton University and in the community. She is currently the Director of the Division of General Obstetric and Gynecology at CUMC, a clinician at an Ob-Gyn clinic in West Omaha, and the coordinator for the Ob-Gyn externship in Peru. Despite her busy academic and clinical schedule, Dr. Fleming saves some time to do the things that are important and enjoyable to

her: gardening and volunteering.

Thank you Dr. Fleming for your contribution to the Magis Clinic! Your service to others exemplifies one of Creighton's core values, service to humanity. We hope that you stay with us for many more years.

Magis Clinic Officer Transition

TaSheitha Anazia
Public Relations Director

Every year, there is a transition at the Magis Clinic. This transition involves the stu-

dent leadership behind the organization. This year there are nine M4s graduating. They are leaving a strong legacy of dedicated service to the clinic that will not be forgotten.

In addition, there are eighteen students either continuing or beginning to serve as Magis Clinic leaders for the 2008-2009 school year. This year's student leaders are committed to building upon the legacy laid by the outgoing M4s as well as previous medical students, who have paved the way.



Five of the nine departing M4 Magis Clinic officers



2008-2009 Magis Clinic Officers

M4 Reflections ... What Magis Clinic Has Meant to Me



“It has been my pleasure to be involved with the Magis Clinic over the past four years. I still remember how intimidating my first experience with the clinic was, as this was the first patient I every laid my stethoscope on. It is amazing now to see how much confidence and knowledge I have gained over this time. It has been my pleasure to help with the creation of the psychiatric clinic, I believe it has been a great success. I want to wish my fellow classmates ‘good luck’ as you enter residency in just a few months, and best wishes to the rest of the officers who are now taking over the reigns.” — Chad Thorson

“When I look back on my experience with the Magis Clinic I count myself blessed to be involved with such an incredible medical community. Working with the leadership and volunteers has truly been a highlight of my 4 years at Creighton. Those who work at the Magis clinic have a reputation for treating patients with dignity and respect, and this attitude had helped to shape my vision of compassionate service to the underserved population. The Magis Clinic and those I served with during my four year will be in my heart as I continue on in residency.” — Aaron Konrad



“Working with the Magis Clinic over the last three and a half years has provided me with invaluable experience and perspective. Being a part of the organization at an early stage, I was impressed by how motivated and strong the clinic founders were. They believed that we not only could be successful, but that we would succeed without question. That positive mindset influenced my thinking and behavior as fund raiser, and I never doubted our success. I was also continually amazed by the outpouring of support from the Creighton and Omaha communities. Physicians, students, alumni, administrators – everyone seemed to rally around the mission of the Magis Clinic and provide whatever support they could. Clearly, the service provided at

the clinic is helpful to our patients, but the biggest strength to me has always been the appeal to and impact on students. Filling one clinic with four or five medical students per week is a valiant achievement, but impressing the need for volunteerism, continuing education and unconventional problem solving on a generation of physicians is something great.” — Justin Birge

“Being a part of the Magis Clinic has certainly been the most enjoyable aspect of my medical education at Creighton. It has been an exhilarating and educational experience in seeing the clinic blossom in so many ways and grow exponentially as it has. My greatest pride and enjoyment in the clinic is the people that we serve and the experience that comes with helping them. Their hardened lives, difficult experiences and grateful nature have often taught and helped me more than I feel that I have helped them. Further, the enthusiasm and vibrance that one gets when working at the clinic or being around other Magis people has helped me fight off the cynicism that naturally comes with medicine. Through all of this the clinic has helped me maintain my ideals of practicing medicine and let me live out my dreams of turning that into a reality.” — Jacob Smeltzer



“The Magis Clinic has been a wonderful experience for me. Being in the position to help people who may not have anyone else to turn to is very fulfilling. Also, interacting with the various physicians who give so much of their time to the clinic makes me realize how important it is to give back no matter how busy your schedule may be. I will miss the wonderful officers that work so hard to make Magis better every year. Thanks for caring!” — Judy Wong

The 2008-2009 Magis Clinic Officers:

Directors: Laura Cudzillo Thuydung Trinh Kate Zaluski	Volunteer Coordinator: Kelly Russo Secretary: Kashmir Singh Treasurer: Chris Holley
Clinic Manager: Kim-Thuy Truong Assistant Clinic Managers: Thuy Koll Meagan McCarthy	Supply Manager: Amy Heller Assistant Supply Manager: Michael Smith Special Events Coordinators: April Singleton Michelle Peggs
STD Clinic Manager: Paul Decker Assistant STD Clinic Manager: Lyndsay Olsen Psych Clinic Manager: Marley Doyle	Public Relations: TaSheitha Anazia Fundraiser: Betsy Hassebroek

For more information about Magis Clinic please visit:
<http://medicine.creighton.edu/magis/>

We Care at the Magis Clinic...

Below is a detailed description about each of the clinical services that the Magis Clinic offers to the uninsured population:

Acute Care Clinic:

The Acute Care Clinic treats those with basic medical problems. If indicated, referrals for specialty care are given. Patients that need immediate attention are sent free-of-charge to Creighton Medical Center. This clinic is open every Saturday from 2:00pm-6:00pm at the Siena/Francis House Baright Shelter.

Psychiatry Clinic:

The Psychiatry Clinic treats patients on a transitional basis until they can be registered to receive services from Douglas County. This clinic is open every other Saturday from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Siena/Francis House Baright Shelter. However, a referral is required to be seen at this clinic. Please email magisclinic@creighton.edu or call (888) 218-4692 for more information.

STD Clinic:

The STD Clinic offers treatment for many sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy testing, and patient education and counseling. Referrals to pre-natal care providers and various health care clinics for follow-up are made as needed. The STD clinic is open from 5:30pm-7:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at the Siena/Francis House Baright Shelter.

Diabetic Education Classes:

The Diabetic Education Classes provide medical support and healthy lifestyle education to patients who suffer from diabetes. It also serves as a time where diabetic patients can interact and learn from one another. These classes are offered the 1st Saturday of the month from 1:00pm-2:00pm at the Siena/Francis House Baright Shelter.

Pediatric Vaccination Clinic:

The pediatric vaccination clinic is a yearly event held in the summer to provide physical exams and vaccines to school-age children. The clinic is held at Creighton Family Health Care South and includes vision and hearing screenings, lead and hemoglobin levels, urinalysis, and physical exams.

A Sincere Thank-you to Our Volunteer Physicians

We deeply appreciate our volunteer physicians' commitment to service and teaching. Without their generous assistance, our work at the Magis Clinic would not be possible!

Dr. Temple Brannan
Dr. John Cannella
Dr. Maureen Fleming
Dr. Bruce Houghton
Dr. Nicholas Jaszczak
Dr. Nancy Koster
Dr. William Marcil
Dr. Joseph McCaslin

Dr. Lee Morrow
Dr. James Phalen
Dr. Lisa Rice
Dr. Peter Silberstein
Dr. Robert Townley
Dr. Frederick Youngblood
Dr. Guy Williams

We always welcome new Volunteer Physicians at Magis Clinic:

Please email: magisclinic@creighton.edu
Clinic hours are Saturday afternoons from 2-6 pm



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