

Christ Community Free Clinic to serve the Uninsured in South King and North Pierce County Region

April 17, 2007 Auburn, WA

Christ Community Free Clinic opened its doors for the first time on Saturday, March 31st. It is located in downtown Auburn, at 1 "A" Street NW, just West of City Hall. The Clinic provides free same day medical consultations to the uninsured in South King and North Pierce Counties. It currently operates on Saturdays from 8:30 – 11:30 AM. Patients are seen on a walk-in basis. Limited prescription medications may be provided.

The idea of a free clinic was conceived over two years ago by Julie Stroud, M.D., of Auburn, WA. She was inspired by reading The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren and participating in weekly small group discussions. On pursuing the principles of the book and how to impact the community in which we live... Christ Community Free Clinic (CCFC) has become a reality.

One of the goals of the Free Clinic is to decrease visits to the Emergency Room at local hospitals; another is to connect individuals to available resources. Care is provided by volunteer medical doctors and nurses and other health care professionals from our local area. Additional volunteers have been trained by the King County Public Health Department and the Community Health Centers of King County to assist patients/clients with Medicaid and Basic Health applications. The Clinic will also provide information on community, public and referral services.

The Clinic is governed by a Board of Directors. The board has been working for over a year and a half planning, negotiating, meeting with the community and securing initial capital to open the Free Clinic. Donations from individuals, businesses and churches have helped to realize that goal. In addition, the City of Auburn has awarded CCFC a two year Human Services Grant. Clinic space has been provided by King County Housing Authority.

In order to operate the Clinic, support of the local community will be needed on an on-going basis. Thanks to the generosity of agencies and individuals, most of the Clinic has been equipped /furnished. Items remaining on our 'wish list' may be found at www.christfreeclinic.org. A large portion of donated funds will be used to cover prescription costs for patients.

CCFC is operated by an all-volunteer staff. There are many opportunities for additional volunteers including medical practitioners, office staff, hospitality, technology, fund raising, interpreting and referral services. Individuals interested in helping are invited to contact us through our website for a volunteer application at www.christfreeclinc.org.

Christ Community Free Clinic
Free Urgent Medical Care for the Uninsured
Saturdays 8:30 – 11:30 AM
Walk In – No Scheduled Appointments
I was sick, and you looked after me...Matthew 25:36

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