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Swope Health Services (SHS) has expanded its health care services in Eastern Jackson County with a new mobile medical clinic (MMC) that serves families in the Fort Osage School District who do not have health insurance.

The MMC, which began serving Fort Osage families in March, will meet many basic health care needs: common medical conditions, immunizations, wellness examinations for children and adults, and preventive health education and nutritional assessment. SHS will provide medical staff for the state-of-the-art mobile center, equipped with two medical treatment rooms, laboratory, a rest room and is wheelchair accessible.

“There are so many children and families that don’t have insurance,” said Sandi Rahm, principal of Blue Hills Elementary. “This is going to be a blessing for them to get the health care they need.”

The MMC is scheduled to visit weekly four elementary schools, Clermont, Elm Grove, Blue Hills and Buckner, as well as Ft. Osage High School.

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Ft. Osage students and parents toured the MMC during an open house event in late February.

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U.S. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS BASED ON AFRICAN MODEL

The story behind the establishment of community health centers in the United States is a powerful one. It actually begins in Africa during the 1960's.

A young doctor and civil rights activist, H. Jack Geiger, witnessed the results of a pioneering community health model that

yielded extraordinary improvements in the health of Zulus, a struggling population during the apartheid years. Encouraged by President

Johnson's declared "War on Poverty", Dr. Geiger proposed the development of a U.S. version of a community health center, which gained footing through the Office of Economic Opportunity. The passage of the landmark Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 marked the birth of America's community health centers. Funding was approved in 1965 for the first two neighborhood health center demonstration projects, one in Mound Bayou, Mississippi and the other in Boston, Massachusetts.

The health center model that emerged from this program combined the resources of

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New SHS Clinic Finds Home in Hospital Emergency Room

SHS has long been recognized as an integral part of Kansas City's public health system, keeping emergency room numbers down at area hospitals by virtue of its widely-used preventive services and urgent care center. As of March, 2007, SHS staff has taken it to the next level by establishing an urgent care clinic within Saint Luke's Emergency Department. The new clinic, named Swope Health Plaza, is one of a handful of federally qualified health centers (FQHC) across the nation to have physically integrated with a hospital emergency department.



On hand for Swope Health Plaza's opening day (l to r): Jimmy Brown, Vice President, SHS Operations, Liz Levin, Vice President, Saint Luke's Charity Management, Dr. Dorothy Jackson, SHS Associate Medical Director and Denise Mogg, Director, Saint Luke's Emergency Services



Since 1969, when SHS first opened its doors in the basement of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, staff has endeavored to reorient the patients served to visit regularly for preventive care, rather than wait for their issues to become chronic and present in an emergency room. "Swope Health Plaza enables us to effectively further our mission by having a presence right in the emergency room," said Dr. Dorothy Jackson, SHS Associate Medical Director. "It affords us the opportunity to educate patients about SHS services and offer them a medical home for follow-up and ongoing preventive care."

Saint Luke's Emergency Room has a five level triage system. "Levels one through three are considered potentially life-threatening situations," said John Sallis, SHS Director of Non-Physician Practitioners, "Levels four and five are considered acute but not life-threatening and patients who are triaged into these categories may be treated through Swope Health Plaza."

Currently, Swope Health Plaza hours are 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday but, eventually, clinic hours will increase to 12-hour shifts, seven days a week. "Area hospitals are very interested in the outcome of this partnership," said Barrett Hatches, SHS president, "This model holds much promise in terms of rolling it out to other emergency departments here in Missouri and beyond."

Augustine Cameron's years of service were celebrated at the March 2007 Swope Health Services board meeting. A member since 1985, Ms. Cameron is an irrepresible champion for the patients and the community. "She's not one to sugar coat her comments," said E. Frank Ellis, chairman of Swope Community Enterprises, "She tells it like it is and every board needs an Augustine Cameron to help you stay on task and true to the mission." Ms. Cameron is also a founding board member of Swope Community Builders (SCB) since 1991. She continues her work as Secretary Treasurer at Midwest Asset Management Group and Domino Planning & Development, both family businesses. She has been a member

SHS BOARD MEMBER AUGUSTINE CAMERON RETIRES



SHS president Barrett Hatches (l) and Swope Community Enterprises chairman E. Frank Ellis pose with Augustine Cameron after unveiling her plaque on the "Honoring Our Guiding Lights" tribute wall.

of St. Stephen Baptist Church for more than 50 years and is active in community development efforts not only through SCB but also with the Palestine Development Corporation. Summing up her work on the SHS board, Ms. Augustine stated, "When you belong to something, you try to give your best. I was serious. I stayed awake at night, trying to think of things we could accomplish. We've done a lot and we can do a lot more. I'm so proud of Swope. We stand for the whole person – the mind, the body, the neighborhood. It fills me with joy to think of all the great things we have achieved. I may be retiring, but I still want to be involved. Swope will always be in my heart."

SHS Receives Award at Black Health Care Coalition Annual Dinner



Mingling at the BHCC Award Banquet were (l to r): Jimmy Brown, Vice President, SHS Operations, Reverend Wallace Hartsfield, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Bishop Marvin Donaldson, Greater Pentecostal Temple, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Dr. Otis Latimer, SHS Medical Director and Dr. William Pankey, Vice President, SHS Managed Care Services.



education, health screenings, prevention of negative health practices and promotion of healthy activities. Their mission dovetails with SHS community health objectives and has led to numerous partnerships through the years in addressing such issues as prostate health, diabetes and, most recently, obesity.

BHCC awarded SHS with their 2007 Community Award in acknowledgement of the health center's ongoing outreach and education efforts to minimize the health disparities that exist in Kansas City's urban core communities. Dr. Latimer, SHS Medical Director, accepted the award and pledged to continue to provide accessible health care and education to reduce the incidence of chronic diseases, higher mortality, and poorer health outcomes within minority populations.

The Black Health Care Coalition (BHCC) held its annual dinner and fundraiser at the Marriott Hotel Downtown on Thursday, March 22, 2007. Reverend Jesse L. Jackson was the guest speaker, addressing the theme, "Continuing to Bridge the Gap for Minority Health." The BHCC is a non-profit community-based organization comprised of lay individuals and health professionals who are committed to decreasing the disparity of health status between the majority community and the minority community through

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local communities with federal funds to establish neighborhood clinics in both rural and urban areas to address issues stemming from the cycle of poverty. It was a formula that not only empowered communities, but also produced compelling evidence that affordable and accessible health care lowered infant mortality rates and reduced health disparities and chronic disease. Further, health centers served as economic anchors, creating jobs and other investments in impoverished communities, and provided relief for over-burdened hospital emergency rooms.

Now, more than 40 years after they began as neighborhood demonstration projects, America's health centers are a crucial part of the nation's health delivery system, helping communities meet escalating health needs and address costly and devastating health problems, from diabetes and asthma, to mental health, substance abuse, homelessness, domestic violence and HIV/AIDS. Health centers and their innovative programs in primary care and prevention span urban and rural communities across the country, serving as the family doctor and medical home for more than 15 million people.

We at SHS are grateful for the broad bipartisan support received among federal, state, and local policy-makers, as well as the generosity from corporations, foundations and individuals like you. With your ongoing help, SHS will continue to serve as a testament to the integral value of community health centers in the Kansas City community. 

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partnership among SHS, the Fort Osage School District and the Local Investment Commission (LINC), a nationally-recognized organization known for its efforts to improve the lives of children and families in Kansas City through its Caring Communities initiative and for its focus on improving services that families depend upon -- education, child welfare, health, neighborhood development, seniors and others.

Primary funding to support the health services comes from a grant from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City. Funding for the MMC vehicle was provided by the Swope Health Foundation.



Jazz Outreach Celebrates 10th Anniversary



Angela Hagenbach dazzled the audience at the 10th anniversary edition of Jazz Outreach

Jazz Outreach 2007 celebrated its 10th anniversary at a new venue, The Emerald House, on Sunday, March 11th. More than 500 people attended and were treated to six hours of non-stop jazz, performed by Kansas City's premier artists. New this year was the introduction of a second stage, allowing for seamless presentation of more than 35 solo and group performers. Young jazz talents, destined to carry on the unique Kansas City Jazz sound, were featured, such as Leon Brady's K.C. Youth Jazz Bands and



SHS EARNS JCAHO SEAL OF APPROVAL

Once again, SHS was awarded the gold seal of approval for health care quality. The accreditation, awarded by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), is given to health care organizations that have demonstrated compliance with national standards for patient safety and quality of care.



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