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# HOPE Clinic Volunteer Newsletter

Allen Flynn

2010 Daniel D. Heffernan Humanitarian of the Year

*"Whatsoever you do the least of my brothers, that you do unto me."* Matt 25:40

Pharmacist Allen Flynn, an Ypsilanti Medical Clinic volunteer, has been named the Daniel D. Heffernan Humanitarian of the year. This annual award recognizes a Washtenaw county resident who demonstrates his or her love of Christ through volunteer service to the county's poor. The award will be presented at the Hope Clinic Annual Spring Banquet on April 29, 2010.

Allen's response to Christ's call to serve leads him to many mission fields near and far. He has volunteered at the Medical Clinic since 2005, staffing the medication room during busy Wednesday evening walk-in clinics, advising clinicians, supervising students, and helping patients. Even before arriving for Wednesday evening service at the Medical Clinic, Allen shares a meal with local residents at Riverside Community Gathering in Ypsilanti, and he frequently follows up by helping guests with outside needs such as transporting furniture or helping with moves. Allen cherishes these Wednesday gatherings as a way to focus on community.

Allen's call to mission is also a quiet but highly effective force at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor. Through innovative programs and events like a recent 24-hour mission prayer vigil, Allen has helped members learn about local missions and promoted member volunteerism. He has organized and led three mission trips to Mexico, after which Allen facilitates participants' translation of their newly heightened mission spirit into local mission work. After meeting a Pennsylvanian pastor in Guatemala, Allen organized a 2008 youth group trip to help at the pastor's Hispanic church in Norristown and forge relationships with the youth there. This year the Norristown youth will visit Michigan to address local needs and build on the friendships formed in 2008.

Westminster Assistant Pastor Cathi King describes Allen as "...a real visionary with a heart for the poor in our community. He looks for opportunities not just to serve, but to actually engage in relationships...because he believes that we are called into a new understanding of community—and that means widening our table to love and share with one another (person to person and heart to heart)." Everyone who knows Allen sees this in his day to day life. Had you joined him recently while serving overnight during Westminster's week to house the homeless (which Allen organized), you'd have found him engaged with guests, forming real relationships. Watch him dispensing medications at the medical clinic and you'll see the same Christian love in his interactions. Even at 10:30 pm after an overly long Wednesday night clinic, Allen was befriending the last patients as he dispensed their medications, asking to be taught a few Albanian words so he could better join them in their own space.



## Hope Clinic Annual Spring Banquet April 29

Please join us in honoring Al, and celebrating his open heart and willing hands to serve our Lord in ways far beyond the examples provided in this newsletter.

The Spring Banquet will be held at Travis Pointe Country Club on April 29 at 7:00 pm. If you are able to attend the Spring Banquet, contact Jean Horak at [jhorak@thehopeclinic.org](mailto:jhorak@thehopeclinic.org) for additional information and tickets.

# UM College and Pharmacy–Hope Medical Clinic Partnership Recognized

The partnership between the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy (COP) and Hope Medical Clinic was honored as one of three Michigan finalists for the prestigious Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus–Community Collaboration at the Institute: Service Learning and Civic Engagement conference February 8–10 in Traverse City. COP Associate Dean Dr. Lynda Welage and Director of Experiential Training and Community Engagement, Dr. Nancy Mason, were joined by clinic coordinator Katherine Simpson at the conference where the partnership was featured with other finalists. The first place award, with its \$10,000 prize, went to a highly impressive 34-year old partnership between Michigan State University and the Ingham County Juvenile Court.

The COP–Hope partnership began in 2004 to facilitate service learning placements for COP students supporting Hope Medical Clinic’s extensive medication access program. Since then, the COP has been instrumental in recruiting licensed pharmacists to staff the medication room and oversee students in service learning roles. Together, students and pharmacists support clinicians in selection and preparation of medications and dispense medications to patients with appropriate counseling. In addition to invaluable medication room staffing during evening and Saturday clinics, UM students and faculty have worked on numerous student projects and collaborated with clinic staff to expand and support clinic pharmacy services. Further benefits have resulted from expanded community contacts facilitated by UM faculty and students, including an increasing relationship with Kroger Pharmacies through Jim Szyskowski, Clinical Care Coordinator. Kroger provided free vaccine and joined UM faculty to supervise 26 COP PharmD students who staffed a hugely successful onsite flu vaccination clinic at Hope in October.

Today, there are 30 active volunteer pharmacists and a roster of over 50 active PharmD student volunteers. Over the years, well over 100 students have participated in the program. While some of the students are formally enrolled in Dr. Jolene Bostwick’s service learning course and serve at the clinic during the academic term, many additional student volunteers provide year-around staffing, recognizing that Hope’s needs (and opportunities) extend well beyond the academic year.

Carter Award criteria include:

- » Collaboration between a Michigan Campus Compacts member college or university and a community partner for at least 2 years
- » A history of shared power and decision-making
- » Impact on the lives of families and communities
- » Data-informed planning and decision-making
- » An optimal blend of learning, research, and/or service for higher education participants
- » Efforts to enlist other collaborators
- » Documentation of measurable outcomes
- » Promise of sustainability



Back row (l to r): Student **Andrew Clark**, PharmD **Carrie Lewis**, Student **Tony Lin**, Student **Jessica Francis**, Student **Brandon Vachirasadlekha**, Hope Clinic Coordinator **Katherine Simpson**, PharmD **Nancy Mason**, PharmD **Lynda Welage**, PharmD **Jolene Bostwick**  
Front row (l to r): PharmD **Regine Caruthers**, Student **Jessica Chen**, Student **Alexandra Tungol**, Student **Omony Osayande**

**Our heartfelt thanks to the following current volunteer pharmacists and students for making a huge difference for Hope patients!**

Susan Ahn PharmD  
Barry Bleske PharmD  
Jolene Bostwick PharmD  
Michael Brenner PharmD  
Allison Butcher PharmD  
Regine Caruthers PharmD  
Rachel Chambers PharmD  
Catherine Christen PharmD  
Scott Ciarkowski PharmD  
Curtis Collins PharmD  
Hiral Desai PharmD  
Mary Dimo PharmD  
Marissa Dunham (Waldman) PharmD  
Allen Flynn PharmD  
DeAnna Groeneweg PharmD  
Jincy John PharmD  
Su Hyun Kim RPh  
Kristin Klein PharmD  
Shawna Kraft (VanDeKoppel) PharmD  
Carrie Lewis (Mulvahill) PharmD  
Nancy Mason PharmD  
Alan Metz RPh  
Jace Nielsen PharmD  
Rebecca Pettit PharmD  
Art Poremba RPh  
Kelly Procailo PharmD  
Ann Schwemm PharmD  
Linda Stuckey PharmD  
Sharon Watling PharmD  
Lynda Welage PharmD

Jennifer Cena  
Grace Chen  
Jessica Chen  
Mary Lou Chheng  
Nina Cimino  
Andrew Clark  
Armisha Desai

Yannan Dong  
Krystal Duensing  
Ilinca Duveau  
Jessica Fong  
Jessica Francis  
Kylee Funk  
Kristen Gardner  
Jody Gembariski  
Erin Gulbransen  
Zhe Han  
Michelle Harrison  
Steve Hsueh  
Kaleena Johnson  
Mary Koors  
Kristin Lee  
Jenny Li  
Tess Lin  
Tony Lin  
Shelly Ling  
Mary Liu  
Kelly Louie  
Jennifer Lunger  
Judy Na  
Roxanne Naanos  
Brian O'Keefe  
Akin Oni-Orisan  
Omony Osayande  
Sheerali Patel  
Anna Polk  
Christine Rabah  
Rachel Rarus  
Elizabeth Sauter  
Mirae Shin  
Alexandra Tungol  
Ayumi Ueda  
Brandon Vachirasudlekha  
Ridhimaurrent Vohra

## Evening of Hope Committee Recruitment

Hopefully everyone knows about or may have even attended the Evening of Hope. This is Hope Clinic's biggest fundraiser with a gourmet dinner, live band and live and silent auctions. A great deal of planning goes into making this a successful event and the committee is recruiting new members. It is typically a commitment of 3-5 hours a month, with the hours increasing as the event date draws closer. There are lots of tasks that go into putting together this type of fundraiser and the committee members perform a variety of duties when planning this event. If you would like to learn more about the Evening of Hope committee contact Jean Horak, Associate Director at (734) 485-5595 or at [jhorak@thehopeclinic.org](mailto:jhorak@thehopeclinic.org).

Previous fundraising experience is helpful but not necessary for joining the committee.

## Disney for a Day Program Ends

It was great while it lasted but unfortunately it did not last long. The Disney sponsored program to encourage community service participation ended in early March after reaching its goal of giving away a million passes to volunteers across America. Hope Clinic enjoyed having dozens of families do food and personal care items drives all across southeast Michigan. Even as Michigan is experiencing some tough economic times the compassion of people toward those in need is remarkable and inspiring. Certainly the families that organized the drive benefited, but there are the numerous households who contributed food or other items whose only reward was helping those in need. And that can be the greatest reward of all.

