



# Newsletter

January 2025

## Happy New Year to all!

### Our Annual Call-A-Thon is Underway!!



Jim Flynn has headed up this annual fundraiser for us for over 25 years. We are so grateful for his dedication and expertise with this event! This year callers will be making their calls on the evenings of January 6th, 7th, and 13th. This year's goal is \$35,000 and this fundraiser is one of our biggest every year.

Funds donated are used to provide greatly needed health care services and programs to low income children and adults.

Jan Sutter, CHS Volunteer shares why she supports us, "As a proud Church Health Services Board Member and Contributor, the agency is a leader in providing tremendous medical, dental, and mental health services to so many people in need in Dodge County. The dedication of the staff and volunteers to enhance these services is outstanding. They serve from the heart".



Scan Here to Donate

### Your Donations at Work!

As we highlighted above, our annual Call-A-Thon fundraising campaign has begun. You are thinking about a donation but aren't sure how your support can help.

We recently had a family who had children in need of mental health services. The problem was, as a blended family, the insurance for these services was not the same and the family was not able to afford services for one child. Our therapist came to me to see what we could do to help. We had received a donation to support mental health in their community. We were able to use this donation to provide 30 sessions of the mental health support they desperately need at no cost to the family. ***Your donations at work!***



### Our Mission:

Church Health Services is a Christian based healthcare organization that provides dental, mental health, and medical services for the low-income uninsured and underinsured.

Our vision is a community where everyone has access to quality healthcare.

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# CHS in the Community

## Substance Abuse Treatment



**Church Health Services** offers a comprehensive AODA (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse) program designed to support individuals (adults and children) in their recovery journey. Counselors Mollie and Harlee share programs which include individual and group therapy, and school-based therapy through our clinicians in the Waupun and Beaver Dam school districts who focus on a Healthy Choices AODA program and individual therapy.



Our adult services include on-site therapy at the clinic and telehealth options for added accessibility. Recently, we introduced a 6-week anger management program to help adults manage emotional triggers and improve coping strategies. Additionally, we collaborate with Empower Recovery to provide Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for individuals needing medication services for addiction and mental health. Through these services, we focus on teaching coping mechanisms, relapse prevention, and behavior change to support long-term recovery and well-being.

In January, the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will be kicking off the first national Substance Use Disorder Treatment Month. This is a time to raise awareness of the benefits and availability of evidence-based treatments for people with a substance use disorder. We know many people view January as a time to take stock, reset, and take steps toward healthier living. What better time to highlight information and resources that can help support treatment and recovery from a substance use disorder?



## Diabetic Medications & Supplies

If you or someone you know is in need of Diabetic supplies or medications, we have a variety of these supplies and may be able to help you get them. We need you to contact your health care provider and ask them to fax your prescription to us at 920 887-2322, or you can also bring it in to us. If we have the needed medications or supplies, we will give them to you at no charge.

## Support for Our Services!

Our vision is a community where everyone has access to quality healthcare. We provide dental and mental health services and programs to low income children and adults. To do this we depend on donations and grants to cover our costs. Scanning the code links you directly to our website and PayPal account where you can make a donation.

Credit and debit cards work also!

 Want to support our cause?



Scan the QR code to donate today!

To receive a copy of our newsletter, email: [info@churchclinic.org](mailto:info@churchclinic.org). or call: (920) 887-1766, option 5.

# Community Support

## Sure Fire

We received a visit from Casey Malesevicj, and Erin Vinz from Sure Fire. Casey is Sure Fire's President and Erin works with Human Resources. They came for a tour of our facility and to learn more about our services and programs.



Seeing the needs our clients and patients have, they wanted to help in some way. Their decision on how to help was to support us with a personal care item collection at their annual company Christmas party. Employees could bring in items to the party to donate.

Thank you for making Christmas merrier!

## Summit Credit Union

Summit Credit Union is one of our great supporters. They understand the difficulties and financial struggles of many of our area community members.

One of the ways they help out is to be a location where people can bring in nonperishable food items and personal care products to donate. Personal care items are needed by everyone in our communities and we all know the cost of going to the store to buy toothpaste, a toothbrush, feminine hygiene supplies, deodorant, bodywash, shampoo and conditioner.

For those who are low income or on fixed incomes this is a huge challenge. This help is greatly appreciated!

Thank you!



## American Bank

Allyssa Gilmore from American Bank stopped by with a donation for us!



This donation is the result of American bank employees having the ability to select a charity they would like to support throughout the year and have their donation taken from their wages. We were one of several charities the employees supported this past year and Allyssa shared with us that we will again be part of this program for 2025!

This is another great example of the many ways area businesses and organizations support us!

## Edgewood Community Church

Maria, a member of Edgewood Community Church in Beaver Dam, was familiar with us as a donor and also for getting items from us for others in need of them.



She reached out to us to get a list of highly needed personal care items from us and took that to her church to see how they might help.

Maria talked with her Pastor and her Life Group leader and the idea was approved. They collected items in December and she delivered these great donations to us! She also shared that every service ends with the phrase YOU ARE LOVED!

Thank you for sharing that love with us!



# Staff

## Dental Assistants

If you have been a patient of our Dental Clinic you might have met one or both of our newest dental assistants. Ian joined us this past summer and Giselle started with us in the fall. Giselle has also been a great help when we have need of a Spanish speaker to help us with communications! They are also taking college classes and contemplating a career in dentistry either as a dentist or dental hygienist. We are excited to have them both here!



## Hannah visit and tour

Hannah Neuert reached out to us with a request to visit us and take a tour of our facility for a health promotions class she was taking for her Registered Nursing degree. Of course we said yes!

Bev gave her a facility tour and Thea spent time with her explaining our services and programs. She had some great questions about how we got started, the needs of the people we serve and we felt we had great answers for her too! We wish her the best!



## January is Blood Donor Month

Did you know that every two seconds in America, someone urgently needs blood? This need extends beyond unexpected emergencies like car crashes, encompassing a wide range of medical treatments such as cancer therapies, cardiovascular and orthopedic surgeries, and organ and bone marrow transplants.

Only three percent of eligible Americans currently donate blood, despite 65 percent of the population being eligible to do so. National Blood Donor Month, celebrated every January, provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation and to honor those who have already made a life-saving contribution.

The demand for blood remains constant, as does the selflessness of those who answer the call to give.

Thank you to all those who regularly donate blood and encourage all those eligible to join them. Such ongoing generosity not only saves lives today but also extends hope for a brighter tomorrow for countless individuals in need. To find out where and when the blood drives are in your area go to <https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip> or [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)



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