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A cappella and auction to be Gala highlights

When was the last time you had a really good belly laugh? Attend this year's FHPC Gala and Auction to experience Ac•Rock. Enjoy a zany and unique fund-raising event that you won't want to miss!

Back by popular demand, Ac•Rock was the unanimous pick for this year's featured entertainment at the Gala and Auction on Friday, April 21 at Boulder Ridge Golf Club in Lake in the Hills.

Performing favorites from the '50s through the '90s, the incredible vocal quartet sings both doo-wop standards and more recent rock hits you may not expect. This Chicago hometown act brought the house down at last year's Gala, as they not only performed but also conducted the live auction. Never before was it so much fun to bid on a mound of manure or set your hooks in a guided fishing excursion!

To date, some of the items for the auction include a one-of-a-kind woman's sterling silver neck ring; a yoga party for six; a birthday party at the Kooister Farm; and a dried-flower arranging class for six with a master gardener.

For more information, contact Rhienna Kujawa at 334-8987, Ext. 18, or visit the clinic's Web site at www.hpclinic.org. Tickets are \$75 apiece; a table of 10 is \$700.

FHPC works to give volunteers a great match

At FHPC, good patient health care is a priority. So how do we keep patients feeling so well cared for? By also caring for the volunteers who make it possible to operate our clinic.

Potential volunteers are referred to Kathy Rauch, coordinator of volunteers. She schedules an appointment to visit the clinic and sends a memo to all FHPC staff informing them of the volunteer's name and when they will be on site. The staff and volunteers are encouraged to introduce themselves and explain the job they perform at the clinic.

When potential volunteers arrive, they are given a volunteer name badge and a packet containing information on the clinic's history and operation. The volunteer coordinator conducts a tour, followed

by a discussion the area of the clinic where the volunteer might work best. Finding the right place within the clinic setting is very important. Matching the needs of the clinic with the interests of the volunteer spells success! Most people like to volunteer because they want to give back to their community, while at the same time meeting new people and enjoying what they do.

Once both the clinic and the volunteer determine that FHPC is a good fit, a date is set for training. The volunteer completes an application, and a sign-in sheet is established in our volunteer logbook. On the first day, volunteers are given a button, as a reminder, which reads, "Together we can make a difference." Volunteers schedule them-

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The Gavers Community Cancer Foundation helped FHPC continue to make strides in cancer care with a \$65,000 donation made at October's Care 4 Breast Cancer Walk/Run.

Pass it on: Giving to the future

By Kathy Rauch

When my parents died, my four siblings and I learned two valuable lessons about giving. Instilled in each of us growing up was a healthy dose of religion, generosity, compassion, and service. Upon their deaths, we quickly learned that they were not done with us yet. My parents were about to model for us the importance of planned giving.

Lesson One: An attorney explained to us that, upon their deaths, our parents had chosen to distribute a portion of their savings to several not-for-profit organizations both in and outside our community. They put much thought into what donations would reflect their personal values and beliefs. At the top of their list were organizations that upheld every individual's right to access good health care. What an honor it was for us to represent our parents as we presented their donations to clinics, churches, missions, and other nonprofit organizations.

Lesson Two: Instead of distributing a portion of their funds to my siblings and me, my parents

established a joint account for the sole purpose of gathering our families together. Whether it be a family reunion, a dinner out when we are all in town, sending flowers in memory of a family friend, or giving to an individual or organization in need, this account serves as a reminder of the importance of staying connected. Ten years later, as funds have become low, my

thinking about how we wish to be remembered.

Now, as my husband and I think about our own planned giving, we hope to model in the same manner for our children. By doing so, we give them an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of two generations before them, creating a legacy of giving.

Planned giving allows us all to

Options for planned giving include:

- Add FHPC as a beneficiary to your will or living trust
- Make FHPC a beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy
- Transfer ownership of a life insurance policy to FHPC
- Consider making FHPC a beneficiary of a deferred income source such as an IRA, pension plan, or 401(k)

siblings and I have contributed back into this account because it has served as a catalyst for numerous joyful occasions and events.

It was clear to my siblings and me that, once again, my parents were right. Not only were these two lessons left for the benefit of so many, but they were a reflection of my parents' character and a tribute to their lives. That got us all

design our wills as to how we wish our charitable gifts to be distributed. You can help secure the future of health care for the uninsured/underinsured of McHenry County by contributing a planned gift to the Family Health Partnership Clinic. By doing so, you will help provide long-term financial security to the clinic as its health care services expand.

Planning a gift like this is a major financial decision. It takes time to consider all the options, and you should consult with your financial advisor on the best option for you. A planned gift will leave a lasting impression on future generations of givers. I know my children will grow up knowing their grandparents' legacy of giving. Pass it on!

More information on planned giving, including sample wording, can be found at our Web site, www.hpclinic.org.

Grant helps FHPC expand kids' services

The Family Health Partnership Clinic is excited to be the recipient of a grant from the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation to expand our pediatric services.

The clinic was one of several projects funded in an extremely competitive field. Driven by staff in identifying this gap in services, this one-year grant will pay for a pediatric nurse practitioner as well as nursing and support staff to ensure that the clinic will be able to give children care when they need it, rather than having to turn them away.

The clinic is offering pediatric clinics every Friday morning, and will be expanding to Tuesdays in April and May. For an appointment, please call the clinic's appointment number at 815/334-8987, ext. 10.

Volunteers

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selves for once a week, once a month, or for special projects, depending on the position they are volunteering for.

The clinic believes that every volunteer wants to feel needed and appreciated, and in the hustle and bustle of operating a medical facility, recognizing a volunteer can be an easy omission. We understand

Current volunteer needs

1. Medical providers (doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses)
2. Design FHPC display panels used to educate community and recruit volunteers.
3. Design FHPC greeting cards
4. Patient reminder phone calls
5. Clerical assistance
6. Gala and Auction event committee volunteers
7. Interpreters
8. Decorate clinic bulletin boards
9. Add a flair to our exhibit boards used for public awareness of clinic.
10. Newsletter (help design and write articles).
11. Assist with new Rx Match program.

that nothing sends a message of "not really needed" more than to be unprepared for their arrival. A well-run volunteer program has work waiting for the volunteer every time they work. This sends a clear message that they are valued by our clinic.

FHPC also honors volunteers with a once-a-month potluck birthday luncheon, and our annual recognition dinner. Mostly, we make sure they feel appreciated every day they help in our clinic.

How can you help?

Where does FHPC find its volunteers? We find you by word of mouth, publicity, friends of friends, doctors referring other doctors, speaking engagements, civic groups, church volunteer fairs, and in a variety of other ways.

We welcome all ages to volunteer in the various aspects of operating our clinic. Volunteer opportunities exist on a long-term or short-term basis inside our facility or within our annual fundraising events such as the Gala Auction event and the Care 4 Breast Cancer Walk/Run.

To volunteer, call Kathy Rauch (815) 334.8987, Ext. 18, or e-mail krauch@hpcclinic.org.

Family Health Partnership Clinic

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Volunteer Interpreter
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Rx Match: Assistance and access

Do you know someone in need of medication but who cannot afford the cost of prescriptions? Are you a doctor's office or medical facility trying to sift through the lengthy pharmaceutical application process?

FHPC has created Rx Match, a program designed to help low-income people access free medication through pharmaceutical companies. Volunteers will help eligible people find the appropriate programs, as well as help them navigate the paperwork involved. The program is designed to both raise awareness of Patient Assistance Programs, or PAPs, which are offered nationwide through pharmaceutical companies, and match volunteers with those who need help applying for them.

"Unfortunately, the Patient Assistance Programs are not well-known at all," says Heather McDougall, Rx Match coordinator. "The applications are kind of confusing. This will help the people of McHenry County navigate through them and let them know this help is out there."

Rx Match will eventually be offered in four (or more) community locations. Some restrictions apply; not all drugs are covered, and the list of covered drugs tend to change.

FHPC already helps about 60 to 100 people a month sign up for the Patient Assistance Programs. Many more are eligible but never access the programs—a problem FHPC hopes to address by having information available at other locations.

For more information about the RxMatch program, or to volunteer, please call Heather McDougall at 815/337-0732.

Help FHPC with coffee—or carpeting

Can you help the clinic with our wish list? Current needs include:

- Paper products (tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, wipes)
- Examining rooms supplies (table paper, paper gowns, etc.)
- Office supplies (ink cartridges, file folders, stationary, note cards, postage)
- Sterilization supplies
- Coffee, cups, plates, napkins, cream and sugar
- File cabinets
- Carpeting
- Painting
- ID badgemaker/software
- Bookshelves
- Event supplies (race bibs, t-shirts, award medals, breakfast foods)
- Donations for Gala silent auction April 21

The Family Health Partnership Clinic provides quality health care, including primary, preventive and mental health services, to the population of McHenry County. We strive to improve the health status of our communities by providing services to all, regardless of economic status. We recognize that as a community, we are all responsible for each other.

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