



# SPRING 2026 CHECK-UP



## Fernando got the help he really needed because of you.

Six months ago, Fernando had chest pains, but he didn't know where to turn for help.

"I came to the clinic because a friend told me they could help me. I was feeling strong chest pains, but never went to the hospital because I knew it would be too expensive," said Fernando. "During that first check-up, they told me I was at risk of a cardiac arrest, so they called an ambulance." At the hospital, doctors found that his aorta was 96% blocked. Two stents had to be placed, and this may have saved his life. "Thank God a place like the clinic exists. The best thing that happened to me was finding the clinic," said Fernando gratefully.

But the care didn't stop there. Fernando also had a serious dental infection that could have further threatened his heart. The team at the clinic arranged dental care, and when medical bills loomed, they helped him find financial assistance.

"Everyone at the clinic is very kind, and I really feel like they care about me. They greet me with a smile, and they work quickly to help me. I feel like everyone is treated the same—no one is less than another person here. I feel very good now, thanks to everyone at the clinic. They help with everything, even mentally I feel better," he noted.

"Fernando is one of those patients who really listens, and now that he's getting help, he's taking care of himself the way that he should. He follows directions, takes his medications, and because of his effort, he is getting better," said Cheryl, one of the clinic's Nurse practitioners.

"It is hard to believe the clinic can help me so much. I needed so much help with my health," said Fernando. "All of you at the clinic are a blessing."

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*This year, we are celebrating 30 years of providing healthcare to the underserved with compassion and respect. We are thankful that **YOU**, our supporters, feel like we do that we are responsible for each other.*



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# What Are We Watching This Year?

Each year brings new challenges and opportunities. While we learn from the past, focusing on what's ahead helps us better navigate a changing landscape—and that has never been more true for the clinic.

One of our most urgent challenges is the growing number of newly uninsured neighbors in our community. With tax breaks and marketplace subsidies ending January 1, we began receiving calls from patients whose premiums jumped dramatically—one from \$300 a month to \$1,100. Employer-sponsored insurance hasn't fared much better, with some companies seeing increases of up to 30%, forcing businesses to drop coverage and leaving employees uninsured.

In response, the clinic has hired additional staff to meet the rising demand. Unlike traditional businesses, however, more patients mean higher costs—not more revenue—placing additional strain on our budget.

We're also impacted by events beyond our walls. Concerns about ICE activity, even among those with legal status, have led some patients to cancel appointments out of fear. During a brief period of heightened activity last fall, nearly all patients cancelled visits for two days, delaying essential care like insulin refills, pre-surgical visits, and breathing treatments. With a diverse patient and staff population, this remains a real concern.

At the same time, we're taking steps to work smarter and more efficiently. We've begun hiring medical assistants to support intake, labs, and phlebotomy, freeing nurses to spend more time on patient education and care. Thanks to a generous donor, we've also purchased iPads to improve charting and expand video visits. We're exploring the use of AI for routine administrative tasks—always with human oversight—to further improve efficiency.

This year will bring challenges, but also opportunities. Because of our incredible community—YOU—we can continue to adapt and meet the needs of our neighbors. Thank you for making this work possible.

—Suzanne

## Nurse Sandy: Celebrating 10 Years of Compassionate Care

This spring, Family Health Partnership Clinic is saying a heartfelt farewell to one of its most beloved team members — Nurse Sandy, who is retiring after nearly 10 incredible years of service.

Sandy's journey to the clinic came at just the right moment. Ready for a change from her years of hospital work, she took the advice of a neighbor — a fellow nurse at the clinic — and decided to give it a try. She never looked back.

“All I heard was what a great place this was to work, and after being in this environment with our staff and patients, I agree,” Sandy said warmly. What won her over was the clinic's unique, nurse-centered culture. “This is a nurse-run clinic, and it is very refreshing. The nurses and nurse practitioners share and mentor each other. The volunteer doctors share their knowledge too. I have learned so much.”

For Sandy, the most rewarding part of the work has always been the patients — especially those who had gone years, or even a lifetime, without access to healthcare. “I really love that we have the time to teach patients. It takes time to help them understand their condition, as well as the meds or treatments needed to get them healthy,” she said. “The best part is the patients who listen, get better, and stay healthy.”

As she steps into this well-deserved new chapter, Sandy leaves behind a legacy of patience, dedication, and genuine love for the people she served.

“I will really miss them,” she said of her team and patients — and we have no doubt the feeling is mutual.

Thank you, Sandy, for 10 years of giving your very best. **We celebrate you!**



# ROOFERS WHO CARE:

**Covering More Than Structures. They sponsor our events in a big way to show how strongly they believe everyone in our community deserves healthcare.**



## AMB Roofing

Since 1999, AMB Roofing has built more than a business — they've built a legacy. Founded by Art Bentz with a dream of providing year-round employment, AMB has grown into a metal roofing specialist based in Johnsborg, with in-house fabrication that keeps their team working through every season.

Their path to supporting Family Health Partnership Clinic's Care4 Breast Cancer 5K began with a friendship. "When I saw that my friend Ann was doing a fundraiser for the Care4 5K, I donated and learned more about the event and the clinic," said Laura Niemi, Vice President. Knowing Ann's personal battle with breast cancer, Laura brought the idea of sponsoring to founder Art Bentz — and he didn't hesitate to sponsor the event.

The cause resonates deeply across the AMB team. Finance Manager Amber Basara's mother-in-law credited early detection for her positive outcome. Laura echoes that urgency: "Ann was always pushing mammograms because her cancer was not detected until she had visible symptoms." Office Manager Jadie Ortega was reminded of early detection's power when a recent high school graduate she knew was diagnosed, and caught it early.

"At AMB, we work hard, and we are successful, so we want to give back," said Laura. "We have learned more about how important the race and the clinic are to so many people. That is why we are happy to support this cause."

Thank you, AMB Roofing, for letting friendship, family, and community guide the way.

## Expert Roofing

For 20 years, Expert Roofing has been helping McHenry County residents rebuild and recover after life's unexpected storms. Founded by Mike Coley, the company has built a reputation for going above and beyond — and that same spirit of care extends well beyond rooftops.

At the heart of that story is Vickie Rosato, Expert Roofing's Office Manager. In late 2019, Vickie was diagnosed with breast cancer, beginning a journey that would last through the end of 2021. Through it all, Mike was very supportive. "Although I was offered time off during my treatment, I found that for me, working helped," Vickie shared. "Mike says we help people make their house whole after a storm — and I felt like I had to weather my storm before I could get to the rainbow on the other side."

That experience is exactly what inspired Expert Roofing's sponsorship of the Care4 5K. "When I heard they were looking for sponsors, I asked Mike, and he wanted to do it because of me," said Vickie. It's been a partnership close to both their hearts ever since. "We love the fact that so many people volunteer to help take care of patients, and that the clinic also provides food and so much more," she said. "This is one of those places that you don't know about until you really need it — and then you are so glad it is there."

We are so grateful for Expert Roofing's generous support and for Vickie's courage in sharing her story. Thank you, Mike, Vickie, and the entire Expert Roofing team — you make a real difference.

## Pink Roofing

"We prioritize people over profit," said Steve Staley, Owner & CEO, Pink Roofing. Since 2014, Pink Roofing has been serving homeowners, businesses, and churches across Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Texas — handling roofing, siding, windows, gutters, insurance claims, and financing. But it's the heart behind the business that truly sets them apart.

With a name like Pink Roofing, the connection to cancer awareness comes naturally. "We get associated with cancer a lot, and because we get a lot of attention, we know we have to do better," Steve shared. That sense of responsibility led Pink Roofing to become a sponsor of Care4 Breast Cancer 5K in 2024 — and the experience left a lasting impression.

"My first Care4 blew me away. I had underestimated the impact that FHPC makes on the community," said Steve, who was equally moved when he returned in 2025, seeing a similarly strong turnout despite the rain and cold. "Even how we were received by the Care4 team and participants made us feel like a natural part of this important team right from the start."

For Steve, the connection is deeply personal. "We've all lost someone to cancer. I lost my dad — and it felt special that last year's Care4 Breast Cancer 5K fell on the anniversary of his death." That kind of meaning goes beyond sponsorship. It's a tribute.

We are so grateful to Steve and the entire Pink Roofing team for their generosity, their compassion, and for showing up — rain or shine — for our community.

# From Grit to Greatness: The Pearl Soiree Celebrates 30 Years of FHPC



What a night to remember! Over 150 supporters joined us at the beautiful Old Courthouse Center in Woodstock for the Pearl Soiree, marking 30 incredible years of FHPC! Guests enjoyed a spectacular spread from 3 Chefs Catering and bid enthusiastically on a curated silent auction filled with exciting experiences and getaways.

The energy in the room reflected something bigger than an anniversary celebration — it was a community rallying around a cause that matters now more than ever. With healthcare premiums continuing to skyrocket, the need for accessible, quality care in our community has never been greater.

Together, we rose to that challenge in a big way, raising **nearly \$45,000** in a single evening. Every dollar raised goes directly toward ensuring that no one has to go without the care they deserve.

**To everyone who attended, donated, and bid — thank you! Your generosity is what has carried FHPC through 30 years of grit, and what will fuel the next 30 years of greatness.**



## Monthly giving makes taking advantage of tax benefits so much easier.

Here's why monthly giving may make sense for you:

- It's easier to meet the new standard deduction each year
- It's easier on your monthly budgeting
- It is easy to set up online, so there's no need to think about it again. Through monthly giving, you make a difference in patients' lives month after month

"We choose to support the Family Health Partnership Clinic because we believe in the power of genuine community partnership and the importance of investing locally. By supporting their mission, we hope to reduce the financial burden on our neighbors and ensure that vital screenings and healthcare services are accessible to everyone who needs them. Sometimes, people just need a little extra help."

—Ashley & Justin Weinrich



## Done with your taxes?

You can get a start on 2026 tax planning by considering different ways to support your favorite charities.

**Stock:** Donating highly appreciated stock can be a great tax advantage. You can avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation while deducting the full value of the appreciated stock.

**Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD):** If you are 70 ½, you can make a direct contribution from your IRA to a charity. This can avoid increasing your Adjusted Gross Income and can lower Medicare premiums (IRMAA).

**Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs):** If you are 72 or older, you can directly send a portion of, or all of, your RMD to charity and avoid increasing your income and Medicare premiums.

Your plan administrator or stockbroker can do this easily. For more information, please call Suzanne at 779-220-9315 or email [shoban@hpclinic.org](mailto:shoban@hpclinic.org).

**Also, a new deduction for standard deduction filers:** Under the updated tax rules, taxpayers who take the standard deduction can deduct up to \$1,000 in cash charitable contributions (\$2,000 for joint filers), *even if you do not itemize*.

