Our Mission
To provide health care and support services to all, including the medically indigent, in a nondiscriminatory manner and setting, dedicated to continuity with quality medical care.

FHC Values—Equality
We believe in the inherent worth of each individual and strive to interact respectfully and fairly with each person, particularly those who are most vulnerable by approaching each individual with compassion and caring.

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Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care

Quindaro Satellite Clinic's Third Annual Community BBQ

On a hot day at the beginning of July, the Quindaro satellite clinic held its Third Annual Community BBQ. The event was a great success, bringing in over a hundred community members, up forty percent from last year. This year's event built on previous successes while also incorporating several new activities for kids and adults. Last year's popular activities and games, the bouncy house, beanbag toss, and bingo tournament, were continued favorites this year. The Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department and their fire truck was a special treat for the kids, who were able to explore the truck and interact with the firemen. Another popular amusement was the new and improved kid's crafts tables sponsored by Michael's Crafts. New activities included a piñata and blood pressure screening station. We also featured a showing of Freedom Seekers, a film about the Western Underground Railroad. The film was a big hit, and lent a introspective and educational flavor to the event. The delicious breakfast provided by the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church was another welcome addition to the agenda.

The Third Annual Community BBQ was not only a success in the wide range of entertainment and activities offered, but in the expansion of our hosting organizations. Last year the Quindaro clinic hosted the event in partnership with Oak Grove Neighborhood Association. This year we were thrilled to add St. John's Baptist Church and Faith Lutheran Church to the Planning and Host Committees. We extend a big thanks to all three organizations that helped produce a safe and fun environment in which the community could “let their hair down”. We especially thank all the area businesses who donated their time and resources to make this event a success.

FHC’s Hayley Cherveny supervised the ever popular breaking of the piñata.

Bingo!

Special Thanks To:

KCK Fire Dept.
Carnival Times
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Bingo!

Michael’s provided the associates for the crafts tables. The kids loved them!

New at “The Q”: A WuQi-QiGong class. QiGong began in ancient China and is enjoyed worldwide by over 80 million people. QiGong is calming and easy using a flowing form of meditation providing relief for pain and stress. Those who participate in the class thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The Q also welcomes a new tenant, the Women’s Resource Center. The WRC focuses on mentoring and educating young single mothers. We are excited about their work and are very glad to have them at The Q!

Rachel Jefferson, event organizer and Outreach Director, Quindaro Family Health Care

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MOM?
Maternal Options that Matter (MOM) is a collaboration started by Family Health Care to provide access to obstetrics care for women in Wyandotte County. For poor and uninsured pregnant women in Wyandotte County, the need for safety net prenatal care escalated in 2006 when the County health department stopped providing direct prenatal care. Family Health Care helped fill the gap to by developing a collaboration with KU’s Family Medicine Residency Program to staff an evening clinic and help with the swell of deliveries for women with limited options for care.

Our efforts helped to bring the proportion of pregnancies with adequate care from a low of 71% in 2006-2007 to 80% in the past few years. But, Wyandotte County still lags in the State rankings and Kansas lags other states. This year Kansas ranked last of the 50 states for black infant deaths and 40th for overall infant deaths with 7.5 per 100,000. The County rate is higher at 9.5 per 100,000. Recently we learned the number of prenatal providers in the county is again being reduced, several private doctors have left the County and 3 of the remaining 6 are leaving, retiring or changing their practices to exclude prenatal and deliveries.

Prenatal care helps ensure the health of mothers and babies and reduces negative outcomes such as maternal death rates, miscarriages, birth defects, and low birth weight. The goal of MOM is to provide access for more mothers in order to impact outcomes of pregnancies in this pocket of need. You can learn more about MOM and how Family Health Care is partnering with the residency and others to enhance prenatal care in Wyandotte County at www.homkc.org.

Dr. Deana Bender Receives Top Honors

FHC’s own Dr. Deana Bender (center) was honored with the Outstanding Dentist award for her years of commitment to oral health care encompassing state and national issues by the nonprofit group Oral Health Kansas. The 2012 Oral Health Kansas Conference was held Sept. 13-14 in Wichita, Kansas. The statewide coalition is dedicated to helping the state become a national leader in oral health education, prevention, and treatment. Its annual Excellence in Oral Health awards recognize community leaders, clinicians, and organizations making a positive impact in Kansas oral health.

Dr. Bender’s work in establishing the dental clinic at Family Health Care demonstrates her commitment to oral health for the underserved. She quickly agreed to become our Dental Director working not only to provide dental care, but willing to do all the things that are necessary to establish a safety-net dental clinic.

Dr. Bender recruited volunteer dentists to supplement the clinic’s small staff, hired hygienists, established policies and procedures, and helped with fundraising. She helped to make the new dental clinic a warm, inviting place that set the tone for a professional yet supportive, caring, positive environment.

Did you know:
* 5% of babies will have some form of tooth decay by 9 months of age.
* Only 65.1% of Kansans have fluoridated water.
* 90% of germs in the mouth collect on the tongue. Brush your tongue!
* Only 25% of Kansas dentists participate in Medicaid.
* Babies should visit their dentists by the time they are one year old.
* Germs passed from your mouth can cause cavities in your babies teeth.
* Only 45.4% of Medicaid enrolled children receive dental services.
* Pregnant women who receive dental care increase their chance of having a healthy, full term baby.
* Children smile about 400 times a day, women 62, men smile 8 times a day on average.
Many thanks to Abigail Dennis who donated all of her old karate trophies. Rick Gurski, Family Fitness Karate Instructor then held an in house competition and awarded all the trophies! Congratulations to all of the winners!

KC Black Expo 2012

FHC employee Dollie Rainey had a booth for AIDS Information of Greater Kansas City at the 2012 KC Black Expo on September 7th, 8th, and 9th at Bartle Hall Convention Center. This annual event is devoted to diverse and inclusive community growth, economic empowerment and family enrichment while enhancing and celebrating the African American community, legacy, and culture. This public event is designed to empower a community to leap forward into greater social and economic vitality. The KC Black Expo offered three days of family filled fun and entertainment all inside the beautiful, spacious and air conditioned Bartle Hall. Each year there is something new and unique for the entire family. This is accomplished by the presentation of art, dance, music, crafts and food. There is also a diverse group of vendors. Local and regional vendors provided enrichment in the areas of finances, business, health, academics, faith and family. The three day event brought residents and visitors from throughout a six state region.

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► April Hudson of Ronald McDonald House for donating eight boxes of books.

► Jennifer Knipp and Roxanne Evans for their donations to social services.

► Dr. Ron Deskin for donating the new Endontic System.

► Dr. and Mrs. Gier for volunteering their dental services.

► The hard working guys from Centric Projects for their expertise on our expansion project.

Join us for Champagne & Chocolate 2012

an event benefiting Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care

Saturday, November 10, 2012 6 - 9 PM
At the home of Pete and LesLee Smith
1039 Westover Road
Kansas City, Missouri

Event Co-Chairs:
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Julie and Joe Zwillingberg

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