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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
Tacos & Beer Rocks the Boulevard Brewery With a Sold Out Crowd!

We want to express our sincere gratitude to the many friends and supporters of Family Health Care who along with Event Co-Chairs Micky Jones, Lindy Haulotte and Jan Vater made this our most successful Tacos & Beer on the Boulevard to date. The evening started off with a bang as our 2015 band, The Bluz Benderz, regaled us with a medley of the greatest blues classics. Guests also enjoyed a fabulous buffet as they perused the many auction packages we had available this year. Our Heads & Tails game resulted in a faceoff between mother and daughter as Dr. Alie Scholes and Dr. Susan Ellis awaited the final coin toss. Dr. Ellis was the winner walking away with a $550 sterling silver Silpada jewelry collection donated by Abby Gershner. After her remarks Dr. Sharon Lee, CEO of Family Health Care presented the “Caring Doctor” award to Dr. Ronald Deskin for his years of service to FHC’s dental clinic. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the many individuals who made the evening a success:

- Mary LaPlante and the State Line Service League for their outstanding catering expertise
- John Gilbert for photographing the event
- Flower Power for the beautiful centerpieces
- Chris Hernandez for his outstanding performance as emcee
- “Bluz Benderz” for donating their amazing musical talents, check out their music at bluzbenderz.net
- Our community partners at the GAP for their continued support. We could not do this without them!
- Our hard working volunteers
- A huge thank you to our Tacos & Beer on the Boulevard Host Committee:

Kathy & Steve Cook
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The generosity of sponsors and donors allows FHC to continue providing services to those in need. Thank you for your support!

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Musings on a Symbol...

My High School alma mater is Wichita South High. Our school mascot (the “Colonels”) and the Confederate battle flag carried no overtone of race to me until a fellow student explained the effect it had on him every day he walked past that flag to enter the front door of the school. There were few black students at the school (as it was prior to a cross-town busing attempt). There were a handful of non-white kids in attendance who were mostly quiet and kept to themselves. But, one day, Andre Thomas stood in front of an almost all white school assembly and described his feelings of walking past the Confederate flag every day to go to school. I don’t recall his exact words. What I recall is that it was a moment of profound insight for me. Within days, the student body voted to change our emblem. It felt right.

More than four decades later I entered the courthouse in Lexington, Missouri. Coming into town there were several homes that flew Confederate flags in the front yards. The same flags were on the main street. Inside the courthouse the halls were lined with painted scenes in which the Confederate flag was held aloft as soldiers charged into memorialized battles.

My purpose that day was to help an impoverished patient get a fair hearing. He had not paid several speeding tickets more than ten years earlier and had a newly acquired moving violation that opened the door for the book to be thrown at him. The courtroom was about three-quarters full. Maybe forty people were there as witnesses, defendants, and plaintiffs, plus the judge, bailiff, court reporter and deputies. All but four were white. My patient was one of the four, his attorney was another.

The hearing ended with the several speeding tickets and moving violation fines being added together to constitute an amount that met criteria as a felony. He was convicted of not paying the fines and sentenced as a felony conviction to the maximum six years in the state prison.

It cannot be known what would have happened had he been white. It cannot be known what would have happened in another courthouse, or with another judge. But how must it have felt for him to be marched in shackles out of that courtroom and past those images of Confederate flags? For me, it felt wrong.
FHC Welcomes Dr. William Newland

We asked Dr. Newland what brought him to Family Health Care...

“...I continue to feel the need to give back to the community in which I live as it just seems right. In Altus, Oklahoma I was involved in clinics for the uninsured and migrant workers thru the local health department. Soon after, the state had a push to have afterhours community free clinics for the uninsured and under insured and I was a part of that effort as well. While living in Oklahoma, I also completed several medical mission trips to Mexico. I now go to Haiti once a year with Heart to Heart International or with our church, Church of the Resurrection.

Now that I am retired, I am not interested in losing my skills and find that the attitude and support at the clinic helps me in maintaining patient care skills while also providing a much needed service for the community. The state of Kansas has a good program for retired physicians to provide care at charitable clinics and cover their malpractice costs.”
**Wish List**

- Lawnmower
- 10 or 12 lead EKG machine
- Swivel desk chairs
- Clorox wipes

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**We’re Thankful For...**

- The American Diabetes Association for all of the diabetes management supplies they donated to us.
- The Rosedale Development Association and our summer intern, Mona!
- The KU Department of Ophthalmology
- Donna Blackwell, Susan Kohler, Shelle McCartney & Tina Loomis for stuffing event invitations

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**Save the Date for Champagne & Chocolate 2015**

an event benefiting Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care

Saturday, November 7, 2015  6 - 9 PM  
At the home of Jordan and Marcelo Claure  
6405 Wenonga Road  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Event Co-Chairs: Jordan & Marcelo Claure and Kathy & Mark Donovan

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