

## Social Ministry Focus for November – Health Care

### Bread of Healing – Volunteer Opportunities

Barbara Horner-Ibler is coming to St. Matthews on November 16 to discuss the Bread of Healing Clinic that is run at Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Below is a short description of the clinic and how you can get involved in helping their mission.

The Bread of Healing Clinic is a free clinic, serving 800-1000 patients each year, none of whom have medical insurance, most of whom are working. Established in 2000, initially as a ministry of Cross Lutheran Church, it is now an independent 501c3 organization and is located at three sites: Cross Lutheran Church, the Agape Community Center, and Eastbrook Church. The clinic will offer almost 4000 patient visits this year, over \$1M in medications to patients, and more than \$1.2M in volunteer hours from both health care professionals and non-professionals.

The Bread of Healing Clinic is always in need of volunteers; they are the lifeblood of the work we do. From the inception of this clinic, we have insisted on recognizing two truths: that the gifts that come to us are gifts we need to share, and its reciprocal truth, that the gifts we share will come back to us: “Cast your bread upon the waters, for it will come back to you after many days.” Ecclesiastes 11:1. The blessings given are blessings returned, and we are all the richer for it.

We need volunteers to expand our services, so we will take whatever time you can commit. This includes one hour weekly for 4 weeks, once quarterly, once monthly, once a year for 4 hours, one day for a work project, once in a lifetime... We will make use of any and all contributions of time!

Here are the skills that are needed.

#### Healthcare Professionals:

Physicians	Nurses	Pharmacists
Physicians' Assistants	Medical Assistants	Cardiologists
Nurse Practitioners	Psychologists	Social Worker
Psychiatrists	Physical Therapists	Neurologists
Occupational Therapists	Gynecologists	Nutritionists
Urologists	Diabetes Educators	Ophthalmologists
Patient Advocates	Endocrinologists	Chaplains/Spiritual Guides

#### Non-Healthcare Professionals:

- Data entry
- Greeting patients as they arrive
- Work projects/Cleaning projects
- Repackage medicine (from sample bottles with 3 pills to stock bottles with 300)
- Assist eligible patients in signing up for BadgerCare Plus on-line
- Patient education re: reading food labels, monitoring salt in the diet
- Ask patients about their stories and record them (writing/taping)
- Medication Room Assistants (no experience needed)
- Coordinators of walking groups in the neighborhoods
- Aerobics instructors, particularly Jazzercise

To get involved, here is the contact information.

Clinic phone: 414-977-0001

Address: Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th Street, Milwaukee, 53205

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