

NEWS & VIEWS

LOOK WHO IS A NEW CASE MANAGER AT THE AURORA CLINIC



Name: MaDonna Nash
Title: Medical Case Manager

What did you do before coming to Open Door? Before coming to Open Door, I worked for Franciscan Ministries as a Service Coordinator at a property called Canticle Place.

How long have you been with Open Door? I have been at Open Door for a month now and I plan to be here for a long time!

What types of things do you do or would like to do with Open Door? As a Medical Case Manager with Open Door I provide support services in order to help clients improve or maintain their quality of life. Additionally my responsibilities includes; helping clients adhere to medical treat-

ments, medication and appointment support, transmission prevention, counseling, referrals as needed, and assisting them to ensure their basic day to day needs are met.

Describe your family (define family however you want)? My family is huge and is not defined as having the same bloodline. My mother had two girls and a boy. However, I have many sisters and brothers. I am in a sorority and I consider all members of that sorority to be my sister. I have many friends both male and female that I consider family. Long story short, if you hold a place in my heart than you are my family.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? In my free time, I like to play basketball, go to the movies, out to eat, and travel. I have been to about 30 states, and I plan to visit them all and travel over seas.

Where is the farthest place from home you have ever

been? Nassau Bahamas

What is your favorite food? I love food period!! If I had to choose a favorite, I would say tacos.

What one thing do you want to do that you haven't done yet? As long as I can remember, I have wanted to skydive and almost did it one year. It is on my bucket list and I will do it!

Who is the most impactful person in your life or most impactful person on humanity (dead or alive)? My mother is the most impactful person in my life. She has over come many struggles and has never place blame on anyone. She is known for saying "I am being tested but through Gods path I will pass this test as I have done all others!" My mother is a humble woman and goes out of her way to help others without any expectations; I love her heart and her spirit.

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

ELGIN CLINIC HAS A NEW MEDICAL ASSISTANT



Name: Lizbeth Ramirez
Title: Certified Medical Assistant

What did you do before coming to Open Door? I

worked at an Urgent Care as a Medical Assistant/phlebotomist.

How long have you been with Open Door? I have been with Open Door since May 19, 2014

Describe your family (define family however you want)? My husband and I have a 3 year old girl. She has taught us many things, but most important compassion, and kindness.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? I love to read anything I can get my hands on. I especially enjoy novels by Stephen king.

Where is the farthest place from home you have ever been? Fresno California. Loved it there, especially the weather.

What is your favorite food? I love Italian food. My favorite is the chicken Alfredo; I am a big fan of pasta.

What one thing do you want to do that you haven't done yet? I would love to go backpacking across Europe.

Who is the most impactful person in your life or most impactful person on humanity (dead or alive)? For me it is Abraham Lincoln. He will forever be remembered for abolishing slavery. That to me is one of the most significant moments in history.

be part of the 2014 client participation card program

make the most of your visits to the open door clinic
and get a chance to win prizes and a free dinner

The CAC has two new ways that you can
contact them and RSVP to all of the
events that they host

Email:

deanbnewsletter@yahoo.com

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630-264-1819 Ext 299

847-695-1093 Ext 299

leave a detailed message and
information will be kept confidential

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Space is limited so
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October 05, 2014

St. Charles Bowl,
2520 W Main St.
St. Charles IL 60174

- **FREE** to Clients and their children 12 & under
- \$5.00 for family & friends
- Includes shoes & 2 hours of bowling
- Food & drink will be provided

Join us as we kick off the Holiday Season!



**Saturday, December 13, 2014
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**First Congregational Church of Geneva
321 Hamilton St Geneva, Illinois 60134**

**PLEASE RSVP TO deanbnewsletter@yahoo.com
OR CALL 630-264-1819 ext 299/ 847-695-1093 ext 299**

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE PICNIC

By Dean B

For those who did not know about it or were unable to attend Open Door's annual picnic. It was held on August 9th, 2014 at the First Congregational Church of Geneva. Once again the men's group hosted.

This group of men have been hosting this picnic for the past three years, so the clients and their families would have a nice and relaxing day with food and friendship and a lot of great fun. Every year they have done a wonderful job in making sure everything was great for everyone.

This event was held in Geneva so it is easy for the clients and their families from both centers to attend. They provided

lawn games to everyone to enjoy and had a bouncy house for the kids. Yes, the Fire Truck was on hand to ride on, which the kids loved and probably a couple of adults!

We are hoping this will entice you to attend next year's picnic. Tentative date will most likely be the beginning of August 2015. Mark your calendars for next year and come and join us, I know you would not regret it. Also, I almost forgot to mention you can still pick up back to school supplies that you need for your children

There were 22 clients, their guests, plus several staff, and the volunteers from the church.

CAC INTRODUCES NEW PROGRAM

By Dean B

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) has thought of a NEW program for the clients to participate in coming in 2015.

The CAC hosts or helps host five (5) social activities to the clients throughout the year. This new program is called the Social Activities Program. This program tracks your attendance at social events. These cards will be handed out at the Holiday Party on December 13, 2014. When a client attends an event he/she gets their card stamped. The program ends at the last event in October of 2015 and clients will have until November 30, 2015 to hand in

their cards. The more events the client participates in the better chance they have to win. There will be a total of four clients; two from Aurora and two from Elgin will be picked as the winners. The winners will be invited to attend a SPECIAL VIP Event just for them. The Special VIP Event will be put on in the beginning of the next year for the winners.

The program was thought of to award those clients who participate in the social activities throughout the year. Come on out and enjoy yourself and possibly win a special event just for you. Hope to see you there!

STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION OVERVIEW

May 31, 2014, marked the end of the Illinois General Assembly Session, and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) celebrates the progress made this year. In conjunction with several partner organizations and legislative champions, AFC and HIV advocates passed the following critical legislation to improve the lives of those living with and at risk of HIV/AIDS:

\$4M Restored to State HIV/AIDS Budget and Additional \$1M Funding for FY15: (HB 6096)

House Bill 6096 House Amendment 1 stopped the proposed \$4 million cut to state HIV/AIDS services, and added an additional \$1 million to HIV funding for FY15. The proposed \$4 million funding cut would have directly affected the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) which provides HIV medications for

low-income HIV-positive people.

Restoration of Adult Dental and Other Services to State Medicaid Program: (SB 741)

Senate Bill 741 amended the state Medicaid program to restore some services cut by the legislature in 2011 with the SMART Act, including adult dental services, anti-psychotic drugs exemptions, and a grant for costs associated with specialized child care for families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Recognition of Community Health Workers in Illinois: (HB 5412)

The passage of House Bill 5412 provides certification standards for Community Health Workers, a frontline public health figure, who is

a trusted member of and/or has a particularly close understanding of the community served. The bill also creates the Illinois Community Health Worker Advisory Board to recommend certification requirements for these health care professionals to ensure quality care for Illinois' residents.

Some important legislation this session that was not addressed by the General Assembly before the end of session:

Extension of Temporary State Income Tax Rates Not Called for Vote: (HB 395)

House Bill 395 would have extended the temporary state income tax (now 5 percent) to close a \$2 billion dollar state budget shortfall. The failure to extend the current tax rates

will impact funding for human service programs, including HIV services, in future fiscal years. The bill was not called for a vote because it did not have sufficient support from legislators. AFC will continue to advocate

What's Your Policy Priority? AFC is traveling around Illinois seeking direct input from people living with HIV/AIDS, service providers, and other community members about the most pressing issues facing the HIV/AIDS community. The input gathered will build the 2014-2015 Illinois HIV/AIDS Policy Priorities. Have Your Say. To schedule a policy priorities meetings for your group or coalition contact: Lucy Baglin, email: lbaglin@aidschicago.org or phone: 312-334-0909. for HB395 in the November veto session.



23rd Annual Illinois HIV/STD Conference

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and the **Illinois Public Health Association**

For more information about the conference or exhibits, please contact Angie Wanger at
the Illinois Public Health Association at awanger@ipha.com or call 217-522-5687.



HIV/AIDS Legal Services Project

Fair Debt Collection: Consumer Rights

I can't pay my bills! Now what?

When people are unable to pay debts for a long period of time, creditors will often use strong debt collection tactics. It is important to understand the consumer rights and protections related to fair debt collection practices.

Under the Fair Debt Collection laws, consumers have three important rights:

- The right not to be harassed
- The right to notice and verification of the debt; and
- The right to stop contact by the debt collector (if the debt collector is not the original creditor)

A debt collector cannot:

- Contact you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m.
- Contact you at your place of work once you have informed the collector that you are not allowed to receive calls there
- Call you repeatedly or continuously with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass any person at the called number
- Threaten to use force or violence to collect the debt
- Communicate by postcard, or put anything on an envelope that looks like it came from a debt collector
- Use profane, obscene or abusive language
- Engage in dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional conduct
- Contact you if you are being represented by an attorney

Creditors are prohibited from taking certain property and income.

Creditors cannot take:

- Clothes, bible, school books and family pictures
- Up to \$4,000 of other property of consumer's choice
- Interest in one motor vehicle, up to \$2,400
- Up to \$1,500 value of trade tools
- The right to receive certain government assistance or benefits
- Any disability, illness or unemployment benefit
- Alimony, maintenance or support payments
- Weekly pay that is equal to or less than 45 times the State or Federal minimum wage, whichever is higher

If you know someone who is being harassed by debt collectors, facing garnishment or wage deduction, refer him/her to Prairie State Legal Services.

For more information, contact us by phone at: (800) 690-2130 and ask for the HIV Project, or visit our website at: www.pslegal.org



We hope this information is helpful; however, we caution people with legal problems to talk with a professional about the specifics of their situations.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING THE OPEN DOOR CLINIC'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL OR HAVE ANY TOPICS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER.

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 01 - Substance Use Group (A) 11a - 12p
- 02 - Positive MH (A) 4p - 5:30p
- 03 - Positive MH Group (E) 12p - 1:30p
- 05 - HIV/AIDS Activity Education Group (A) 4p - 6p
- 08 - Substance Use Group (A) 11a - 12p
- 09 - Positive MH (A) 4p - 5:30p
- 10 - Positive MH Group (E) 12p - 1:30p
- 12 - HIV/AIDS Activity Education Group (A) 4p - 6p
- 15 - Newsletter Articles Due
- 15 - Substance Use Group (A) 11a - 12p
- 16 - Positive MH Group (A) 12p - 1p
- 17 - Positive MH Group (E) 12p - 1:30p
- 18 - CAC Meeting (A) 5:30p - 7p
- 19 - HIV/AIDS Activity Education Group (A) 4p - 6p
- 19 - Bingo Night (E) 4p - 6pm
- 22 - Newsletter to Clinics
- 22 - Substance Use Group (A) 11a - 12p
- 23 - Positive MH Group (A) 12p - 1p
- 24 - Positive MH Group (E) 12p - 1:30p
- 25 - Pain Management Group (A) 1p - 2p
- 26 - HIV/AIDS Activity Education Group (A) 4p - 6p
- 29 - Substance Use Group (A) 11a - 12p
- 30 - Positive MH Group (A)



- (A) Aurora Clinic
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- (E) Elgin Clinic
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- (G) First Congregational Church
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