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CFC Newsletter

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Our mission is to provide free quality health care and pharmaceuticals with compassion and dignity to individuals between the ages of 12 and 64.

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The Clemson Free Clinic is fortunate to have great student volunteers. Three of our current ones leave for medical school this fall. We want our CFC donors to know how lucky the clinic is to attract the best and brightest.

Roann Abdeladl is from Greenville, SC. She graduated December of 2021 with a degree in Health Sciences from Clemson where she was recruited as National Scholar and became a finalist for the Truman Scholarship in her senior year. Because of her life experiences, Roann developed an interest in social determinants of well-being especially for those who lack access to the resources to improve their lives. She sees that first hand at CFC.

She has been accepted by five medical schools so far. Her first choice is Loyola University because of its service-oriented and community-based medical program. This would fit well with her interests in either Primary Care or Internal Medicine. She wants to connect with her patients and follow their progress as their point of contact to the medical system. Her goal is to provide culturally competent care to all.

Christopher (Chris) Ply is from Charleston, SC. He will graduate from Clemson in May 2022 with a degree in Microbiology. Chris came to Clemson because of its strong STEM program. In-state tuition plus the Palmetto Scholars Program made CU an affordable option. Several family members are medical professionals which stimulated his interest. At CU, Chris became an EMT, demonstrating the positive effects he could have as a medical care professional.

He has been accepted to four schools including his top choice, Georgetown University. His interest is in surgery either Ear, Nose, and Throat or plastic with an emphasis on repairing trauma/birth defects. Chris plans to offer services to the underserved as part of his practice.

Samantha (Sammi) Spence from St. Louis, Missouri. She graduates in May 2022 with a degree in Biological Sciences and minors in Spanish and Psychology. Sammi grew up in the medical field. Her dad is a physician and her mom is a nurse manager. Hearing them talk about their days and watching them interact with patients helped her choose her career path.

She has been accepted to four schools to date. Her top choices are: St. Louis University, University of Missouri and Virginia Commonwealth University. She has not yet narrowed down a specialty, but surgery appeals to her love for hands-on, procedural medicine. Like the others, Sammi's experience at CFC has given her insight to the needs of underserved populations. She wants to work with uninsured, low-income people in her community wherever that might be.

CFC is very lucky to have compassionate young people like these who care enough about our patients to give up their free time to the clinic. Our patients and staff have benefited greatly by working with you all. Thank You and Good Luck!

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 Mondays 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Clinic Hours

Wednesdays 5:00 – 8:00 pm

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Director's Corner

Over the past two years Covid limited fundraising opportunities. So, we are very excited to announce that ***Dine with the Docs*** has returned and is scheduled for Thursday, April 21 at the Clemson United Methodist Church at 6:30PM. The purpose of this dinner is to raise financial support for the CFC and publicly celebrate our volunteer staff after two years of managing a Covid pandemic. I am delighted to announce that Jane Robelot, WYFF news anchor, will be our after-dinner speaker. Jane has a well-known ability to entertain audiences throughout our state with her professional knowledge and warm southern personality.

The CFC operates on private donations from concerned citizens, churches, civic organizations, and small grants. As you read this newsletter, I hope you will find something that sparks your passion and encourages you to be a part of our team providing healthcare at CFC. Whether it's with donating your time, money, or voice to spread the word about the clinic we greatly appreciate it. Please join us in supporting our low income, uninsured neighbors. During the pandemic we clearly have seen how important everyone's health is to a community.

Tickets are \$30 per person (see order form below) or available at Hubbard Young Pharmacy in Clemson. I hope you will join us to learn more about our operations, meet other folks in the community who support CFC and enjoy remarks from Jane. I look forward to seeing you on April 21st. Sandy

Join Us for Dine with the Docs...

An informal, informative and enjoyable evening with the doctors and volunteers who are an integral part of the CFC.

Clemson's own Jane Robelot will entertain us with stories and memories of her experiences in the news media.



Clemson Free Clinic's "Dine with the Docs" Ticket/Donation Intention Form
 Please specify and include DWD ticket purchases in your check.

Make checks payable to Clemson Free Clinic.

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Dine with the Docs---Thursday, April 21, 2022
 6:30 pm @ Clemson United Methodist Church
 300 Frontage Road, Clemson, SC
 Pre-paid Tickets available at door.

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