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 **CHRISTUS**  
Foundation for HealthCare

{ Fall 2015 }

## MAKE WAY FOR A NEW CHRISTUS HEALTHY LIVING MOBILE CLINIC



See the Healthy Living Mobile Clinics in action, visit our CHRISTUS Foundation YouTube page. [YouTube](#)

*CHRISTUS Foundation is grateful for your gifts that make this new unit possible.*

**T**hanks to generous donations a new, updated mobile clinic unit arrived late October. This addition enables CHRISTUS Healthy Living Mobile Clinic teams to serve more patients. The state-of-the-art vehicle “allows us to continue providing service to the uninsured with respect and dignity. We pride ourselves on being able to give our patients the preventative care they need in a safe and compassionate environment,” said Laura Clay, RN, BSN, Director of the Mobile Clinics.

Motor Specialty Vehicles manufactured the new unit from the ground up. Careful parameters were considered to meet the needs of the medical teams which bring healthcare services to more than 25,000 individuals. Just a few of the new features in the customized coach-style vehicle to help better serve our patients include –

#### Patient Experience

- Increased clinical space to expand from 2 to 3 exam rooms in order to care for more patients
- Improvement of overall interior design to more comfortably accommodate patients
- Added storage and better access of medical supplies and equipment for efficient patient care
- Additional cubic space in the design allows for HIPPA Privacy Compliance

#### Medical Equipment

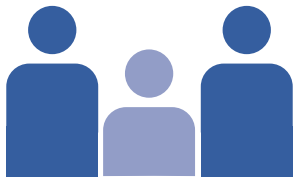
- Digital thermometers to manage and maintain the viability for vaccine compliance
- Upgraded capability for future telehealth services
- HEPA Filter: surgery room quality to trap germs
- Specialized floor material to maintain a sterile environment



**25,433**

men, women and children received care from the CHRISTUS Healthy Mobile Clinics Jan 2014 – June 2015





**7,197**  
patients relied on  
CHRISTUS Point of Light Clinic  
for their medical needs



**9,200**  
times a student had access  
to healthcare through a  
CHRISTUS School Clinic



**3,522**  
patients received  
vaccinations to protect them  
from influenza

**Thanks to you, CHRISTUS Foundation extended care to over 62,000 of our neighbors last year.**



**CHRISTUS FOUNDATION'S OPERATION SAN JOSE**

*all children should face  
the world with a smile*

Since 1983, Dr. Ernest Cronin and a team of medical volunteers have traveled to help youngsters born with cleft lips and/or cleft palates. This year's top notch team, made up of plastic surgeons, anesthesiologists, registered nurses, speech pathologists and plastic surgery interns spent 10 days in Chihuahua, Mexico.

The team on the **CHRISTUS Foundation Operation San Jose Mission Trip** repaired cleft lips and palates of 45 children – transforming their lives, bringing smiles to their faces.

In addition to the 45 operations, the team completed 105 patient evaluations, including post-op visits with 95% of our patients!

Our special thanks to the Operation San Jose team and all of their supporters. We are extremely proud of the priceless help they bring to children.

To read a patient story go to –  
[www.christusfoundation.org/programs/successstories](http://www.christusfoundation.org/programs/successstories)

To learn more please visit  
[www.christusfoundation.org/programs/cleftpalate](http://www.christusfoundation.org/programs/cleftpalate)



**CHRISTUS POINT OF LIGHT CLINIC**

*from all walks of life*

Like all CHRISTUS Foundation programs, CHRISTUS Point of Light Clinic cares for those with varying backgrounds from children, to adults, veterans and the elderly. In an effort to serve the ever growing needs of the Dickinson community, Sister Ricca and her team continue to administer compassionate and affordable healthcare to their patients.

**A grateful relative**

"A patient visited the clinic with severe back pain; he had already visited 3 different emergency rooms and was sent home each time. We insisted he go to a hospital ER as a referral. The doctor called us an hour later to tell us the referred patient was having a heart attack even though the pain was in his back. He was immediately transported via life-flight to the medical center for heart surgery. The patient's aunt called the clinic to thank us for insisting her family member immediately go to the emergency room."



**CHRISTUS OUR DAILY BREAD**

*a client's gratitude*

"After receiving a DUI and losing my job and home, I found myself welcomed at CHRISTUS Our Daily Bread. I enjoyed a hot meal, met with a counselor and upon hearing my story out loud recognized I had a drinking problem. The counselor placed me on the Work Track and I enrolled in the 12-step meetings. I finally landed a job after 23 attempts. I'm very grateful to Our Daily Bread for my chance at a new life. I have a game plan for finding my own place and maintaining my sobriety. Thank you for being there for me."



**Flu season is here**

Peak flu season is during the fall and winter months; an estimated 5% to 20% of Americans get the flu each year.\* Visit your local healthcare provider to get your flu shot and limit your risk of catching the flu.

\*Resource: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/disease.htm>

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Sister Antoninus escorted by Ken Marx share a laugh

## ANOTHER RIDE IN THE BOOKS!

^ Saturday, October 17, marked the 11th Annual Nun Run. Over 150 riders traveled 40-miles from Houston to San Leon to support for the CHRISTUS School Clinics. We were delighted to have our dynamic emcee, Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale return and facilitate the morning’s activities.

### Special thanks to our Nun Run Underwriters –

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To see the complete album of pictures from the Nun Run, visit [www.facebook.com/christusfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/christusfoundation)



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Give the Gift of Better Health

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Connects a Child to Medical Care by Bringing Telehealth to School

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**\$1,500**

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## 2016 Spring Luncheon

*You’re invited to join the lineup at the*

∞ 12TH ANNUAL ∞

### CHRISTUS FOUNDATION FOR HEALTHCARE SPRING LUNCHEON

### A CONVERSATION WITH NOLAN RYAN, BASEBALL HALL OF FAMER

Celebrating 50 years and Benefiting  
CHRISTUS Foundation Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative

∞ HONORING ∞  
*Pat and Dan Breen*  
*Legacy Award Recipients*

∞ CO CHAIRS ∞  
*Caroline and Bill Helander*  
*Megan and Luke Hotze*  
*Emily and Louis Macey*

River Oaks Country Club  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Visit [CHRISTUSFoundation.org](http://CHRISTUSFoundation.org) to pledge your support



## VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY TAKES OFF AT SCHOOL CLINICS

^ Because of loyal donor support, the telehealth program was launched last year. We were sure it would be a success, but just how much? In the 2014 school year alone, the medical assistants and nurses were able to care for over 9,000 students of which 100 were severely ill. Through the technology, those 100 students were able to get a quick and efficient diagnosis for proper care.

We are excited to have the telehealth technology in our school clinics and anticipate helping even more children this school year.

# Donor Spotlight

## Welcome to Our Newest Donors

### VALERO

This well known organization is an avid supporter of worthy causes worldwide. We are honored Valero has chosen CHRISTUS Foundation as a beneficiary of their charitable giving especially focused on the health and well-being of children in programs such as, St. Mary's Clinic and the immunization program.



**VALERO**  
**ENERGY FOUNDATION**

### HAMILL FOUNDATION

CHRISTUS Foundation for HealthCare is grateful to have the support of The Hamill Foundation. Founded in 1969 by Mr. and Mrs. Claud B. Hamill, the Hamill Foundation funds over 100 non-profits with \$10mm annually in grants.



**CHRISTUS Foundation for HealthCare's Board of Directors and staff express heartfelt thanks to our generous friends. In recognition of your generosity, gifts of \$100 and greater from April 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015 are listed. Thank you again.**

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