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Patient Spotlight: Jodi Bowlin



Jodi Bowlin, InterFaith Patient

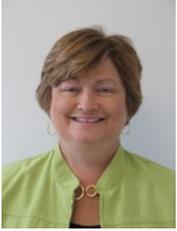
Jodi Bowlin, owner of Knoxville Soap, Candles & Gifts, first came to InterFaith Health Clinic in 2006 after a divorce left her uninsured and in need of healthcare. She had gone for two years without any insurance or coverage and was in need of medical care. Two years without had left her feeling like there were no options and no hope, when a friend told her about the clinic and suggested she apply. From that first visit, she says she has always been impressed by the doctors and nurse practitioners that have seen her, and that she gets the same level of care and respect from staff, volunteers, and members of the board.

Over the years, Jodi has remained uninsured as her business struggled due to the economy. She recently moved the store to a new location on Kingston Pike, hoping to increase sales, thus allowing her to purchase an insurance plan. However, the last several years have been difficult, meaning that she received regular care from the clinic, utilized specialty clinics and the dental program, and used InterFaith's extensive referral program when she was in need of specialty care and surgeries. Just last year, in May of 2013, she had arthroscopic hip surgery and was able to keep her payment at the 10% scale, meaning she only had to pay \$3,800 of a \$38,000 surgery. While it was still a high price for her, she was able to get the surgery she needed to keep her mobile and well, paying it off over time to keep it more manageable.

That surgery was just one of the many difficult hurdles Jodi has had to overcome in her healthcare over the last several years, but without InterFaith Health Clinic, she would not have had access to the quality of care, nor the expansive network of specialists needed to stay well and mobile in order to run her business. She also notes that her business both depends on and supports local families, and she appreciates that InterFaith does the same.

Want to hear Jodi's story in her words? Check it out on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/8NEFYxbbiTU>

A Letter from the Executive Director



It seemed like the sun and nice weather would never arrive after this year's cold and snow, but it's finally here and with it comes a sense of relief for nice days ahead. I hope that you and

your loved ones get an opportunity to enjoy the nice days ahead without worry and stress. For our patients that is not always a luxury they can afford. They are often very sick, having allowed their medical conditions to go untreated for too long before coming to InterFaith. They have gone without for so long that they tend to suffer from chronic illnesses and need comprehensive care to heal. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to help these patients get a handle on their illnesses and see a light at the end of a very long tunnel.

We continue to depend on the community to help us care for those who need help getting back to being healthy. From paying for patient visits to purchasing much needed medical supplies, your contribution can make a difference in the lives of many. If you would like more information on how you can help, please email us at info@interfaithhealthclinic.org. Have a great summer!

Thank you,
 Melissa Knight

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Mission Statement: To provide accessible, affordable, and quality health care to the low income working uninsured and underserved, primarily through the support of the religious, health care, and business

M*A*S*H BASH

InterFaith's 15th Annual M*A*S*H Bash was held on Saturday, May 3rd at the Historic Southern Station in downtown Knoxville. Supporters came out for an evening of fun and raised over \$52,000, which was nearly an \$8,000 increase from last year's event. A great time was had by all with a silent auction, competitive live auction, music by the Hoodoos, and complimentary beer and wine. We would like to give special thanks to Knoxville Beverage Company, Eagle Distributing, Kreative Events, as well as Ms. Amy Monk, Dr. Mark Jackson and Dr. Marty Prince of the Hoodoos for helping us create a fantastic evening for a great cause.

InterFaith would also like to thank the following sponsors for making this night possible:

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Hazen Miris participating in the live



Guests in the midst of a bidding war!



Volunteers and staff enjoying the event. From left to right: Rebecca Kimmel, David Miller, and Peggy Watson

Trivia Night

Thursday October 23rd

The Standard at 416 W. Jackson Ave.

Individual tickets are \$15, and tables of 10 are \$100

7:00 - 9:30 PM

Stay tuned for more information!

Volunteer Spotlight: Dr. Walter Beahm



Dr. Beahm receiving the Optimus Award from the Optimist Club of Knoxville. He is pictured with his wife and two daughters.

Dr. Beahm began volunteering for InterFaith in the 90's under former Medical Director, Robert McDonald. After a few years of regular volunteering, he decided to increase his time in the clinic and come in once a week. Since then he has seen patients every Wednesday, and currently serves on the Board of Directors as an Emeritus member. Dr. Beahm says, "InterFaith has always impressed me. Giving back to the community is important to me, and I'm glad that I can do it through the clinic." Thank you, Dr. Beahm, for your many years of service!

Staff Highlight: Patsy Lisle

All of us at InterFaith would like to wish Patsy Lisle the very best as she retires after 23 years at the clinic. Starting at InterFaith as an R.N., and taking on more and more responsibility over time, she has been an integral part of the organization since it first opened the doors in 1991. Even in retirement she is still committed to our mission and will continue working on a part time basis, assisting with specific projects. While we are sad to see less of her, we are excited for her as she starts on a new chapter in life. Thank you, Patsy, for your hard work and long hours, the leadership you have shown, friendships made, and the kindness you have shown to us all. The lives you have touched will be forever impacted.

InterFaith Welcomes New Staff Members!

The past few years have brought many changes to InterFaith. The implementation of the Affordable Care Act, retirements, and life in general has left us needing to fill some important roles. We are pleased to announce that we have filled those positions over the last few months, so please help us welcome them!

Dr. Ruth Baldrige - Medical Director

Dr. Nathan Chesney - Contract Dentist

Stephanie Dockery - Practice Manager

Shanle Scott - Family Nurse Practitioner