InterFaith Is In the Miracle-Working Business

Just recently we heard from a long-term patient of ours, Debra Long, who shared her family’s story of how InterFaith has made such a big difference in their lives. She and her husband, Ross — a hard-working brick mason — first took their son, Daniel, to InterFaith back in 1994 from a referral given at school. Daniel, who was a kindergartner at the time, had many special needs that the Longs knew they could not afford to take care of financially on their own.

Through the help and network of so many area specialists, Daniel received the help and surgeries he needed throughout his young life to be able to see and hear correctly. “Without InterFaith my son would probably be blind and deaf because we could never have afforded the medicines or doctors we needed to go to, to get him the care he needed,” Deborah said. “So many people are looked down upon because they don’t have insurance or can’t afford it. There are a lot of people out there who need help, just like we did, and InterFaith was there for us when we needed them most.”

As a result of the incredible care that Daniel received, both Debra and Ross became patients of InterFaith. Debra, who is a full-time caregiver for Daniel, recounted a time when InterFaith was an answer to prayer for their family.

“Several years ago I was diagnosed with holes in my kidneys and the medicine they told me I needed was so expensive, we didn’t know what we were going to do.” She recalls, “We got down on our knees and prayed and fifteen minutes later the phone rang and it was InterFaith. They told us to come on over and get our medicine! It ended up being all the medicine I needed and then some!”

She concluded her story by saying, “Ross and I always said that if we ever came into a lot of money the first place we would give it to is InterFaith. They really try to help people there. They treat you with such care and respect. They have been a blessing to our whole family.”

Come show us your POKER FACE at Casino Royale, InterFaith’s newest signature fundraiser! CASINO ROYALE is a semi-formal evening featuring dinner, live music, dancing, lots of hot auction items, and good-natured casino games, all in support of InterFaith’s health care ministry.

Buy a table of 10 & play with your friends, or try your luck solo. There’s also a wide variety of sponsorship levels, with an option to fit every budget.

**When:** Friday, April 12th // 7-11pm (cocktails 6-7pm)
**Where:** The Foundry on the Fair Site
**Cost:** $150 per ticket or $1,750 table of 10 (other sponsorships available)
**More Info:** email missy@interfaithhealthclinic.org or call 865-243-3035
Who is ready for spring? I am! And it can’t get here fast enough! As soon as winter begins, I am looking forward to spring. I want the long days, the flowers to bloom. I want to plant a garden. Just to sit outside and let the sun warm me through and through makes me happy. Spring will be here before you know it. After that, summer comes with the heat. Then the beautiful fall leaves. Then we are right back to winter. And guess what? I will be anticipating spring all over again.

Why do we anticipate spring? Because of when the flowers & green grass replace the dull and gray – we see rebirth, we see hope.

Because of your commitment to InterFaith, you offer spring to our patients each and every day. On some of the coldest and dreariest days this winter, we have given hope. Hope for better health. Hope to be able to provide for their families. Hope for a better tomorrow.

We will always be committed to quality, outcome-based healthcare. But we will also be just as committed to providing hope. But without each of you – that hope would not be possible. Thank you.

InterFaith Converts to Electronic Health Record

After nearly 28 years of using paper charts, InterFaith is in the process of converting to Athena, an electronic health record that is compatible with all four of InterFaith’s disciplines (medical, dental, mental health, and medications). Thanks to a grant from the Athena Gives Foundation, the software was provided free of charge, so all InterFaith had to purchase was the hardware. The conversion process has been tedious at times, but we’re excited about the improvements to efficiency and quality of care this change will bring about. Thank you, Athena Gives!

Did you know you can leave a lasting impact by including InterFaith in your will? Contact Missy at 850-4859 for details.
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