Patient Spotlight: Jodi Bowlin

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
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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 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!

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