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NEWSLETTER OF LAGUNA BEACH COMMUNITY CLINIC

The mission of LBCC is to offer excellent medical care, regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

**Come to the 5th annual benefit for Laguna Beach Community Clinic!** 

# Sunset Beach Party Saturday, June 11, 5-8 pm

### **Experience the Spectacular North Laguna Oceanfront "Twin Points"**

From the hand-built teak entrance gates to the two palm-tree-lined points forming a cove with tidepools, this is one of the most dramatic gardens in Laguna. Stroll amongst the lush Hawaiian landscaping on the two tropical points standing between Shaw's Cove and Crescent Bay.

Meet all your favorite locals and make new friends
Enjoy the flavors of our tropical grill
Dance to the nostalgic beach beat of our live band
Sip Margaritas on a point overlooking Heisler Park and Main Beach
Win Wonderful Raffle Prizes!

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\$120 per person (\$100 per person if received before June 2!)

Tropical attire. Leave those spike heels at home.

To respond, "Totally, dude" visit www.LBClinic.org

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# Laguna Beach Community

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### **Prevention and cure for all**

### Clinic's programs cover all ages

The safety net of LBCC has been a lifeline for patients both young and old. Many new patients, still victims of the economic downturn that began in 2009, have come to the doors of Laguna Beach Community Clinic. The continuing state financial crisis, and the cutting of funding for much-needed programs, places the Clinic in the vital role of continuing to provide early diagnosis and treatment for those in need.

California has the sixth largest percentage of uninsured in the nation. Twenty percent are under the age of 18. The Clinic must continue to play an important role in the delivery of healthcare across the lifespan.

The Clinic provides prenatal to geriatric care for people with an acute illness, chronic diseases, and very importantly, health maintenance. This is done in a cost effective, comprehensive and caring manner.

The programs available at the Clinic include:

**Prenatal care and education** for expectant mothers to deliver healthy babies, postpartum care and **ongoing care for women** through menopause and beyond.

**Pap smears** to detect cervical cancer are offered through the Cancer Detection Program and **breast exams with follow-up mammograms,** as appropriate, are provided through the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The Clinic provides the treatment for pre-cancerous conditions as well as testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. **Family planning** is offered to those who request it under the state-funded FPACT program.

**Immunizations, well child examinations, school physicals, and treatment for acute illnesses** are offered to newborns through adolescents. A weekly **Teen Clinic** provides confidential services for those under the age of 20.

**Primary medical care for all ages** for injuries, coughs and sore throats, as well as treatment for chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and asthma including EKGs, blood work, immunizations and medications

**Anonymous HIV testing and HIV treatment,** HIV outreach and case management, using Ryan White Foundation funds.

**Specialty care** in the areas of Cardiology, Neurology, Urology, Endocrinology, Optometry and Diabetology

The Clinic staff continues to emphasize **education and prevention** as a method of maintaining good health.

**Please remember** our safety net survives because of grants, public funding, patient payment, and, most importantly, your generosity. Your help in contributing to the critical medical services required by those in need is deeply appreciated by the staff and volunteers of Laguna Beach Community Clinic. We thank you for your continued support.

— Mary Anderson, RN

Clinic Nurse Practitioner, Karen Deck, does a physical assessment for a Laguna Beach senior.

# Clinic serves all ages

### **Support healthcare – send a letter!**

Senator Barbara Boxer Washington, DC

Dear Senator Boxer:

Yesterday in the clinic, I met a brand new patient who is one month old. Because of the Federal Government's AIDS Drug Assistance Program(ADAP), "John" is HIV-negative.

Long-time patients of mine, a married couple, are HIV-infected and are working poor people who consistently take their HIV medication. Ten months ago, they experienced an unplanned pregnancy. I examined one month old baby John this week and he is healthy, happy, and uninfected by the HIV virus of his Mom and Dad. And that's because you and others have provided funding for ADAP.

In the United States, there are 1.1 million people who know they have HIV/AIDS; 100,000 of them live in California. In the US, 160,000 people depend on ADAP to pay for their life-saving medications, yet in 11 states there are 6,000 who need medications but can't get them because of insufficient funds for ADAP. I am proud of California, where our State augments the Federal ADAP dollars so we cover all who are in need. Because people with HIV are living longer, there are more people needing help from ADAP to obtain their medications. So it's been the same amount of money, but more people need help.

Treatment of HIV saves lives and prevents spread of HIV to others, including unborn children like John. He can't thank you, but I am grateful for your past support of funding for ADAP.

For Californians, and for all Americans, I urge you to support increased funding for the crucial AIDS Drug Assistance Program. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Korey Jorgensen, MD Clinic Director of HIV/AIDS services

### **Please Give Today**

### You can help give the gift of health to families in our neighborhood.

The working poor and the recently uninsured are especially hard-hit by our current economy, and we're seeing more patients than ever.

- Use the enclosed envelope to mail your gift.
- Make a secure online contribution at www.LBClinic.org.

Call Monica Prado at  $949.494.0761 \times 134$  to discuss in-kind contributions, car donations or gifting stock or securities.

#### **Thank You!**

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### **Giving starts young in Laguna Beach**

A Top of the World 5th grade class donates to Clinic



Mrs. Susan Dick's fifth grade class with Clinic Staff members Mary Nieto, Niall Cullen, MD and Adriana Sayegb, RN

The fifth graders in Mrs. Susan Dick's class at Top of the World elementary school in Laguna already have caring hearts. They wanted to conduct a project that benefitted local families, so they sold items that they made, like candles and dolls, at a holiday craft fair.

The students, lead by student Kelly Keller, conducted a careful study of Laguna's nonprofit organizations, and selected Laguna Beach Community Clinic for their heartfelt donation.

"What appealed to them was that the Clinic cares for babies," Mrs. Dick said. "They thought the Clinic responds to a real need in the community."

Their donation of \$700 will be utilized by the Clinic for the prenatal welcome baskets that are given to all of our new mommies. The baskets include thermometers, medicine spoons, baby care products and educational materials about newborn care.

When he received the check from the students, Clinic Medical Director Dr. Tom Bent exclaimed, "This is the most thoughtful gift of the year!"

I have a newborn baby and I lost my insurance. I don't know what I'd do without Laguna Beach Community Clinic!— from a Clinic patient

### **Clinic Hours**

Monday-Friday: 8-12 & 1-5

Saturday: 8 - 12

For an appointment or for walk-in information, Call 949.494.0761

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### **Galendar Solution**

May 17, Tuesday 3 - 7

### Handbags for Health

Sale of "gently-loved" handbags to benefit the Clinic.

May 21, Saturday 9 - 1

### Womens Health day

Main Beach cobblestone area. Offering FREE health screenings for high blood pressure, anemia, diabetes, cholesterol, HIV & bone density.

June 11, Saturday 5 - 8

### Sunset Beach Party

Clinic's 5th annual party—please see front page



### handbags for health a purpose

Tuesday, May 17

189 Crescent Bay Drive. Laguna Beach 3 - 4 UIP "First Dibs" \$20

4-7 FREE Admission

Laguna Beach Community Clinic is hosting a sale of "gently-loved" handbags to benefit our Women's Health Day at Main Beach on May 21.

> Enjoy a glass of champagne and light hors d'oeuvres in a lovely garden setting, and donate to the Clinic by purchasing "purses with a purpose."

### Donale your purses now!

Do you have extra handbags you could donate to help local women? Purses should show little to no visible wear, and should be of nice quality. "Name" designers are especially appreciated. All colors/styles accepted. For every purse you donate, you will receive one raffle ticket for new or vintage, high-end handbags.

Call Jaime at 949.494.0761 x 135 to donate purses

For more information visit www.LBClinic.org