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LBCC'S DR. KOREY S. JORGENSEN

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FAMILY PHYSICIAN
OF THE YEAR



Considering his extensive credentials, impressive expertise, his innumerable contributions to the Laguna Beach Community Clinic and beyond, it comes as no surprise to his many fiercely loyal patients and devoted friends to learn that Dr. Korey S. Jorgensen has been named "2004 California Physician of the Year" by the California Academy of Family Physicians. Yet it surprised the popular physician when he received news of the prestigious honor.

The nomination was submitted to the Academy by Dr. Thomas C. Bent, LBCC Medical Director, who termed his long-time associate a warm and generous man who shares "an infectious enthusiasm with his colleagues and staff," and "has a generous heart, ready smile and facile wit." The honor was bestowed on April 2 at the California Academy of Family Physicians 56th annual medical seminar in San Francisco during a festive reception.

Dr. Jorgensen has been associated with Laguna Beach Community Clinic both as a volunteer and as a staff doctor since 1971, and served as Medical Director of the Clinic from 1999 to 2002. He is currently Director Emeritus and Director of the HIV Early Intervention Program. All of this is beyond the medical services he provides to clients of the Clinic, who receive care on a sliding-scale fee basis. These services include all-around healthcare for adults and children and such everyday problems as injuries, coughs and sore throats. In 1992, he designed and implemented the HIV Early Intervention Treatment Program which has been awarded national recognition. He has also been certified by the American Academy of HIV Medicine as an HIV Specialist.

Ericka Waidley, LBCC Executive Director commented, "Dr. Jorgensen is a pillar of our Clinic and the epitome of a community-based family physician. We are fortunate to have him practice here, and the patients and staff adore him for his wonderful humor and caring approach to everything he does." She also explained that this is a very prestigious award in the medical community and that "all of us at the Clinic are honored to be associated with such a highly qualified and dedicated physician like Dr. Jorgensen."

—Glori Fickling



The mission of Laguna Beach Community Clinic:
*To provide excellent medical care for all individuals in Orange County,
regardless of the ability to pay.*

The mission of the Friends of the Clinic:
*To provide financial support to the Clinic through fundraising efforts,
and to promote public awareness of the Clinic.*



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From the Executive Director

We have worked very hard over the past several years to raise community awareness of Laguna Beach Community Clinic, yet I still find myself explaining that LBCC is the best kept secret in town! The inception of this newsletter will help us build awareness of who we are and all of the wonderful services and programs that we provide.

We see over 18,000 patient visits per year for primary medical care and dental services. The folks we serve are those who cannot afford health insurance, and yet 94% of our patients are employed, many at more than one job.

I am so pleased that the *Friends of LBCC* group has formed and is working hard to help us in so many ways. My thanks to all of the *Friends* and their officers who have spent endless hours and undaunted energy to meet, organize, and support our efforts. Their participation on our committees, at our events and their hours of volunteer work is a tremendous help to our team members and patients.

As with many other non-profit, service oriented organizations, we will face many challenges in our future. California still has several years of economic recovery before the funding for our programs might be restored. In addition, the political uneasiness and stock market fluctuations directly effect our funding from external sources such as foundations and grants. We are fortunate to have the support of the *Friends* and our neighbors to help us provide a healthy community for all!

—Ericka Waidley, RN, MSN, *LBCC Executive Director*

The Joys and Rewards of Giving

You are invited to join the *Friends of Laguna Beach Community Clinic*. We need your help in supporting the many services we extend to people in financial need who require healthcare but cannot afford health insurance.

We require some caring hands to assemble and distribute “goody bags” for the Saturday, May 8 Women’s Health Day at Main Beach. Please call 949.494.0761 ext. 106, if you are interested in helping assemble the bags or in volunteering the day of the event. Event-day volunteers can also be screened for blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, anemia, HIV, bone density and obesity.

The Clinic is also in continual need of assistance. Anyone with clerical, computer or auditing skills will be much appreciated, too! Call the above phone number, ext. 105 to volunteer to assist with Clinic operations.

Laguna Beach Community Clinic provides care for so many folks. You can be a special part of this process. It’s fun, rewarding and very much appreciated.

We look forward to your generous response with our heartfelt thanks.

Well-baby exams are an integral factor in insuring quality health care for the entire community.



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A Gathering of New Friends... Sunday, June 6

Current and prospective members of the *Friends* are invited to a free Membership Party at Madison Square and Garden Café.

On Sunday, June 6 from 5 to 7 pm, Jon Madison has generously offered his charming restaurant and verdant grounds to host our second annual Membership Party. You are invited to enjoy appetizers, wine, live guitar music and warm camaraderie. Information about the *Friends of Laguna Beach Community Clinic* support group will be available along with news about the Clinic and some interesting and heartwarming first-hand stories of people who have benefited from the Clinic's low-cost services.

The party promises to be a happy and memorable social occasion at no cost, but with much to gain. We encourage you to come and bring your friends. Those interested in learning more about the Clinic are also welcome to attend. There will be no obligation to either join the *Friends* or donate to the Clinic at this event.

Madison Square and Garden Café is located at 320 N. Coast Highway, Laguna Beach. For further information or to RSVP, please call 949.494.0761 ext. 106.

Women's Day at Main Beach... Saturday, May 8

Laguna Beach Community Clinic is celebrating National Women's Health Awareness Month in May in a very special manner. On Saturday, May 8, from 9 am to 1 pm, we will be hosting our third annual Women's Health Day on the cobblestone area of Main Beach in Laguna.

We will showcase our new 38-foot mobile medical van, offer free screenings for blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, anemia, HIV, bone density, and obesity as well as provide information about women's health issues. Be one of the first 200 attendees and receive a gift bag or win a raffle prize from Nordstrom or the Montage Resort & Spa—just in time for Mother's Day!

On Saturday, May 8, look for the big white van with the blue Laguna Beach Community Clinic logo at Main Beach, and plan to join us from 9 am to 1 pm.

—Karen Deck, NP, *Teen Clinic Outreach Coordinator*

Have you ever danced around a Ferrari?

While it will be hard to top our successful "Legends & Icons" event at the Montage Resort & Spa last year, we have secured a location for this year's dinner/dance that just might: The Marconi Automotive Museum.

Attendees to the September 18 dinner/dance will support the Clinic while enjoying the Museum's impressive \$30 million dollar collection of historical, exotic and classic cars and motorcycles (www.marconimuseum.org). The Museum is 20 minutes from Laguna, off the 55 freeway. We will dine among Ferraris, Formula One race cars, Gull-wing Mercedes and other classic cars. The entire museum will be open for our enjoyment!

The party is shaping up to be an evening to delight car buffs and their friends. Look for more details in the Summer issue of "Caring Connections."

How the Clinic Serves Our Community

Jim was worried. His baby, Emily, was suffering from diarrhea and fever. They came to Laguna Beach Community Clinic (LBCC) because Jim heard we could help. Our RN listened and quickly assigned them to a staff physician. Emily was dehydrated, probably from the diarrhea which was caused by a virus. Jim received diet and care instructions and was assured that antibiotics were not needed. Two days later, the physician called their home to find them both fully recovered. The Clinic saved this child from potentially serious consequences and kept the family from incurring huge expenses at a hospital emergency room. And it happens just about every day.

LBCC was founded 34 years ago to help people just like this, and is meeting the needs of a growing number of patients. Our staff is able to address most issues and, when needed, we provide many specialty services not often available at community clinics. Our staff works as a team to provide over 18,000 medical and dental visits a year. Payment for services is requested on a sliding-fee schedule based on income.

Health needs of women. We provide annual testing for cervical cancer via Pap smear testing and mammography in collaboration with our community partners. For women with pre-cancerous conditions, we offer definitive treatment to prevent progression. We provide family planning services, prenatal care and education to thousands of women who then deliver healthy babies. We routinely test for and treat sexually transmitted infections at our Clinic.

Health care for kids. We provide well-child care for infants and children, along with episodic care for sick kids. As the lead agency for the County's immunization program, LBCC is able to serve hundreds of families. Our Friday afternoon Teen Clinic provides confidential services for people under age 20.

Urgent care. We provide care for such problems as injuries, coughs and sore throats. We plan our schedule for same-day "walk-in" patient visits, helping people get treatment when it is needed at less expense than going to an emergency room.

Specialty care. Our HIV treatment program is especially important since Laguna Beach has one of the highest rates of HIV infection in the nation. Our diabetic program has grown rapidly as this condition has become more common. Cardiology, gastroenterology, orthopedics, urology, neurology, podiatry, optometry, endocrinology and dermatology are services provided by dedicated volunteer physicians, without whom our patients would simply not be able to get care.

Dental Care LBCC has the only community clinic-based dental program in Orange County serving adults and children, on a scale of sliding-fees.

I am proud to be a part of this great team effort. We provide crucial services, continuity of care and a friendly place to go to the doctor.

—Korey Jorgensen, M.D., *LBCC Medical Director Emeritus*

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LBCC's Pat Catanzaro, Nurse Practitioner, prepares a slide for analysis... for more about womens' health, see inside.

Welcome to the first issue of “Caring Connections”

Here's our first newsletter—written and produced entirely by members of *Friends of Laguna Beach Community Clinic*. We have covered only a part of what the Clinic does in this issue, but in future newsletters, we will give more information about our other programs.

The *Friends of the Clinic* was established in 2003 to assist with fundraising and increasing community awareness of the Clinic and its programs. Our 44 current *Friends* include 12 lifetime members. We are a diverse group whose common goal is to help our clinic provide affordable, quality health care for everyone.

Membership in the *Friends* is open to everyone—no medical knowledge is needed! We have monthly evening meetings at the Clinic on the first or second Monday each month. Active Members dues are \$50/year. We also offer Supporting Memberships, with yearly dues of \$150, and Lifetime Memberships, with a one-time dues payment of \$1000. There is even a “Variable Membership,” without a monetary requirement to join, where members are asked to secure donations to the Clinic of either money or auction items for fundraising.

Come to our party on June 6 at Madison Square and Garden Café. With your help, we really *can* improve the level of health in our community.

Carolyn Bent, *President, Friends of Laguna Beach Community Clinic*

Upcoming Clinic Events

May 8th, Saturday

Women's Health Day at the south end of Main Beach
Free health screenings at our Mobile Van

June 6th, Sunday

Free *Friends of the Clinic* Membership Party at Madison Square and Garden Café
Learn about the new support group at a no-obligation party.

September 18, Saturday

LBCC's Gala Dinner/Dance
The 6th annual fun-filled event at the Marconi Automotive Museum

How you can help...

Join the Friends of Laguna Beach Community Clinic
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