

Caring CONNECTIONS

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NEWSLETTER OF LAGUNA BEACH COMMUNITY CLINIC

Party in the Fast Lane!

Thirty million dollars worth of historic, exotic and classic cars and motorcycles!!!

Ferraris, Formula One race cars, classic & vintage cars, motorcycles and muscle cars will surround partygoers at the Laguna Beach Community Clinic's seventh annual gala fundraiser, *Legends & Icons*. We have secured the Marconi Automotive Museum for this *September 18* dinner/dance. The Museum is just 20 minutes from Laguna off the 55 freeway.

Legends and Icons will honor Dr. Gwyn Parry of Hoag Hospital, Dr. Chau Ngo, a staff doctor at the Clinic, with a special presentation to Dr. Corey Jorgensen, California Family Doctor of the Year, by the President of the California Academy of Family Physicians, Dr. Dana Ware.

Last year's event held at the Montage Resort & Spa was a stunning show of community support, netting over \$110,000. These funds helped the clinic provide over 18,000 medical and dental visits to our friends and neighbors in 2003.

This year promises to be another spectacular evening. The sumptuous dinner will be provided by Mark DePalma of Mark's Catering, and we will "dance the night away" to the tunes of the HiFi Quintet, a classic jazz group who recently entertained at the OC Performing Arts Center.

Car buffs will delight in the Marconi Automotive Museum's collection, which includes their impressive "Ferrari Row" a line of Ferraris that stuns the imagination and includes 2 F-50s, a 512, an emerald green 456 Spyder and a sapphire blue Ferrari FX—the only one in the world, Michael Schumacher's 96 Ferrari, and a 1950 Vintage red 195 "S" Ferrari—hand-built by Enzo Ferrari. Also in their collection are a 1929 Model A Ford, a 1937 Ahrens-Fox fire engine, a 1955 silver Gull-Wing Mercedes and a 1956 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith.

LEGENDS & ICONS

A DINNER/DANCE SALUTE TO THE STARS OF SPORTS

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Other cars include a 1965 Ford Shelby, signed by Carroll Shelby, a shimmering purple De Tomas Pantera and a sleek black Lamorghini Countach. The Museum also has a diverse collection of top motorcycles including models by Buehl, Ducati,

Harley-Davidson and BMW. Check out the Museum website for more information about their extraordinary cars: www.marconimuseum.org!

You can support the mission of the Clinic by purchasing tickets to Legends & Icons for \$145 per person. Call the Clinic at 949.494.0761 x 125 to purchase tickets, or for more information, visit www.LBclinic.org. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

We will be offering:

- ◆ A one-year lease of a silver BMW X3 SUV, graciously supplied by Donnie Crevier of Crevier BMW
- ◆ Autographed memorabilia from athletes including Rod Carew, Richard Petty, Mary Lou Retton, Greg Louganis and over 80 others.
- ◆ A raffle for 5 nights at the Costa Rica resort where Temptation Island 2 was filmed, including Business Class airfare
- ◆ A painting by Tom Swimm
- ◆ Hotel stays, golf packages and many other wonderful things

Additional auction items are still being accepted—if you can support the Clinic by donating an item, service or gift certificate, please call Auction Chair, Carolyn Bent at 949.636.2505.

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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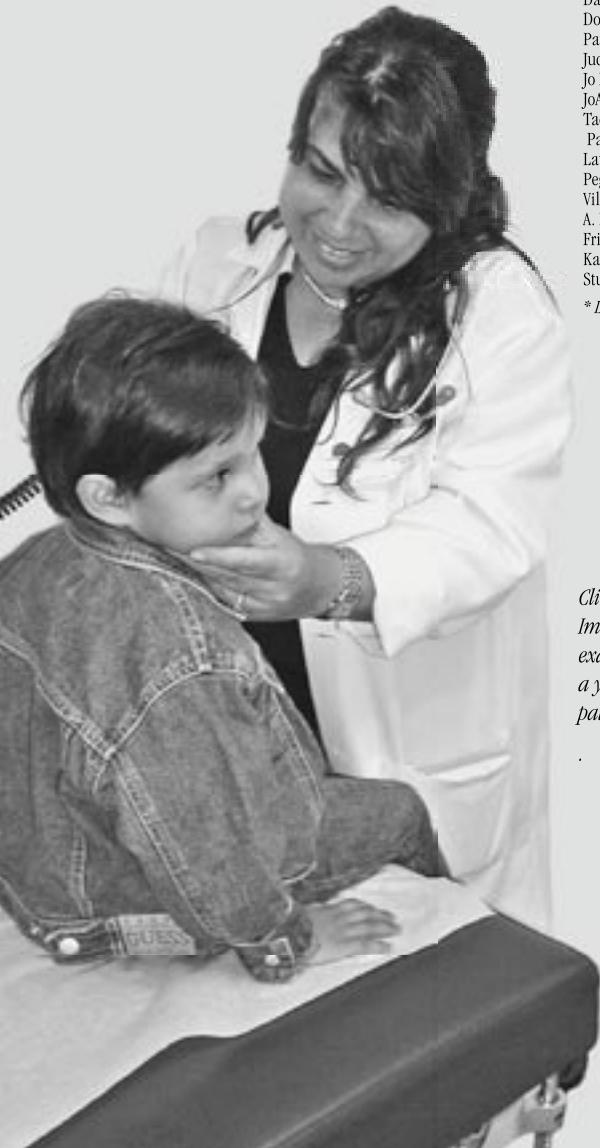
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LBCC Community Partnerships

Laguna Beach Community Clinic has established significant partnerships with other organizations in Orange County in order to fulfill our mission "to provide excellent primary medical and dental care to all individuals in Orange County, regardless of their ability to pay."

The partnership we have developed with the Boys and Girls Club of Laguna Beach benefits many local children. On August 31st, the LBCC Mobile Clinic will travel to the Boys and Girls Club to offer a "Back to School" program, with free immunizations, vision testing, dental screening and referrals for follow-up care when needed. Also, twice a year, the Clinic's dentist visits the Club and performs free dental exams for the children in their "Even Start" program. Scholarships are available for these children to receive follow-up dental treatment at the Clinic.

Our relationship with South Coast Medical Center has grown stronger over the years. A hospital executive serves on our Board of Directors, and SCMC provides corporate sponsorship for our annual fundraiser. The Clinic provides walk-in care for urgent patients, freeing SCMC's Emergency Room for true emergency patients and saving money for the hospital. Additionally, the Health Care Agency of Orange County is funding SCMC to develop a program to provide diagnostic tests, such as MRI, and lab services to eligible LBCC patients.

LBCC has developed an association with the Laguna Beach Unified School District. A grant was received two years ago for the "Wellness Academy," a creative program to teach Laguna Beach High School students about health and hygiene. In addition to attending the after-school sessions, students are able to receive community service hours for volunteering at the clinic or at the bi-annual community health fairs. The Wellness Academy has been modified for Thurston middle school students and plans are being made to continue it at both locations next school year.

Our community partnerships are a way to allow more families to become aware of our programs and services. Our goal is to keep our community healthy and to provide the "safety net" for those families who cannot afford health benefits for themselves and their children.

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

Clinic Benefits from Womenade

Laguna Beach Community Clinic was the beneficiary of a May fundraiser by Womenade. This group of Laguna Beach women and their friends meet quarterly to contribute to a charity of their choice. The evening raised nearly \$2500 for the Clinic, to be used towards the purchase of a spirometer, a machine used to treat asthmatic children. Gateway, Inc. has offered matching funds, providing the remainder of the cost of the device, approximately another \$2500.

About 35 women attended the potluck dinner and learned about the Clinic and its programs from Clinic Executive Director, Ericka Waidley.

We thank Womenade for choosing the Clinic as their beneficiary.

Community Clinic's Partnerships in Caring

AIDS Walk Orange County

The Laguna Beach Community Clinic AIDS Walk team participated in AIDS Walk OC on June 6 on the campus of UCI. Team leaders, LBCC Board Members Bryan Noble and Greg Seems, led a team of over 30 LBCC patients, employees and friends on the 8km walk. All team members donated money or sought sponsorships from generous family and friends.

AIDS Walk OC is an annual event, supported by thousands of people. A new component of the event was LBCC's Mobile Clinic, offering free anonymous HIV testing and education. These 20-minute "quick tests" were funded by a grant from Abbott Laboratories.

Friends donate \$10,000 to Clinic

On June 6, President of the *Friends of the Clinic*, Carolyn Bent, presented their first donation check for \$10,000 to Clinic Executive Director Ericka Waidley at the *Friends'* membership party. Waidley said, "We're so pleased the *Friends* group has been so successful with their membership, the newsletter, and now this generous gift to the Clinic. This much appreciated donation will go directly to support patient programs and services."

The membership party at Madison Square and Garden Café was a celebration of the group's first year, with current and prospective members enjoying hors d'oeuvres and desserts provided by Jon Madison. Local guitarist, George Lawton, entertained the partygoers in the lovely garden setting.

The *Friends of the Clinic* was established last year to assist with fundraising and increasing community awareness of the Clinic and its programs. Publication of the quarterly newsletter "Caring Connections" started this May, and the *Friends* will help produce a 35th anniversary party for the Clinic next year.

For information about supporting the Clinic by joining the *Friends*, please call 949.494.0761 ext. 106. Membership levels include: Active at \$50 per year, Supporting at \$150 per year, and Charter Lifetime membership for a one-time donation of \$1000. Membership dues are a donation to the Clinic and are tax-deductible.

"Shop 'til You Drop"

Laguna Beach Community Clinic was selected to participate in Macy's South Coast Plaza's *Passport In-Store* fundraising event on Saturday, October 2. The Clinic will sell tickets to the event for \$10 and will retain 100% of the proceeds. Tickets may be used on Oct. 2 at Macy's for discounts of up to 20% on merchandise.

Passport In-Store is a shopping experience at Macy's to raise funds for HIV/AIDS community organizations in the Orange County area. The day will include fashion events, special discounts, cooking demonstrations and makeovers. Macy's will contribute an additional \$3 to the Clinic for each Clinic ticket redeemed during *Passport In-Store*.

Ticket purchasers may also "pre-shop" beginning on Wednesday, September 22. Pick up items purchased through pre-selection beginning on Saturday, October 2.

To purchase your \$10 ticket or to volunteer to sell tickets for the Clinic, please call 949.494.0761 x 134.

Hope and help here for HIV

"Cindy" was scared. She was angry at "John," suspecting trouble when he no longer wanted to be intimate with her. Now it all made sense. She just discovered she has HIV infection, contracted from him.

They'd been together a couple of years, and John had relapsed once or twice to IV drug use. Cindy's HIV test a few months ago was negative, but now her test was positive. He was the only person she'd been with. She assumed she was going to die, and when she told her family she was HIV positive, they shunned her. She lost her job, and had to move back home. Her family served her food on plastic plates "to avoid being contaminated by her." She wasn't allowed to hold her baby niece for fear the niece would get sick. Cindy was thinking about suicide, when a friend mentioned Laguna Beach Community Clinic.

She came to the Clinic and repeated the test, "just to be sure." Kim deSt.Paer, HIV Educator, discussed the multiple risk factors with Cindy. When this test came back positive, Kim immediately made an appointment for Cindy with the HIV Early Intervention Program at the Clinic. Although she had no money, the staff reassured her she'd get excellent care and medication. After a thorough exam, many tests, and a lot more education about HIV, Cindy worked with Dr. Corey Jorgensen to devise a treatment plan. She began to take medication to control her illness, her lab-work values improved, as did her energy, and she realized HIV is not a death sentence.

There are still challenges. Her relationship with John ended when she learned he knew of his HIV infection and just hadn't told her. And she has side effects which make taking her medications a challenge.

When it was clear Cindy was doing better, Dr. Jorgensen reassured her, "Cindy, you've got a long life expectancy, now you need to think about making a living." This encouraged her to enroll in school. She took a job as a loan officer, working five days a week and is saving her money to buy a house. She sees her doctor at Laguna Beach Community Clinic every other month. Recently Cindy remarked, "Things aren't perfect, but for me the future seems bright. And fortunately, I always did like to work!"

LBCC's HIV Treatment Program

LBCC provides expert HIV treatment services to lower income men and women. Drs. Chau Ngo and Corey Jorgensen are both certified HIV specialists who team with their 150 patients to provide state-of-the-art evaluation and treatment. Medications averaging \$1500 a month are paid for by the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. The Ryan White Foundation, a Federal government fund, has consistently awarded thousands of dollars annually to LBCC.

Our in-house Anonymous HIV Testing Program often uses the new 20-minute test, and a crucial component of this program is education to lower the risk of spreading infection. No matter how sick a person is when they come for treatment, they are almost always able to regain strength and return to work. Restoring the immune system via medications, then helping our patients return to a productive life, are goals we achieve as a team, one patient at a time.

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LBCC's Kim de St. Paer, HIV Counselor, talks with a LBCC patient.

Top 10 Reasons to Support Laguna Beach Community Clinic

The Laguna Beach Community Clinic is an extension of the core values of the citizens of Laguna Beach. LBCC was established in 1970 as a free clinic. In 1985, LBCC became a non-profit community clinic utilizing sliding fee and public support funds for care reimbursement. And now to the reasons:

- Reason #10** Comments frequently heard: "They're caring, supportive, and helped me with all of my problems," "The Clinic has always been there for me."
- Reason #9** LBCC is a medical service leader in Orange County, with most of our patients living or working in Laguna Beach.
- Reason #8** LBCC is one of only 2 community clinics serving South Orange County—for a population of over one million, who cannot afford health benefits.
- Reason #7** LBCC has the only community clinic-based Dental program in Orange County serving the entire family.
- Reason #6** LBCC is the lead agency in the County's immunization program serving hundreds of families each year.
- Reason #5** LBCC provides anonymous HIV testing and now offers a new 20-minute HIV test.
- Reason #4** LBCC has a 38-foot long Mobile Medical Clinic making quality healthcare accessible to the most hard to reach populations.
- Reason #3** 98% of our clients are employed, most live below the Federal poverty level and have no other access to health care.
- Reason #2** LBCC provides lifesaving healthcare to those with limited resources and limited access to quality healthcare, regardless of ability to pay providing 18,000 medical and dental visits annually.
- Reason #1** It makes me feel good... *Be an important part of helping others!*

And how can you help? Send your tax-deductible donation to: Laguna Beach Community Clinic, 362 Third St., Laguna Beach, CA 92651, or call (949) 494-0761.

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Join the Friends of Laguna Beach Community Clinic

Call 949.494.0761 ext.106

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