



### **Volunteer of the Month: Dr. John Meuleman**

Volunteers are vital to the success of ACORN Clinic, and many have come and gone throughout the years. Dr. John Meuleman, however, has been with the clinic for over 30 years!

Dr. Meuleman began at ACORN Clinic in 1984 and made his way onto the board of directors within a year and a half. What has kept him with us is his passion for helping others and doing right by the community. He also says he recognizes the importance of providing low-cost medical care to those who need it.

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Throughout his 30 years at ACORN Clinic, Dr. Meuleman has played many roles. For 25 years he assisted as the volunteer medical director where he would serve as a resource for the nurses and nurse practitioners. He also served as a liaison between the clinic and insurance companies, recruited volunteers and performed necessary administrative work.

What Dr. Meuleman loves most about being a doctor is that it gives him an opportunity to exercise his mind and his interpersonal skills.

“People need medical care, but they also need someone who simply cares about them,” he said. He enjoys being able to get to know his patients in addition to caring for their ailments.

ACORN Clinic is enriched by Dr. Meuleman's long-time dedication to the clinic and its mission!

### **Humble Heroes: Dr. Davey and Dr. Meuleman (Newsletter)**

Volunteers are vital to ACORN's success, and we're lucky enough to have two health professionals that have been with us for many years. Their names are Dr. John Meuleman and Dr. Chandrakant Dave.

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Dr. Dave has worked in our dental clinic for twenty years now. As a boy growing up in Africa, Dave did not have access to doctors or dentists. A Catholic mission trip to Tanzania was his first exposure to a dentist. He received dental care for the first time and he says that it remained in his mind. This caring nun, working to alleviate pain, made him want to be a dentist and oral surgeon.

"I've seen too many people suffering," Dr. Dave said. "I love seeing people. They come in pain and once I've treated them, they give me a hug."

We're thrilled to have these two doctors as a part of our ACORN Clinic family. Thank you for everything you do.