



Volunteer of the Month- May 2015

Though Dr. Bruce Yancey prefers working in the background, this month he has the spotlight as ACORN Clinic's Volunteer of the Month.

Not only is Yancey a knowledgeable Rheumatologist, but he has also gone above and beyond through altruistic service to the ACORN Clinic.

After volunteering his time seeing patients in the Medical Clinic, Yancey reviewed the new Medical Clinic Policies and Procedures Manual and provided detailed comments for its completion. He then went further and created CAD (computer-aided design) plans for the fire escape routes for both the medical and dental clinics -- printing, framing and hanging them in the clinics.

When asked about what brought him to ACORN Clinic, he replied, "The ACORN Clinic offers the opportunity to help those in need of medical care who might otherwise not have access because of financial difficulties." He said he loves the wonderful staff, the purely volunteer motives and the positive energy of the clinic.

What Yancey loves most about his time at the clinic, however, is being able to work with the ACORN Clinic team.

"The staff all has the same mindset: how can we help these patients?" Yancey said. "By keeping the patients' needs in the forefront, the question as to how can we help amidst the varied difficulties which they may encounter keeps everyone focused on a common goal."

He continued to describe the staff's ability to strive together based on a mutual understanding of empathy.

“(Some of the patients at ACORN Clinic) barely have enough financial resources for lodging and food, and when an illness develops within that setting it can be extremely difficult for these families to cope,” Yancey explains.

ACORN Clinic volunteers like Yancey are there to give their talents and knowledge for the betterment of the community.

Yancey put it best when he said, “Everybody brings something different to the equation, and it is the sum of all of our efforts which allows the ACORN Clinic to really shine as a beacon for those in need.”

Yancey describes himself as a realistic and positive doctor who strives to show patients empathy and create a positive energy for staff and patients alike.

For these reasons and more, Dr. Yancey is an invaluable member of the ACORN Clinic family.

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