

January 2017 Volunteer of the Month: Rebecca Uribe



As a strong-willed, driven and passionate individual, Rebecca Uribe has deservedly been named the ACORN Clinic Volunteer of the Month for January 2017.

A volunteer since May 2016, Rebecca quickly found her niche at ACORN, after the internship director at Santa Fe College pointed her in the direction of this non-profit. Her motto, “Never stop learning. Never stop trying,” has shaped the time she’s spent at the clinic.

Whether Rebecca is tabling at an event or assisting the executive director, Candice King, with an administrative task, her desire to always keep learning is evident.

“Working at the clinic has really opened up my eyes to the people who don’t have access to healthcare,” she said.

Before she started volunteering at ACORN, Rebecca was unaware of the disparities faced by marginalized groups in North Central Florida.

Volunteering at the clinic has not only provided Rebecca with a community of people whose hearts for helping others matched her own, but also has unveiled her newfound passion for health care administration.

Rebecca explained how she views healthcare administration as “the backbone” of the clinic, and she thoroughly enjoys helping to be that backbone.

A few of her proudest accomplishments at ACORN include planning the Haunted Trail Fundraiser and researching the Patient-Centered Community Care Program, which helps to expedite the time it takes for veterans to have access to proper health care.

Rebecca has seen firsthand the passion and compassion that the staff provides; to her, this is the most impactful thing ACORN has given her as a volunteer. She aspires for the clinic to continue to grow and to broaden their healthcare services with the help of donations.

Aside from volunteering at the clinic, Rebecca is a devoted vegan, a strong worldwide animal rights activist, and a loving mom to her 15-year-old daughter, Mya. A fun fact about Rebecca is that she was stationed in Hawaii in her 20s while serving the Navy in VP-1 and VP-4 squadrons, which specifically dealt with anti-submarine warfare. As a recent graduate from Santa Fe College with her bachelor's degree in health services administration coupled with a minor in radiography, Rebecca hopes to pursue a master's degree in business administration at the University of Florida in the near future.

The ACORN Clinic is thankful to have volunteers, but especially thankful for volunteers as dedicated and ambitious as Rebecca Uribe.

ACORN Clinic is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit serving 20 North Central Florida counties with full-service medical and dental clinics. ACORN Clinic provides high quality, affordable medical care, dental care, and social services by staff and volunteers. In partnership with educational institutions, ACORN Clinic also functions as an exemplary service-learning site for health professionals.

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