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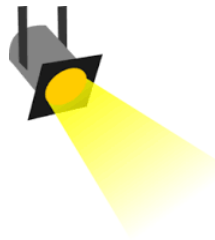
The **Grand Haven Meijer** continues to bless our food pantries by selecting us for their Simply Give Campaigns. The November to December campaign this past winter resulted in the largest total of Simply Give cards for our pantries to date! A huge thank you to Meijer and all of our generous supporters! Because of you, we are able to continue providing food to individuals and families throughout the Tri-Cities.



## We need your help!

Below are some practical ways that you can invest in our clinic and contribute to its success

- Spread the word!** The best way that people hear about the clinic is by word of mouth. Do not underestimate the hidden needs of friends and loved ones. We stand ready to help those that are uninsured or under-insured with urgent needs and to give hope and care. Will you commit to ask a friend or someone you work with if they know that Love in Action has a free health clinic that is open *daily*?
- Our Free Dental Clinic needs professional volunteers. The current waiting list exceeds **100 people**. Not a dental professional? Please tell a friend and encourage your dentist to check us out! It is a great way to give back and have a big influence on the community. Dental volunteers with registered licenses also receive continuing education through patient care provided at the clinic.



## Ministry Spotlight

### Love in Action Free Health & Dental Clinic

Our Health & Dental Clinic has experienced tremendous growth and God has been doing some amazing things. The health clinic's expanded hours have doubled the amount of patients per month in its first quarter and it is projected that this number will increase as referral partnerships with area agencies are strengthened and more people hear about our services.

Patient stories, like the one in this newsletter (see back), help to confirm the importance of this clinic in our community. The Lord has brought success to the clinic through caring community members who so generously support us with their time, finances, and skillsets.



**Meet Dr. Tom VanWingen.** He has been a faithful volunteer for the past two years at our Operations warehouse where he helps with deliveries and pickups of household goods & donations.

*"Truth is, driving the truck and making pickups and deliveries allows me to meet people from the full socioeconomic range of the Tri-Cities. People from all backgrounds are making donations and welcoming me into their homes. We live in a community of wonderful, generous people. I consider both of my jobs to be a privilege."*

Dr. VanWingen is a retired OBGYN and has recently joined the Love in Action Health Clinic to serve in an urgent care role as our afternoon health clinic provider. He still continues to volunteer at Operations and we are so blessed to have him as a part of the team!



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## ***“I have never felt so cared for by an organization...”***

Jan was brought into our health clinic by a concerned friend because she had neglected to take her diabetic medication for the past three months. Jan had been on workman’s compensation for a year and recently lost insurance. The visit she needed to obtain more medication would require bloodwork costing more than \$400; funds that she did not have.

When Jan entered our clinic, she was able to be seen by the physician that same afternoon. She received necessary medication and meter with test strips for her participation in the clinic’s diabetic education class. Our staff also assisted her with Medicaid enrollment, for which she was approved. In tears Jan shared, “I have never felt so cared for by an organization.”

Through generous support from the community, volunteers, the Community Foundation, and North Ottawa Community Health System, people like Jan are caught in the safety net that the clinic was designed to provide. Thank you for your support of the Love in Action Free Health and Dental Clinics.

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*The Love in Action **Free Health Clinic** provides medical care for minor injuries or illnesses for adults 18 or older who do not have health insurance or cannot afford care. The clinic is staffed by qualified physicians, nurses, and a physical therapist who volunteer their time to care for those struggling in the community.*

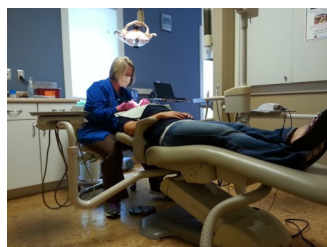
*The **Free Dental Clinic** provides basic dental services for adults 18 years or older who are either uninsured or under insured and meet financial eligibility on intake. Care is provided by a registered dental hygienist as well as licensed dental providers who volunteer their time. Medicaid/Healthy MI insurance is now being accepted.*

### **Health Clinic Hours:**

Monday-Friday 12pm-4pm  
Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm  
Thursday Evenings 5pm-8pm

### **Dental Clinic Hours:**

By appointment only



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