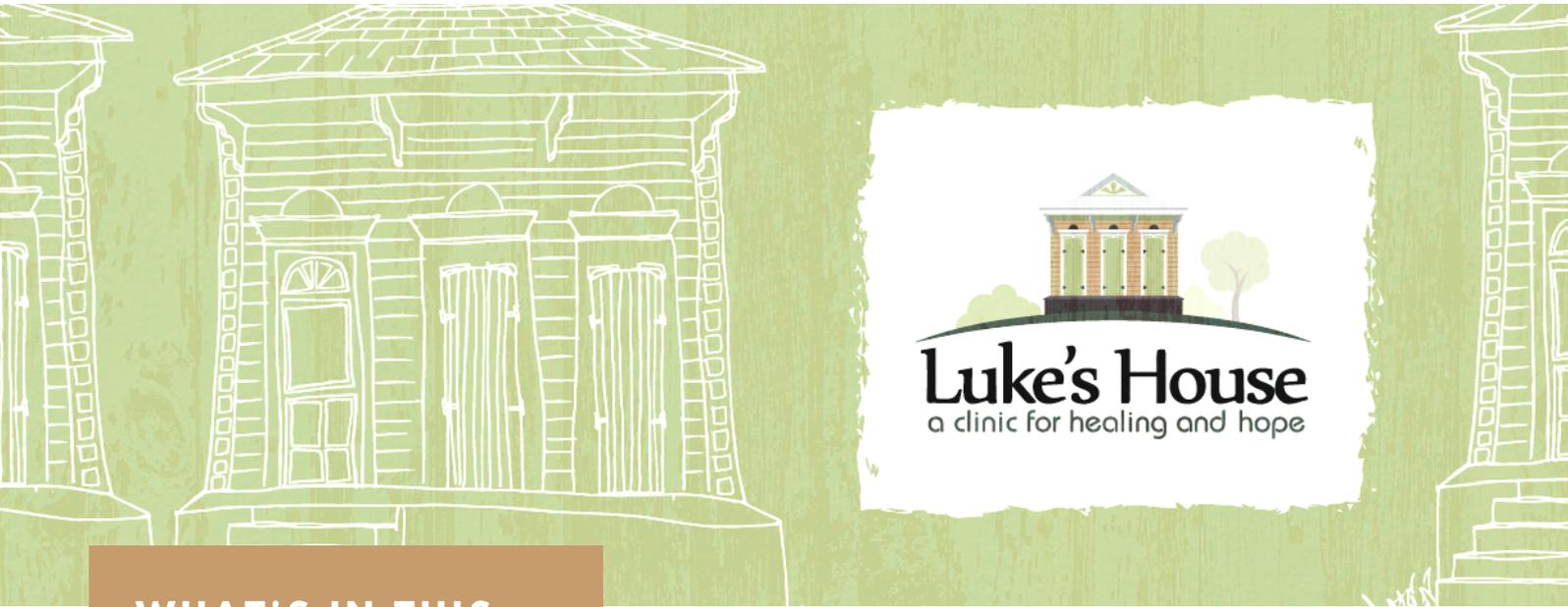


SUMMER NEWSLETTER

A publication for the friends of Luke's House Clinic

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OPERATING IN SOLIDARITY

Luke's House offers 100% free medical care to everyone who walks through our door.

We believe health care is a human right and that no one should worry about access to medical care.

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A FOND FAREWELL

Dear friend of Luke's House,

Friday, July 2nd will be my final day at Luke's House. I will be moving to Texas in July to start a new position at the University of Texas A&M Center for Community Health Development and to pursue a Doctorate of Public Health. Luke's House has been an unforgettable experience, and I wanted to take a moment to reflect on my tenure at Luke's House and to say thank you.



I began my time at Luke's House on August 24th, 2015. I was a 25-year-old who recently graduated from a Master's program with no work experience (except for looking for bugs in farm fields in rural Wisconsin, but that's a different story). I had just gotten married and was a month away from moving into my in-laws' basement in Wisconsin, as my bank account was as empty as the Atlanta Falcons' Superbowl trophy display.

I may not have had much money or experience, but I had grit, passion, and a stubbornness that would often get me in trouble with the Board (hi, Sue!) and a divorce a couple years later (oops!).

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People who were around back then always say that Luke's House was a work-in-progress. We didn't have stable funding, stable staffing, or even a stable fence in our backyard. I was tasked with taking this work-in-progress and making it into the place of medical and spiritual health, hope, and healing for the people of Greater New Orleans our mission affirms.

So, I got to work. I wrote grants, opened multiple new clinics, hired new staff, onboarded new providers, and moved us from our renovated shotgun house into a professional clinical space just down the street from our office.

It took almost six years for me to accomplish this work and to help Luke's House to grow into the organization it is today. One that sees almost 800 clinical visits per year, navigates about 1,800 people to affordable medical care at hospitals and clinics in the city, and one that is well-respected by our neighbors. We now provide a plethora of health education resources in English and Spanish and are invited to the table by a variety of leaders in the community as a valuable stakeholder.

But as I sit here and write about the accomplishments of Luke's House over the last six years, I can't help but think about the work-in-progress that greeted me when I arrived. Yes, there was plenty of work to be done on the shotgun house to get it into shape, but as the saying goes, the bones were still good.

And in the case of Luke's House, those bones weren't wooden beams, but the real human beings who made Luke's House what it was, what it is, and what it will be. Luke's House was never a work-in-progress; it has always been a mission-in-progress, and one that will well outlast my final days here.

For the last six years, I have had the distinct pleasure to learn from some of the smartest, kindest, and most generous providers and volunteers who exist anywhere in the city. I have laughed and cried with many of the over 9,000 neighbors we've called patients, and I have learned as much from our 500+ medical students and public health interns as I have ever taught them.

As I wrap up my time here, the memories that wash over me are not the late night grant writing sessions or the weekends scrambling to coordinate volunteers to make countless repairs to our building but the innumerable conversations I've had with the works-in-progress of Luke's House: you.

I cannot thank you enough for the generosity and support you have provided me and Luke's House during my tenure here. As a provider, volunteer, student, supporter, foundation program officer, patient, Board member, or community member, you are the reason why Luke's House exists.

This work-in-progress is still in-progress. And it will remain in-progress for as long as there are gifted and caring people like you who make it happen. Thank you for blessing me with wisdom, humor, and community for the last six years. Thank you for your encouragement as I learned the ropes, and thank you for your faith when I dreamed big.

I'll carry this experience and this community with me wherever I go. Don't ever forget the impact you have on our community, as you did on me, and don't ever forget that you are the reason that Luke's House is what it is today.

With sincere gratitude,

Adam Bradley

What's New



NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

Meet the newest addition to our team, Natalie Arias! She is our new full-time Community Health Worker at Luke's House, and her position is made possible through Methodist Health System Foundation.

She is passionate about working alongside our patients and making them feel comfortable and confident in seeking the care that they need. She is excited to work here and to help make our clinic a welcoming place for anyone who walks through our doors.

NAFC GOLD STANDARD CARE

Luke's House once again earned a 2021 Gold Rating from the National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics (NAFC) Quality Standards Program. We earned this rating by attesting that we have certain policies and procedures in place to provide quality care for our patients.

We are excited to have received this top rating highlighting our commitment to providing quality care for our patients.



From our Garden

MUEVE TE CUERPO: FITNESS CLASSES

Our fitness classes are up and running again! The workouts are all led by Spanish instructors and range from yoga with Linda Seabright to fun dancing routines with Crystal Roa.

We provide healthy snacks, and our volunteer Wendy Rhiner has fun activities planned for kids to teach them about pollinators and the role that different plants serve in our environment.

In the future, we plan to partner with other organizations to do outreach so that our guests stay informed on what is going on in the community. Be on the lookout on our Facebook and Instagram pages for the next event, tell your friends, and Mueve te Cuerpo with us to fun Latino rhythms!

POLLINATOR GARDEN AND HARVESTS

Exciting news for our birds and bees- our garden has now become a Louisiana Certified Habitat! The Louisiana Native Plants Society awarded us with a BRONZE level emblem to commemorate this event.

Bird and pollinator habitat gardens are essential in conserving Louisiana's natural heritage: native plants, animals, lands, and waters. Thank you to Wendy and Mike Rhiner for assembling this beautiful haven.

Additionally, we have been preparing bags packed with homegrown and freshly picked vegetables from our garden, and we are excited to share them with our patients!



Updates



THANK YOU

GiveNOLA Day was a huge success! We raised \$14,320 from over 100 individuals that believe in the mission of Luke's House. Thank you to all who came out to our event at **Urban South Brewery** and to all of our generous donors- your kindness and unwavering support is how we are able to work towards closing health coverage gaps in the Greater New Orleans area. We also want to extend a big thank you to **Peoples Health** for supporting us and sponsoring a \$2,500 match!

We've got a lot of work ahead of us, and your contribution has made it that much easier to get things done and thrust us forward.

WE ARE HIRING

We are on the search for our next AmeriCorps Member to fill in the position of Program Developer and Social Media Coordinator.

As a **Program Developer**, the member will assist our patients navigate the healthcare system and create health education materials to share. As the **Social Media Coordinator**, the member will assist with our social media presence, quarterly newsletter publications, and fundraising emails.

You can find the application and job description on Serve Louisiana's website: <https://www.servelouisiana.org/commit-to-serve/available-opportunities/2021-22-new-orleans-positions>.

Community Support

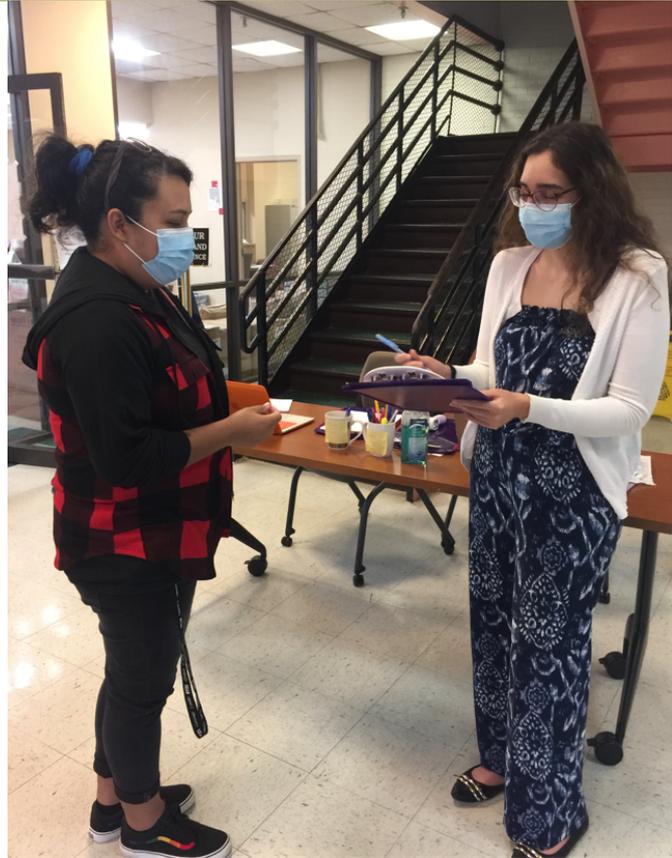
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Grants

Institute of Mental Hygiene \$10,000
Methodist Health System Foundation
\$60,000 (\$180,000 over three years)
Capital One COVID Response \$7,500



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HEALTH PROGRAM

Luke's House is now a partner with the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program to provide no-cost mammograms and pap tests! For more information, call us at 504-444-7879 or visit www.LBCHP.org.

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