



e-newsletter October 2016

(603) 626-9500
www.mchc-nh.org



Manchester Community Health Center, Child Health Services at MCHC, and the West Side Neighborhood Health Center

Greetings!

There are many reasons for hope at Manchester Community Health Center, Child Health Services at MCHC, and the West Side Neighborhood Health Center.

We hope you will take a few moments to find out about recent developments such as a Culture of Health Prize and many other good things that are happening here.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MANCHESTER, NH FOR RECEIVING THE RWJF CULTURE OF HEALTH PRIZE



On September 14, Manchester's Public Health Director Tim Soucy announced

that the City of Manchester is one of seven winners of the [2016 RWJF Culture of Health Prize](#) awarded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest philanthropy devoted solely to health. The prize honors communities for their efforts to ensure all residents have the opportunity to live longer, healthier, and more productive lives.

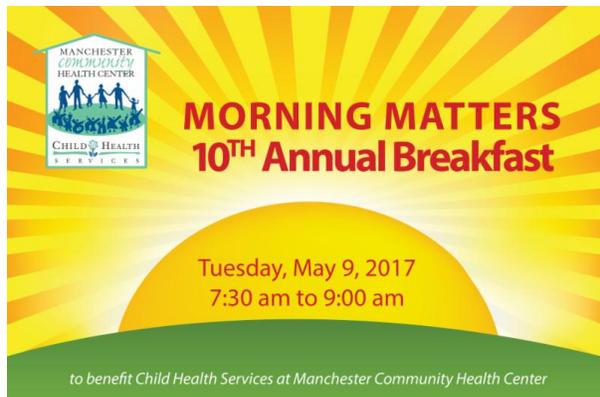
The RWJF highlights MCHC as one of Manchester's community partners:

"It's taking a village to get there. Kris McCracken, president and CEO of the Manchester Community Health Center, says in her 20 years in the city, she's never seen such a spirit of collaboration on issues of health. She likens whatever organization and others in Manchester are doing to a tree growing from a boulder. 'We're the tree; the city's the boulder,' she says. 'Things grow as they need to survive, and we should be adapting and responding to the needs of the city.' "

SAVE THE DATE - MAY 9, 2017

TENTH ANNUAL MORNING MATTERS BREAKFAST

Every year, Morning Matters brings community members together who care about the health of the children of greater Manchester. The event is an opportunity for participants to reconnect with the vision of Child Health Services at MCHC and to support the important work going on here.



This year's keynote speaker is **Rona Zlokower**, Executive Director of [Media Power Youth](#). She will share her experience advocating for and teaching media literacy and education, dating back to work she did with Selma Deitch, MD, founder of Child Health Services.



MEET MYRON KURTIK, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Myron Kurtiak is the new Director of Human Resources at MCHC and he comes to us after being the HR Director for the last nine years at an organization serving the disabled population in

southern Maine.

Ashe sees it, the role of the HR Department is to attract, train, and retain a quality staff at MCHC. "We're 200 strong now," says Kurtiak. "The key is ensuring that employees are in an environment where they are valued and respected, and that they feel safe and secure."

Kurtiak can think of a lot of reasons someone would want to work at MCHC – we have an important mission, we are a mid-size employer and growing, we offer living-wage jobs with opportunities for advancement, and we serve a diverse community. "If our workforce (interpreters, medical assistants, call center and front desk staff) don't match the diversity of the patients we serve," says Kurtiak, "we're going to have a difficult time meeting the needs of the community."



The most pressing challenge facing the HR Department is recruiting; MCHC like other employers in New Hampshire needs to work hard to find high quality staff, given the current labor shortage. Kurtiak has made recruitment and hiring the highest priority for his department.

Kurtiak is happy to join MCHC and is excited to be working with such a talented group of dedicated employees.

For information on career opportunities at MCHC, go to www.mchc-nh.org/careers.

THE INSIDE STORY

Patient Health Benefits Access Manager Cecilia Skerry, Nepali Language Interpreter Chuda Niroula, and Advancement Communications Manager Rick Swanson joined Sandra Hicks, host of "Inside Story" on [Manchester Public TV](#) to talk about who we are and what we do at Manchester Community Health Center. To view the program [click here](#).



CHILD HEALTH SERVICES HAS MOVED ITS FACEBOOK AND TWITTER PAGES TO MCHC



Manchester Community Health Center and Child Health Services at MCHC can now be visited at the same Facebook and Twitter locations. It has been almost two years since the two organizations were joined on November 1, 2014, and until now MCHC and CHS maintained dual presences on social media. Moving forward, followers of Child Health Services at MCHC can continue to get updates on the social media pages of Manchester Community Health Center:

- On Facebook [@mchcnh](#)
- On Twitter [@ManchCommHealth](#)



REASONS FOR HOPE

Over 100 foundations have signed on to a national campaign called **Reasons For Hope** that is encouraging people to share their stories of optimism.

The [Endowment for Health](#), a private foundation that funds health-related projects across New Hampshire and works to help shape equitable health policies, has signed on to [#ReasonsForHope](#). MCHC is one of the many organizations supported by the Endowment for Health, and we look forward to following their lead by sharing our own reasons for hope to help find a path toward the ideals of dignity, equality, and justice.

To see a short video about the campaign [click here](#).

OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO SUPPORTERS OF MANCHESTER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Thank you to the Flatirons Fund of the [New Hampshire Charitable Foundation](#) for supporting Reach Out and Read to add a book to a child's medical visit.

Thank you to Joanne Smith of [Headshots Photography](#) for contributing her time and photography expertise to photograph staff and patients at [Special Medical Programs](#).

FUNDRAISER AT T-BONES AND CACTUS JACK'S TO BENEFIT

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

From October 17 to November 13, [T-Bones](#) and [Cactus Jack's](#) restaurants will do their annual "Thanks for Giving" fundraiser. Servers provide their guests with the opportunity to donate \$5 and receive \$10 off on their next visit.

This year MCHC will be one of four local organizations to be recipients of the funds raised.



The poster features a red top section with the text "Thanks FOR GIVING!" in white script and "OCT 17 - NOV 13" on a yellow banner. Below is a green section with "GIVE \$5, GET \$10" in large black letters. A red rounded rectangle contains the text "How it works" and details of the fundraiser. At the bottom, logos for T-Bones, Cactus Jack's, and FEEDNH.org are displayed, along with logos for local organizations supported by the donations.

Donate Today

THE FINE PRINT

This project is supported in part by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This information or content and conclusions are those of the author and should not be construed as the official position or policy of, nor should any endorsements be inferred by HRSA, HHS or the U.S. Government.

Manchester Community Health Center is an FTCA Deemed facility.

[Website](#) [Donate Now](#) [Patients](#) [Providers](#) [Services](#) [Events](#)

603 626 9500 <http://www.mchc-nh.org>



Manchester Community Health Center/Child Health Services at MCHC | 145 Hollis Street,
Manchester, NH 03101

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by rswanson@mchc-nh.org in collaboration with

Constant Contact

Try it free today