



Hello Crafters!

I'm excited to tell you about something that I have been working on for the past 16 months. Those of you that know me know that I'm always up for a new project and a new challenge and I have definitely found that in the Good Samaritan Clinic!

Since August 2011, the Good Samaritan Clinic has been operating free medical clinics, once a month, with volunteer Doctors, Nurses and Mental Health Specialists. The clinic operates solely on donations from patients and business, church and individual partners in our community. We have seen people from all walks of life with all kinds of medical issues. And the need has been much greater than we first anticipated. Our goal is to be open twice a month beginning in January 2013 with the eventual goal to be open 1 or more days per week.

As a business owner, I know how hard it is to find affordable insurance and healthcare reform has always been something that has interested me. It was overwhelming when I started looking at the numbers of uninsured and underinsured people in our Valley. Healthcare has become so unaffordable to so many! While Capitol Hill dukes it out, I love that the Good Samaritan Clinic just took charge and decided to help answer some of the healthcare questions... maybe not for the whole country, but at least for the community we live in.

I began volunteering at the very first clinic we held which was in large tents at the Catholic Outreach soup kitchen. Since that time we've held clinics in a variety of locations and in June 2012, we opened up our own space, a beautiful office on Patterson Road. My involvement with the clinic has grown over time and this August I stepped into the role as Director of the clinic. This has been a challenging job for me, especially because I am dedicated to my role at Tangle, but it has also been very rewarding!

I've had questions from many of you about how to get involved in the clinic. We can always use volunteers, especially with a medical background and we are always looking for people in our community to partner with us financially. Information about volunteering and financial partnership can be found on the Good Samaritan Clinic's website www.goodsamaritangj.com and you can always ask me questions.

Thank you so much and take care,

Allison