

# JACKSON FREE CLINIC

*Monthly Newsletter*

*November 2021*



## CARE

During October, we had 161 medical visits and 36 dental visits, and we administered 105 COVID vaccines. We had 198 student volunteers representing medicine, pharmacy, nursing, dental, OT/PT, and undergraduate institutions with over 1,090 individual volunteer hours.

## EDUCATION

This month our Academic Board raised awareness for breast cancer through seminar presentations, hands-on breast examinations, and volunteer education.

## OUTREACH

This month our Community Health Outreach team hosted a mobile clinic and took their outreach efforts to a local bus stop to provide preventative health screenings and mental health screenings to 10 patients.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### *Lauren Carney-School of Medicine Volunteer*

Lauren Carney is a second year medical student who serves the JFC as a Patient Navigator. She goes above and beyond at the clinic within her role as well as outside of her role. At our Pumpkin Patch Palooza, she provided diabetic friendly treats to make sure all kids could enjoy their Pumpkin Palooza experience! We are thankful to have volunteers like Lauren!

"I love JFC because you get to work with and learn from students of several different disciplines. Working with other students at JFC has allowed me to learn various skills that I may or may not have learned otherwise. I also love talking to the patients and learning from them while also teaching them about how to better care for themselves." -Lauren





## PUMPKIN PATCH PALOOZA

This month we hosted our first community connection event, the Pumpkin Patch Palooza. The JFC partnered with the UMMC Police Department to create an accessible pumpkin patch and fall festival for the children of our patients and our neighbors in Jackson. We were also able to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to those who needed them! Vaccines were given by our special guest, Darth Vader!

## PROJECT FINISH LINE PARTNERSHIP

The Jackson Free Clinic recently partnered with Sostento's Project Finish Line to bolster our COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign. The goal of Project Finish Line is to connect over 100 free and charitable clinic with a unified mission of administering 1 million COVID-19 vaccines to underserved and under-represented individuals across the country. Sostento is supporting the JFC through various channels including providing a wealth of vaccine education and infographics for patients and providers, pledging to raise \$10,000 in support of the JFC, and offering a free phone service for patients to call which will assist them in scheduling a vaccine or COVID testing appointment in their area. More recently, JFC has joined Project Finish Line's Uber Health network allowing us to provide free rides for patients to and from their appointments at the JFC if they are willing to accept education and information about the COVID vaccine. Sostento will also be featuring JFC as part of the Giving Tuesday fundraising initiative. Our strong partnership with Sostento was further solidified when their CEO Joe Agoda came to visit the clinic in October and saw the amazing work our team is conducting each week!

“I was just really taken by the amazing enthusiasm of the students here. They own the building, they run the board, and they run the non-profit themselves. There is a high need here for them in Jackson, Mississippi, and people from all over come to get support here.

-Joe Agoda  
CEO at Sostento



## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Our Academic Board hosted awareness events and educational seminars for breast cancer awareness month. During our JFC Board of Directors meeting, our board members learned how to perform clinical breast exams.

“A clinical breast exam is a key step in the diagnosis and surveillance of a number of benign and malignant breast diseases. In honor of breast cancer awareness month, we wanted to refresh our board members on the techniques and importance of breast examination.”  
-Hali Peterson, Chief Academic Officer





## DERMATOLOGY DAY AT JFC

This month UMMC Dermatology came to the clinic to provide care for our patients. They saw eight patients and they lanced a cyst, treated contact dermatitis, inspected a mole, cared for a rash, and performed a cryoexcision. We are so thankful for our specialty services who volunteer their time to our patients and our clinic!

## JFC IN THE COMMUNITY

### COVID VACCINES & SOCIAL HEALTH WITH CAPITAL CITY PRIDE

Our COVID-19 response team partnered with Capital City Pride to administer COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters to participants!



### COVID VACCINES WITH THE FERTILE GROUND PROJECT

Our COVID-19 response team partnered with the Fertile Ground Project at Magnolia Marketplace to administer COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters!



### TRUNK OR TREAT WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MINORITY HEALTH

We participated in a trunk-or-treat hosted by the IAMH where we were able to meet more of our neighbors in Jackson!



## SHARING OUR MISSION WITH SENATOR WICKER

JoJo Dodd, Chief of Operations and Chairman of the JFC Board of Directors, met with Senator Wicker to talk about the work that the JFC is doing in Mississippi and how people can partner with us to better serve our patients and students. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to the JFC!

