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Joy in Our Town

In February we taped several episodes of KDOR-TV 17's signature program *Joy In Our Town* with host Pastor Marcus Howard. We had some fantastic people in our Broken Arrow, Oklahoma studio sharing about several awesome biblical-based organizations that are very active in the Tulsa area, offering a wide variety of practical and spiritual services in response to needs and issues in our local community. *Joy In Our Town* recent guests and topics include:



Tim Newton, Program Director and Aaron "AJ" Johnson, Executive Director

Tulsa Dream Center

www.TULSADREAMCENTER.org

EDUCATION: Literacy issues impact on grades, self-esteem, economy, hope, and future achievements. L.I.F.E. program — Literacy Is For Everyone — and after school programs that include volunteers as reading mentors, homework buddies and teachers help young children to value reading, enjoy learning, and discover dreams of their own for their future. Sports programs, both recreational and league play, offer children and youth further opportunities to learn and grow through learning teamwork, responsibility, and staying fit and active.

FAMILY: The Tulsa Dream Center meets so many family needs in the community in practical ways through a wide variety of programs offering bi-monthly grocery giveaway, hot meals, clothing, income tax return preparation assistance, adult learning programs (GED, job-search, resume preparation, interviewing), medical and dental healthcare, as well as biblically inspired chapel teachings for all who have a need and qualify. The qualifications are minimal, such as the medical clinic serves residents in certain zip codes and food programs are paired with chapel attendance.



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**Captain Ken Chapman, Commander
The Salvation Army — Metro Tulsa Area
www.SALARMYTULSA.org**



Captain Chapman explained the red “S” patches on his uniform lapels do NOT stand for “S”alvation Army, but rather represent the Salvationist belief that we are “S”aved to “S”erve others.

FAMILY: The Salvation Army is rich in history of serving others with an overflow of the love of God who cares so much for all that He provides a way of salvation. The organization is a church, and its members call themselves Salvationists. The organization is also an army of public servants, who understand that there are many evils and temptations that people face daily in life and the ultimate solution is the Gospel message. But as the founder was known to say, there is an order...Soup, Soap and Salvation. By meeting practical needs through soup (food pantry, hot meals, water/cookie distribution on the streets or at events) then people give the Salvationist a chance to offer more practical help such as “soap” or hospitality of a place to stay and clean up for those who need it. From there, a variety of programs offered through the Center of Hope and homeless shelter help participants learn to live and to find the path of their own salvation - practically and spiritually.

YOUTH: In the Tulsa area alone are over 100 acres of property and six Boys and Girls Clubs through which thousands of children and youth are being offered hope for a different life. Programs range from educational to recreational, and offer youth many opportunities to develop in character and to hear the Gospel of Christ. As result entire families are also changed. Mentors and Coaches volunteer and give invaluable time into changing lives by believing in our local youth.



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Michael Nolte, Executive Director
Kimberly Spence, Clinical Administrator
Pastor Marcus Howard, *Joy In Our Town* Host
The Robertson Center
www.THEROBERTSONCENTER.org

HEALTH: Oklahoma has the 3rd highest uninsured rate in the nation at approximately 14% of the state being uninsured. The health of a person is not just a personal issue, but it is in-fact a community issue. In the case of rising healthcare costs and rising medical insurance costs, an entire community is impacted by the uninsured rate. Lack of insurance coverage is often due to a lack of funds, so when an uninsured person becomes ill, they may delay seeking treatment for the same reason: they simply cannot afford it. However, leaving a health issue untreated causes so many ripple effects across the lines of community as a person misses work or continues to work and risks spreading contagious sicknesses to others. Healthcare becomes an economic issue, a humanitarian issue, a family issue, a homeless issue, a public safety issue...the list goes on. The Robertson Center offers free clinics and by appointment healthcare to serve the many who are uninsured. The uninsured simply must be cared for medically, for the good of all.

FAMILY: Uninsured families struggle with difficult choices. One is choosing to feed the children or to pay to maintain medical insurance. Lack of insurance cannot ward off illness. Some families face healthcare crisis because of lack of knowledge more than lack of health insurance. The Robertson Center exists to serve the needs of the uninsured in a holistic fashion, offering education and learning experiences to help families improve nutrition, develop healthy practices and to obtain healthcare through the clinic. Prayer, Practical and Medicine. The Robertson Center serves the whole person: caring for bodies, souls and spirit of each family member.



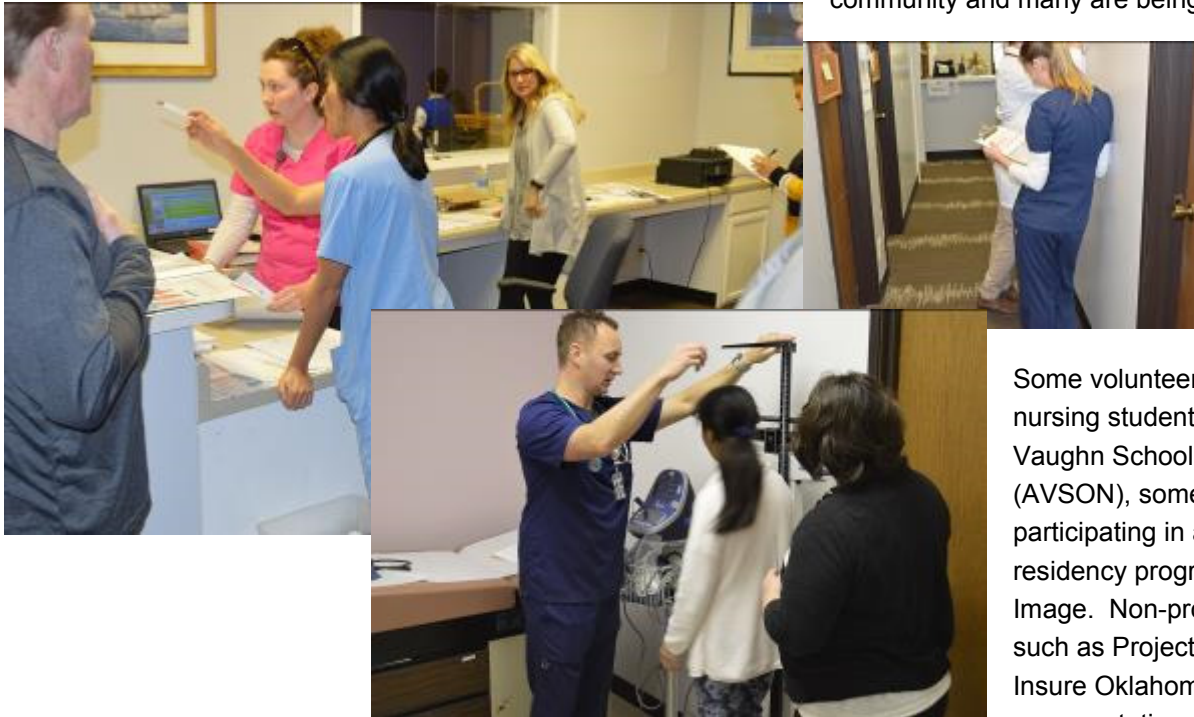


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Community Outreach: Joy in Giving

In February, KDOR-TV 17 staff were involved to volunteer at a local Well Women’s Clinic on a Saturday. The practical outreach was a joint venture between a local “land” health care clinic, The Robertson Center, and the Good Samaritan Health Services, which is a well-established “mobile” health care ministry.

As result of this community outreach, both organizations will soon be featured as guests on upcoming *Joy In Our Town* programs. We found there is so much ministry each one does to bring practical assistance to those in need around our community and many are being helped!



Some volunteers were ORU nursing students from the Anna Vaughn School of Nursing (AVSON), some were doctors participating in a local Christian residency program called In His Image. Non-profit organizations such as Project Woman and Insure Oklahoma sent on-site representatives to serve clinic

participants. In all, over a dozen local organizations came together to provide an awesome experience for uninsured women that day. It was truly amazing for TBN/KDOR-TV-17 to be a part of this collaborative effort!

KDOR employee Barbara Bella recently became an official Good Samaritan volunteer and was scheduled to serve as the “check-out” station, which is the final step in approximately 9 different processes the women progressed through at the clinic. Nearly 30 women had made appointments to attend the clinic, and each who attended seemed to bring at least one family member or friend. The “prayer room” (step #4) was flooded with women desiring prayer, so Barbara was tapped to pray with the overflow. In praying with at least half-a-dozen women and families, it became evident that many were there because they desired to be pregnant and wanted to experience a healthy pregnancy resulting in a healthy baby. We hope and pray their needs be met and their dreams become reality!



TBN was represented in the surprise “goodie bags” that The Robertson Center had put together. TBN love gift items (books, devotionals, CDs, DVDs) and recent TBN newsletters, were added to fun and practical items like nail polish, bamboo reed air fresheners, Joy In The Cause toy Mavis Pearl dogs, Arbonne skincare items, candles, toiletries, a Bible,

and print materials detailing participant resources and helpful community resources .



Pictured here are the trendy but sturdy and practical Thirty-One brand diaper bags all the goodies were placed in for each woman signed up for the clinic!

Pam Wilson, Good Samaritan Site Coordinator/Volunteer Trainer reads the story of the Good Samaritan to the Well Women’s Clinic volunteers before the group prays over the gift bags for women they will serve that day!!