

# Lahai Times

The Quarterly Newsletter of Lahai Health

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## Federal Grant Brings Haller Lake Remodel Closer to Reality

On June 1, 2021, Lahai Executive Director Dave Eller formally submitted an unusual request. Lahai was requesting funding through the office of Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) to fulfill a long-standing dream: a remodel of our oldest clinic, the original site where Lahai was founded, inside North Seattle Church on the shores of Haller Lake in Seattle's north end. Dave wondered whether our request stood a chance, given how long things take in our nation's capital these days!

But last month, on March 15th, we were formally notified that, out of \$12.9 million included for our region in this Omnibus Bill, \$350,000 had been granted to Lahai. While this won't cover the entire amount, it covers most of the cost — a huge praise!

Our team has started working with architects, and we're collaborating closely with our partners at North Seattle Church. The remodel is long overdue — about 19 years, say Lahai medical staff! "These urgently-needed improvements to our Haller Lake Clinic will help improve patient care," says Medical Clinic Director Candy McDonald, "and that's what it's all about."

We'll keep you posted as the plans come to fruition, and we'll plan to hold an Open House when the work is done. Stay tuned!

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**Candy McDonald,**  
**Medical Clinic Director**



**Save the Date**

**Saturday  
October 8, 2022  
Time: 5:30**

Registration opens August 1, 2022 at [www.lahai.org](http://www.lahai.org)



**For the first time since 2019, Lahai Health presents our Fall Gala — now called Share the Care. Please mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 8th, and plan to join us at the Community Life Center for an evening of inspiration, celebration and support!**

Still, there's no substitute for the energy and joy that happens when the family gets together. Please mark your calendars, and be praying for the Share the Care Gala. **PLAN TO JOIN US AND SHARE THE CARE ON OCTOBER 8TH!**

## Lahai's Fall Gala Returns for 2022!

No one could have guessed as we gathered in 2019 that it would be our last Gala for quite a while! The COVID pandemic made it impossible to gather in large groups — so, like other non-profit organizations, we improvised.

Thanks to friends like you, we held successful virtual online fundraising campaigns, Share the Care 2020 and 2021, which together raised more than a quarter million dollars for Lahai. We praise the Lord for the generosity of his people!



### ATTENTION: LAHAI NEEDS VOLUNTEERS IN ALL LOCATIONS!

Are you seeking ways to help people in need? Lahai relies on more than 350 volunteers, and we'd love to work with you! Besides doctors and nurses, we can always use volunteer specialists: physical therapists, nutritionists, and chiropractors, and more. We also need Spanish interpreters. Locations in North Seattle, Lynnwood, Snohomish, and remotely via telehealth.

**For information, please email [brandisr@lahai.org](mailto:brandisr@lahai.org) or call (206) 899-4754. Thank you!**



## From the Executive Director:

Almost two decades ago, a group of committed and concerned volunteers decided that the time was ripe for a new kind of medical clinic, offering primary care to those from low income households and without health insurance. Lahai Health was born when the people of North Seattle Church opened their hearts to provide our clinic a permanent home.

From those early days, we at Lahai have been extraordinarily blessed, serving tens of thousands of patients in need, and enjoying the support of many hundreds of donors and volunteers. But just like an older house, our Haller Lake Clinic is showing its age. For some time we at Lahai have wondered how the Lord was going to make it possible for us to improve our facility for the next generation of patients. Now we know! God has made funds available to accomplish what we need: additional patient examination space, better work centers for our nurses, an improved lobby, and a more functional office area.

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**David Eller, Executive Director**

Our Medical Clinic Director, Candy McDonald, and I have been meeting with an excellent architect and also with a clinic designer, both of whom are offering their services at little or no charge. We hope to have plans finalized soon so the work can begin. Please be praying that we'll find a temporary home for the Haller Lake Clinic during construction.

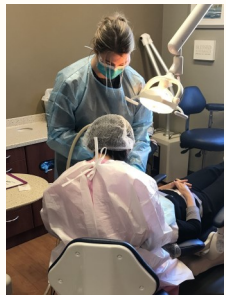
Also in this issue of *Lahai Times*, you'll read about our state-of-the-art dental clinic in Lynnwood. Our Lahai offices are also there, and it's a real joy to see the energy and enthusiasm of staff and volunteers when the dental calendar is full. During the school year, Wednesdays are especially busy: we host UW dental students under the direction of Dr. Susanne Kolare Jeffrey for a free all-day geriatric clinic. I pray that, while at Lahai, these young students will discover the true joy of serving patients in need.

### Clinic Spotlight: Lahai Dental

In September 2016, something momentous took place when the Lahai Dental Clinic in Lynnwood welcomed its first patient. Today, many thousands of smiles later, our top-quality clinic with 5 operatories (chairs) on Scriber Lake Road remains one of the finest facilities of its kind in the Pacific Northwest.

Local health officials have said repeatedly that the lack of affordable dental care represents one of our region's most critical unmet health care needs. Lahai seeks to meet that need by serving low-income uninsured patients with affordable care.

Led by Dental Manager Sonja Smith and Dentist Dr. Jennie Vu, the clinic is staffed by both employees and volunteers and is open every weekday. In 2021 our team cared for patients more than 1,800 times. We thank the Lord and friends like you for making it all possible!



*Top: Smiles of dental volunteers welcome patients. Bottom: Lahai Dentist Dr. Jennie Vu and Dental Assistant Brook Boice provide quality patient care.*



*Above: Lahai Dental's welcoming lobby is comfortable and professional.*

**We count on the generous support of friends like you! Please visit [Lahai.org](http://Lahai.org) and click DONATE.**

## Join the Lahai Team!

**We have several open positions — could one of them be right for you or someone you know?**

- Dental Assistant (PT/FT)
- Dental Hygienist (PT)
- Nurse Case Manager (PT)
- Volunteer Assistant (PT)

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Lahai serves medical and dental patients in North King and South Snohomish Counties.