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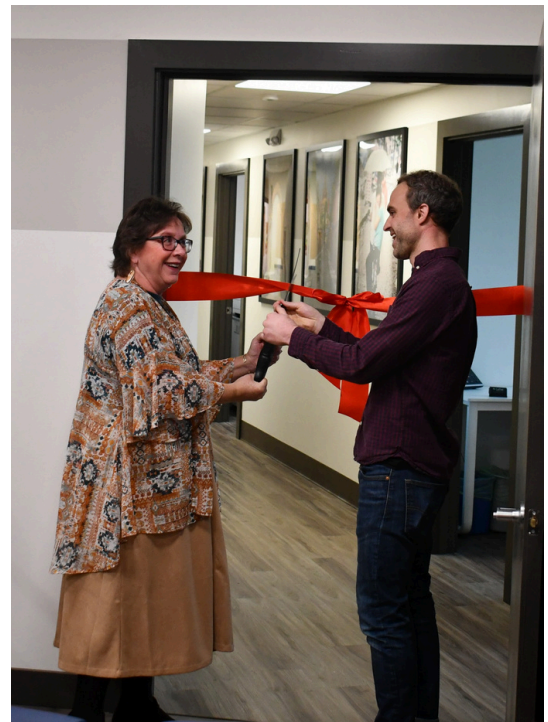
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At Haller Lake: A 20-Year-Old Clinic is Transformed

It was just over two years ago, in March 2022, when we received news of a \$350,000 federal grant to launch the remodeling of Lahai's Haller Lake Clinic, our original facility inside North Seattle Church. The Haller Lake Clinic is the site of our medical team offices and is also Lahai's busiest clinic, but the facility itself needed major refurbishing. Armed with the federal grant as seed funds, we began the work of design and permitting for the project. We also started raising the additional money we would need – about \$350,000 more. Work

began in March 2023 and progressed through the remainder of the year, under the supervision of Lahai Operations Director Maggie Konstanski. Work crews completed the finishing touches in early 2024 and began installing fixtures and furnishings. Finally, on Sunday, March 10, 2024, the re-born Haller Lake Clinic was dedicated to the cheers of several hundred enthusiastic onlookers.

Seeing the spacious new facility today, it's hard to believe that it occupies the same footprint as our former clinic. The new walls, lighting, fixtures, and flooring give the clinic a thoroughly modern and professional appearance. By adjusting the placement of walls and doors, Haller Lake Clinic now boasts two nurse's stations (instead of one), four modern and private exam rooms, a new restroom that is ADA-compliant, and an open and well-lit office. The entire clinic now has a state-of-the-art HVAC system for the comfort of patients, volunteers, and staff. Dr. Steve Creelman, the founding physician who helped launch Lahai in 2003, was on hand for the dedication. The smile on Dr. Creelman's face eloquently expressed the feelings of the assembled crowd:



“With God’s guidance, look how far we’ve come!”

Dr. Steve Creelman



New Staff Members Join Team Lahai

We've shared with you in the past the challenge of hiring qualified staff members in this highly competitive environment. Considering this hurdle, it's a joy to be able to list some key individuals who have joined Lahai since mid-2023. Each of these colleagues shares Lahai's commitment to care for the under-served with the love of Christ.

We welcome:

Jae Chang, Nurse Case Manager

Rebecca Davinroy-Dixon, Volunteer Manager

Julia Fitts, Nurse Case Manager

Dominique Gallo de Oro Alarcon, Dental Assistant

Staci Kelley, Nurse Case Manager

Maria Musgrave-Acosta, Nurse Case Manager

Cindee Stewart, Nurse Case Manager



From the Executive Director

The Bible tells us that, if any man or woman is in Christ, that person is a new creation. Scripture is filled with stories of renewal, rebirth, and rejuvenation. Given that reality, I hope it's not too much of a stretch to believe that God's promise to "make all things new" applies to organizations as well as people – because this feels like an exciting new season at Lahai. Our re-born Haller Lake

Clinic is a clear example, as described elsewhere in this newsletter. No written article can do justice to the sheer challenge of accomplishing this project! Lahai has occupied that facility for just over two decades, but the actual building is more than 50 years old, so you can imagine the issues our team encountered. Nevertheless, the remodel turned out better than any of us had dreamed! I'm so proud of our staff who were displaced from their offices for many months. With medical spaces unusable, staff and volunteers managed to serve patients using our Mobile Medical Clinic. The team displayed a terrific attitude and real unity.

Speaking of the team, another reason this feels like a season of renewal is that God totally heard our need for new medical staff – and did He ever respond. Each of the 7 new hires listed in this newsletter comes with a unique story, but they have a few key things in common: they love the Lord, and they want to serve in the unique environment of Lahai. We are very blessed to have these talented men and women join our gifted team of professionals. With them on board, we face the prospect of being able to add new clinic days and locations in 2024.

Sometimes, however, one of our employees embarks on a new chapter of life that takes them away from Lahai, and that's the case with Development Director Tony Bollen, who has announced his plan to retire from full-time work effective June 30th. Tony came to Lahai about 4 ½ years ago and has helped oversee a time of unparalleled growth. He has expressed his desire to remain part of the Lahai Family. All of us have thoroughly enjoyed working with Tony, and we wish him and his wife Debbie every good blessing as the retirement adventure begins. Feel free to drop him a congratulatory email at tonyb@lahai.org. Meanwhile, we are looking for just the right person to fill this key role. Thank you for your prayers – and referrals!

God bless you for all you do to support the work of Lahai. We're grateful to God for you!



We hope you'll take a moment right now and mark your calendar for the Lahai Share the Care Gala for 2024! The particulars:

September 28, 2024

5:30-8:30pm

The Community Life Center in Lynnwood

\$70 per person, or \$500 for a table for 8

Tickets go on sale June 1st. Watch for more details soon!

Lahai Needs Volunteers in All Locations

The work of Lahai is made possible by an army of dedicated volunteers. Could you be one of them? Right now, we need volunteer providers (doctors, physicians assistants, and nurse practitioners) at all our locations: North Seattle, Lynnwood, and Everett. We can also use the help of Spanish-language interpreters and receptionists. Specialty care is always welcome: many of our patients need the services of chiropractors, physical therapists, and nutritionists.

For information, visit www.lahai.org/volunteer/ -- or contact Volunteer Coordinator Rebecca Davinroy-Dixon, at (206) 899-4754, or rebeccad@lahai.org. Thank you!