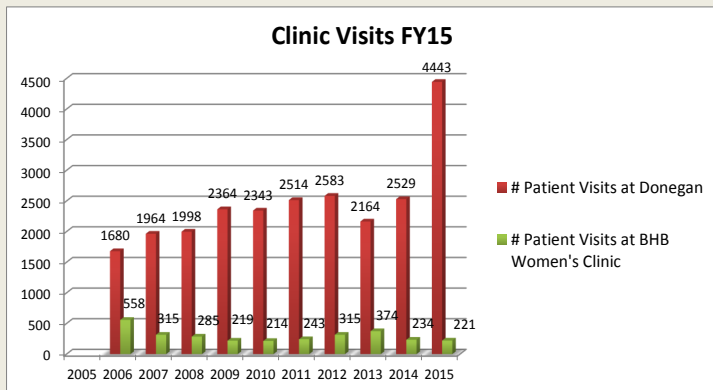


SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL BASED-NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES

SUMMARY

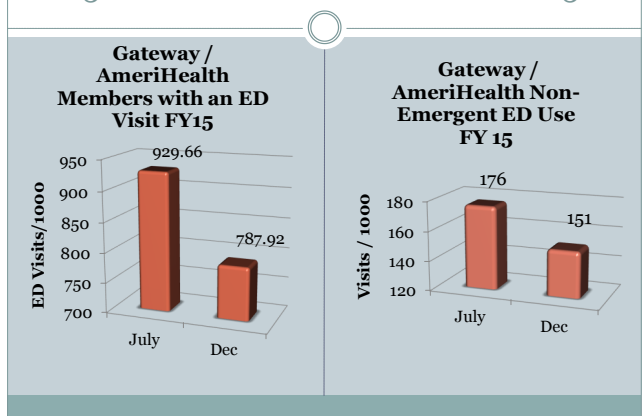
- St. Luke's Family Health at Donegan Fowler Family Center continues to provide comprehensive primary, acute, and chronic care as well as preventive services to children, youth and adults on the Southside of Bethlehem. Following the Patient Centered Medical Home Model, St. Luke's is committed to providing patient centered and family focused care for our culturally diverse community in a compassionate, competent and caring manner.
- The Health Center expanded services, from 30 to 40 hours per week in FY14, increasing access to care for the students at Donegan, their families, and the surrounding community through a Community Based Health Center Grant from the PA Dept. of Health.
- In FY15, St. Luke's Family Practice at Donegan provided primary and preventive care through 4,433 visits to 1,087 community members. The Bethlehem Health Bureau provided 221 visits for family planning at the Fowler Family Center and on the St. Luke's Mobile Health Vans.



HIGHLIGHTS

- St. Luke's at Donegan was awarded a Community Based Health Center grant from the state of PA – this has allowed the practice to offer social & behavioral health services provided by a Clinical Social Worker, form a partnership with Lehigh University and their Community Voices Clinic, increase clinic hours, and provide coordinated care to help decrease the use of the Emergency Department (E.D.) for non-emergent conditions. ***This resulted in a 75% increase in patient visits and a 15% reduction in non emergent ED visits.***

15% Reduction in ED Visits in FY15



- The Community Voices Clinic (CVC) is a school-based mental health clinic operating within the family centers at Donegan Elementary and Broughal Middle schools. The CVC offers free individual, family, group, and couples therapy to uninsured and underinsured residents of South Bethlehem who would otherwise be unable to access treatment.

- Now in its third year, the Community Voices Clinic has become an important source of support for the Bethlehem area schools and the Southside Bethlehem community. To date, the CVC has provided services to more than 120 families, children, and individuals living in the area.

SUCCESSES

- **TEMPLE MEDICAL SCHOOL ST. LUKE'S IN THE COMMUNITY:** The H.E.A.R.T.S. Clinic was created by the Temple Medical School St. Luke's students as a way to increase access to care and help reduce health disparities in our community. It offers a free clinic for the uninsured serving Fountain Hill and the Southside of Bethlehem. Working together with the Bethlehem Health Bureau, the Bethlehem Area School District, St. Luke's and Lehigh University, the mission of this clinic is to connect uninsured individuals with medical care and the resources needed to promote health.
- **H.E.A.R.T.S. LINK WITH LEHIGH UNIVERSITY:** H.E.A.R.T.S. Link volunteers are students from Lehigh University who work alongside the Temple Medical students and St. Luke's physicians precepting physicians. The primary responsibility of these volunteers is to serve as coordinators for the healthcare team and work directly with individuals and their families to help identify barriers to care. Once these barriers are identified, the students work with these individuals to navigate the complex healthcare system and link them to available resources within the community, specifically health insurance and a medical home.
- **MORAVIAN / DESALES NURSING PARTNERSHIPS:** Nursing students from Moravian College and DeSales University partnered with St. Luke's Community Health at Donegan to provide health promotion and disease prevention programs to the students at Donegan Community Elementary School. Students assessed the determinants of health and health risks for this at-risk population of children.
- **ST. LUKE'S AND LITERACY ON THE SOUTHSIDE:** The YSS and Reading Rocks Literacy programs demonstrated improved outcomes in reading levels for students during the 2014/2015 academic year. Reading Rocks: Over 200 books have been given to the students during this program and were generously donated by Beverly Bradley through Cops N Kids. Every athletic team at Lehigh (20 total) participated in the Reading Rocks program!
- In FY15, not only did the majority of students improve in literacy skills, ***all participating students were connected to health, dental and vision services.*** While it is difficult to measure the direct impact of health interventions on student academic performance, it is clear that improved health, vision and dental care decrease absenteeism rates and enable students to be positively engaged in school.



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