Welcome to the March Newsletter from the Department of Physical Therapy's student-run pro bono clinic

Thank you to our volunteers and supporters!

Thanks to the generous contributions of our donors, we successfully raised the $2500 we needed for start up costs!! Please help contribute to our funds by going to:

See all our amazing donors and a full list of February volunteers at the end of the newsletter.

Learn more about us!


We’re on Twitter! You can follow us at @UofUProBonoPT

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Community Building Community (CBC) was started in Midvale in 1998 with the primary goal being to improve the overall well-being of the residents. The CBC goals are focused in 5 different areas: Health, Stable Families, Education, Safety and Income. Each of these categories has a committee to work with the community to accomplish these goals. There has been a lot accomplished by this community from setting up mobile medical clinics and the pro bono physical therapy clinic to the community garden, ESL classes, CPR/First aid classes and Financial classes.

The University of Utah Physical Therapy Program has had the privilege to work with Mauricio Agramont, Maria Consuelo Cala-Beltran, Olinai Fernandez and the CBC community for the past year to develop the Student Run Pro Bono Physical Therapy Clinic. Together we have been able to serve the community as well as gain invaluable experience providing physical therapy services. We are so excited to celebrate the first birthday of our partnership together and look forward to working with the CBC for many years to come.

Happy Birthday to the Midvale CBC Community Physical Therapy Clinic, in Partnership with the Midvale CBC

We are celebrating the first birthday of the Midvale CBC Community Physical Therapy Clinic, in Partnership with the Midvale CBC this month. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and partners that have made this clinic a success. We are looking forward to many more successful years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Meet Mauricio Agramont
Executive Director of Midvale’s Community Building Community

Mauricio Agramont is the Director of the Midvale Community Building Community Inc. (CBC) and Community Developer for the City of Midvale. Mauricio Agramont was born in La Paz-Bolivia, came to the U.S. to study at the University of Utah where he received a Bachelor’s Degree in Urban Planning and design. After graduation Mauricio worked for different institutions both public and nonprofit which included the Bolivian Ministry of Urban Development, Plan International, Wasatch Homeless Clinic, Community Health Centers Inc., Community Health Connect, and The Association for Utah Community Health (AUCH). Mauricio started working at the CBC in 2004 managing the Midvale CBC Initiative for the city of Midvale. In 2013, the CBC initiative became a nonprofit organization. Mauricio oversees the operation of CBC Community Center, The Midvale CBC Community Clinic, and the Midvale Community Volunteer Dental clinic.

Meet Maria Consuelo Cala-Beltran
Coordinator for Educative and Social Programs, Manager of the Health Area and Community Director Assistant

Maria was born in Bogota-Colombia. She has earned many different degrees including: Psychology and Masters in Social work from the University National of Colombia, and has become a specialist in Evaluation and Treatment of Substance Abuse from the University of Utah. In 1997, she worked with UNICEF-Colombia in the Coordination of psycho-affective recovery of children and youth in armed conflict areas. In 2001, she moved to Utah with her husband and son. Maria had the opportunity to work with the Greater Chapter of American Red Cross to help with HIV/AIDS prevention and was the educative coordinator for rural and Salt Lake Areas. Currently, she works with Midvale CBC as Coordinator for educative and social program, Manager of the health area, and Community Director Assistant. Maria has been great to work with this past year and we cant wait to continue working with her for years to come.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALLYSON ARMSTRONG, SPT ‘15

Congratulations to one of our previous therapy directors, Allyson Armstrong, for receiving the 2015 Elizabeth Fuhriman Gardner Prize for the Outstanding Woman Student in the Health Sciences. Ally will receive the official award at the college of health convocation in May. We appreciate all that Ally has done to help start this clinic and we feel that she is very deserving of this award. We wish her the best in her future physical therapy career.

Many thanks to the following February volunteers!

Attending physical therapists:
-Aaron M. Hackett, DPT, Performance Rehab Clinics, Orthopedics
-Lynn Barck, BS, PT, Chronic Pain, U of U Pain Clinic
-Lance Barton, Resident VA Orthopedics
-Brad Dalton, DPT, Intermountain Physical Therapy and Holladay
-Paul Harman, Resident Orthopedic Center

Student physical therapists:
Emma Johnson, SPT ‘16
Kevin Luiz, SPT ‘17
Liz Fisk, SPT ‘16
Scott Heward, SPT ‘17
Jamie Garrell, SPT ‘17
David Kunz, SPT ‘16
Neil Scheurmann, SPT ‘17
Peter Spence, SPT ‘16
Chase Hansen, SPT ‘17
Jackie Gebhardt, SPT ‘16
Lizzy Benson, SPT ‘17
Natalie Hale, SPT ‘16
Patrick Denton, SPT ‘17
Alex Engar, SPT ‘17
Anya Jensen, SPT ‘16
Chris Whetton, SPT ‘17
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Brianna Stewart, SPT ‘17
Katie Dill, SPT ‘16
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Thank You!!

All of our progress and accomplishments have been thanks to the funds, equipment and supplies provided by our generous donors

Thank you Robin Marcus, PT, Ph.D, OCS for a donation of Jazz Tickets to our Board Members!
Thank you to Whitney Meier, PT, OCS, and the University Orthopaedic Center, for a donation of crutches and walkers!

Interested in helping?
To volunteer as an attending physical therapist or Spanish translator: please contact uofuprobonopt@utah.edu

Help us meet our goal of raising $2500 for initial start up costs! To donate, go to: https://umarket.utah.edu/ugive/index.php?gift_id=68&special=%20Midvale%20Clinic%20HE23467-40165 or send a check payable to the Department of Physical Therapy ("Pro Bono Clinic" in the memo line) to 520 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, 84108. All donations are tax deductible and will go directly to the clinic.

To donate small pieces of equipment or supplies, contact us at: uofuprobonopt@utah.edu or (435-612-0066).

Spread the word!
If you know of anyone who is interested in the clinic, please encourage them to subscribe to our newsletter. To subscribe: send an email to sympa@lists.hsc.utah.edu with the subject "Subscribe probono_pt_clinic YOUR NAME".

Thanks for reading! Look for our next newsletter in April. For questions about the information provided here or the clinic in general, please contact uofuprobonopt@utah.edu.

Student Board Secretaries,

Jordan Johnson '16
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