

Benefit Concert for Rapha Health Clinic (a Division of the New Melle Clinic)

Enjoy an evening of harmony to benefit the Rapha Health Clinic division of the New Melle Clinic on Sunday, August 29th. The free concert begins at 7:00 pm and will be held at Faith UCC, 106 Kent Drive, in Wentzville. The concert features two award winning barbershop quartets, Sound FX and Station KBJJ. Donations will be collected during the concert for the Rapha Health Clinic care of uninsured and underinsured residents in Wentzville and the surrounding areas. The concert is presented by the Heritage Cluster of UCC Churches including Bethany UCC, Ebenezer UCC, Faith UCC, Femme Osage UCC, Friedens Peace UCC, St. John's UCC and St. Paul's UCC.

Sound FX barbershop quartet is three-time St. Louis Area Champions and have performed at many local events and professional venues. Members are Pat Flynn-tenor, Paul Schulte-lead, Don Roemer-bass and Bill McLaurine-baritone. All are members of the International Champion Chorus, the Ambassadors of Harmony. Sound FX sings a wide variety of musical selections such as "Lida Rose", "Hello Mary Lou", inspirational & patriotic songs.

Station KBJJ quartet members are all part of the Sweet Adelines Region 5 Championship Barbershop Chorus City Voices. Their repertoire features a variety of great songs with a bit of humor thrown in. Members are Joan Hedgcock-bass, Barb Anderson-lead, Jerilee Inghram-baritone and Karen Clymer-tenor.

The Rapha Health Clinic has been in operation since January 2007. It operates as a division of the New Melle Clinic. The clinic serves many of those who fall through the cracks in our healthcare system. They are the working poor, unemployed or low income persons who have no insurance. To date Rapha Health Clinic has provided health services to over 195 people who have made more than 705 visits to the clinic. The clinic is held the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 8:30 – 10:00 at Faith UCC in Wentzville. To date all expenditures have been for patient care, thanks to equipment, materials and time donated by Dr. Aziz Doumit and Nurse Mandy Doumit of the New Melle Clinic.

For more information on the concert or the Rapha Health Clinic (division of The New Melle Clinic) you may contact the Faith United Church of Christ office at 636-327-4795.

Rapha Health Clinic Facts

Did you know...

- The Rapha Health Clinic is a mission of Faith UCC and operates as a division of the New Melle Clinic. It has been in operation since January 2007. The word “Rapha” means to heal or to make healthful in Hebrew.
- The Rapha Health Clinic serves residents in Wentzville and surrounding areas who fall through the cracks in our healthcare system. They are the working poor, unemployed and low income persons who have no insurance.
- The Rapha Health Clinic provides basic health services including health screening, medical care and some medications. Patients needing advanced care or care outside of the regular hours are referred to the New Melle Clinic. Volunteers furnish transportation to and from New Melle if needed.
- The Rapha Health Clinic has served over 195 people who have made over 705 visits to the clinic.
- The Rapha Health Clinic is held at Faith UCC Wentzville on the 2nd and 4th Friday each month from 8:30 - 10:00.
- The Rapha Health Clinic is staffed by Dr. Aziz Doumit and Nurse Mandy Doumit, of the New Melle Clinic, who donate their time, equipment and supplies.
- The Rapha Health Clinic has an average cost of over \$56 per visit. On average, patients pay only \$5.61 per visit. To date, total spent on patient care is over \$24,000.00.
- The Rapha Health Clinic is funded by grants and donations. To date, all expenditures have been for patient care.
- The Rapha Health Clinic resources are being stretched due to the downturn in the economy. Additional sources of revenue are urgently needed.