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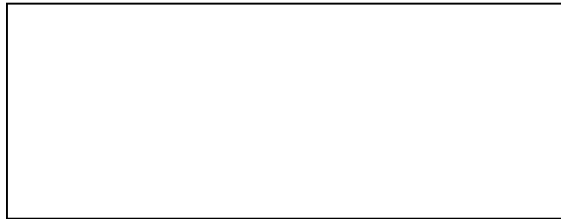
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Raising Healthy Families in a Caring Community

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FQHC STATUS

Many adults seek treatment at our local emergency rooms for non-emergency symptoms. Rocking Horse Center has applied to become a Federally Qualified Health Center which will provide the primary health care to better suit the needs of those patients. A collaboration of community leaders determined Rocking Horse Center was the best organization to seek this status and offer these services. As RHC assumed adult care, March 1, 2008, major renovations have begun to expand exam rooms and services at our Fountain Square Campus. Primary care, chronic health care management, diabetic evaluation and mental health screening will be provided at this site. Once Rocking Horse Center receives full status, we will become eligible for federal funding to continue the expansion of our services including dental and obstetrics to the under and uninsured. FQHC determination should be received by early Fall, 2008.

OUR VALUED BUSINESS PARTNERS!

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How YOU Make A Difference

It really is true that each of us can make a difference!

Since 1999 your support of the Rocking Horse Center, has enabled our pediatricians, behavior therapists, nurses, social workers and staff to reach out to the most vulnerable of our community and help them to change their lives.

Because of your benefaction, we see miracles every day and we are pleased to be able to share with you the stories



of our success. Success made possible because YOU care. We hope you enjoy the first issue of the RHC Contributor newsletter and thank you for all you do!

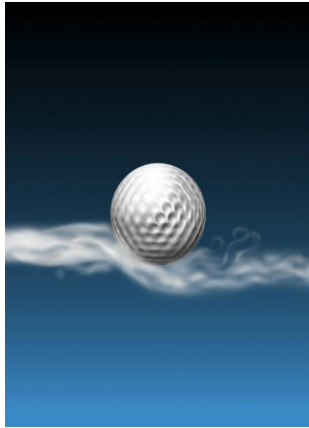
What is Fountain Square?

Fulfilling our mission to Raise Healthy Families in a Caring Community, the Rocking Horse Center has acquired the Community Hospital Health Care Clinic from Community Mercy Health Partners. The center has been renamed Rocking Horse Community Health Center Fountain Square and is currently under renovation to increase the number of exam rooms from 4 to 10. Rocking Horse & CMHP are working together to redirect patients currently utilizing Springfield Regional Medical Centers emergency rooms for their primary care needs to begin visiting the Fountain Square location of Rocking Horse as their medical home. Over time, Fountain Square will serve adults in our community in the same way that Rocking Horse Center has provided a medical home for children for the past 9 years.

Table with 2 columns: 'inside this issue' and page numbers. Includes items like 6th Annual Golf Classic, One in 150, CHAMPS Room, and Federally Qualified Health Care.

Special points of interest: FQHC APPLICATION TO BE REVIEWED IN AUGUST, FOUNTAIN SQUARE CONSTRUCTION NEAR COMPLETION

Are You Up To Par?



Just in time to separate the duffers from the Tigers, Rocking Horse Center is pleased to announce it's Sixth Annual Golf Classic to be held at Windy Knoll on June 27, 2008. Registration is now open for the scramble with a shotgun start at high noon. Each golfer will receive a goodie bag,

beverages on the course, lunch at the Stables, a chance to challenge their skills in several competitions and end the evening with a silent auction, and an award presentation with heavy appetizers.

Call 324-1111 Ext. 110 to reserve your spot!

Passion & Powerful Information Presented at Autism Conference

Over 10,000 families in Ohio are affected by the increasing incidence of autism. Local nurses, social workers, therapists, educators and parents work everyday with autistic children and yearn for the latest information on the nature of the disorder and ways to network in their community.

Rocking Horse Center in cooperation with the Department of Job & Family Services presented their annual conference with this important topic in mind.

Autism, a complex developmental disorder, affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Affecting different individuals in different ways, Autism is a "spectrum disorder" with no known single cause.



Barbara Yavorcik, Carmen Miesse, Dr. Cathy Pratt & Shawn Henry

Speakers from the National Autism Society, The Autism Society for Ohio, the Ohio Center for Disease and Low Incidence and RHC's own parent and intern Carmen Miesse presented

Autism is about having a pure heart and being very sensitive... It is about finding a way to survive in an overwhelming, confusing world... It is about developing differently, in a different pace and with different leaps.

Trisha Van Berkel

pertinent information to the audience of 150 at The Champion Center on April 18th.



Spring RUSH a Success!

Raising Unbridled Support for the Horse, Rocking Horse Center's premier fundraising event was held at Courtyard by Marriott on April 3. Billed as a Reverse Raffle, the event provided attendees with a chance to win one of 5 cash prizes or over 35 gifts that were donated by generous community supporters. The grand prize winners, Dave & Denice Hoendorf and Stacy Lee decided to "chop" the

\$10,000 prize when their tickets were the last two standing. Also available during the evening were exciting auction packages including a treasure trunk of hand-made art pieces by local artisans and a gift package of Fine Collectable Wines. The event raised over \$40,000 for Rocking Horse with all proceeds going toward providing a complete medical home for uninsured and under-



insured families in our area.

Tyler Detrick & The Project Jericho Bucket Band provided entertainment for the evening.

CHAMP Room

Coordinating

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And

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Potential



churches have galvanized their membership to provide thousands of dollars of equipment for the RHC CHAMP Room (Coordinating Habilitation And Maximizing Potential) for Rocking Horse Center patients with special health care needs.

Effective care coordination for children with Special Health Care Needs has been shown to improve quality, increase family satisfaction and lower overall cost of care.

Thanks to a campaign led by Pastor Dan Reihing, local

The equipment will be used by occupational and physical therapists to treat children with Sensory integration/processing disorders. These disorders result from the brain's inability to integrate information from the body's sensory systems. Children

who experience this disorder are affected in many ways, including learning, behavior and self-confidence. Through work with the CMHP therapists, these children will be able to receive the appropriate sensory input to be successful in all environments.

A CHAMP Room reception will be held this summer to showcase the equipment and its use and to show appreciation to the local church congregations for their unyielding support of Rocking Horse Center.