NEW CEO LOOKS FORWARD TO JOURNEY AHEAD

It is my honor to accept the position of Chief Executive Officer of OPEN M. The heritage at OPEN M is great and it is with abundant reverence that I accept the position. I am humbled and gratified to have been chosen.

My passion to help those in need started very early in life because of the Godly model that was shown to me by my parents. Their love of God set the path that I walk to this day. I wake daily in awe and great expectations. During the early days when I was wandering in the desert and didn't know my way, God was leading me, in what I believe was the path to OPEN M. I am grateful to have my career culminate at such a spiritual place.

I look forward to the journey ahead. The heritage at OPEN M is renowned and it is my privilege to keep that tradition going, from meeting the needs of one family at a time to helping those in the struggle become self-sufficient. The why that drives me is the people in this struggle. Each day I ask myself what if....

What has been a constant over the past decade is that all that I do I want to do unto the Lord. Recently as I was meditating, God revealed to me that man will never fill the desires of the heart, but God is all that I need.

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.” -Colossians 3:23

Heartily means with all our heart, all our strength, all that is within us.

“You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands. How wonderful are your gifts to me; how good they are!” -Psalm 16

Our future is great and my vision is strong. With the grace of God, we will be persevere with great tenacity. May we press on toward the goal that God has for us. Each day we must work to break the cycle of poverty and improve the health of our community one family at a time.

In Him,
Bob

Donations made in honor of:
Dottie Achmoody's Retirement
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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
OPEN M is blessed with a committed and passionate team of volunteers. We enjoyed celebrating their efforts and accomplishments during our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on June 11th. The food was graciously prepared by Phil Martucci and Venus Young and the music provided by Chris Miller. Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us and also to those who were unable to come, but continue to serve.

Award Recipients
Outstanding Service in Building Blocks - Sue Godard
Outstanding Service in Family Development - Tela Long
Outstanding Service in Pantry - Marty & Gary Hartman
Outstanding Service in Clinic - Christel Kinkopf
Outstanding Service in CWC - Richard Stratton
Gracious Greeter Award - Aisha Allen
Faithful Volunteer Award - Kay Hine
Church Involvement Award - Bath United Church of Christ (Janie Bechtel & Rev. Daniel Doty)
Community Collaborative - Third Federal Savings & Loan (Jennifer Rodgers)
New Volunteer of the Year - Karen Parnell
Volunteer of the Year - Dr. Emily George
Employee of the Year - Colleen McMahon

CLINIC CORNER
Dr. Herbert E. Croft grew up in Butler, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, graduating in 1956. He did his Internship at Akron City Hospital and completed his Fellowship in Hematology at Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. Dr. Croft opened his first practice here in the Summit County in 1960, practicing internal medicine and was one of only 2 hematologists in the area. In 1968, he returned to the University of Pittsburgh Medical School medical school to further his education specializing in Oncology.

Dr. Croft went into private practice as an oncologist. He served patients at all the Summit county hospitals. Eventually, he opened his own cancer treatment center in the Merriman Valley, where along with three other physicians, he was able to offer chemotherapy and other cancer treatments to patients in need. 1983 he collaborated with other oncologists to lease a wing of Akron General Medical Center. The oncology unit was called “The Purple Palace” as all the décor was done in shades of purple. This unit was a very successful in every way.

As AGMC grew, Dr. Croft was instrumental in opening an outpatient cancer treatment center at their new facility. For many years this center provided quality care to hundreds of patients. Later the Oncology physicians took over the first floor of Akron General and they became known as “Akron Oncology Associates” where he worked until his retirement in 2002.

Dr. Croft still lives in Akron area with his wife Jill. He has 2 adult children. He maintains a very active social life, enjoys fishing, and loves to travel around the world. He will be going to Ireland with his wife Jill this August.

Dr. Croft has been a faithful volunteer and generous donor to the OPEN M Free Clinic. We are blessed to have his smiling face, medical knowledge and experience with us twice a month. We appreciate all he does for our clinic and our patients love to see him. Dr. Croft is a very vital part of what we do here at OPEN M Free Clinic.

NEXT EVENTS
FIRE & ICE - SEPT 15th
NETWORK EXTRAVAGANZA - OCT 11th
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AWARD WINNING VOLUNTEERS