

# SPRING NEWSLETTER

A publication for the friends of Luke's House Clinic

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## OPERATING IN SOLIDARITY

Luke's House offers 100% free medical care to everyone who walks through our door.

We believe health care is a human right and that no one should worry about access to medical care.

**Donate**

## MORE SUNLIGHT NEW SEEDLINGS

With a new season comes new changes in our backyards. Now that the sun is out and spring has begun, flowers are blooming, seeds are sprouting, and the smell of fresh-cut grass is filling the air. Now is the best time to go outdoors and exercise your green thumb!

Gardening is a great way to bring people together- studies have shown that caring for nature is linked to caring and showing empathy toward others. At Luke's House, we strive to create an environment of empathy and cultivate compassion for our neighbors and our communities. We have been planting fresh fruits and vegetables such as strawberries, satsumas, figs, kale, radish, carrots, and green onions, and are excited to harvest them and share the delicious wonders of gardening with our patients.

To prepare for the sunny days ahead, our community members have been working with us on several projects outside.



Our long-time donors and members of Rayne United Methodist Church Wendy and Mike Rhiner (pictured above) have generously donated about 120 native plants, dotting our garden with beautiful red, yellow, and violet native flowers. In addition, Recirculating Farms dedicated several hours to repaint our ramp and benches. We are extremely grateful for the time and dedication of our wonderful supporters!



## Your change can make a change.

We are thrilled to share with you that we will be participating in #GiveNOLADay on **May 4th**, an initiative of the Greater New Orleans Foundation. Last year, your generous donations allowed us to deliver free medical services to 494 people, provide health education to 1,378 people, and connect 1,007 people to long-term medical care.

**Our goal this year is to raise \$15,000. The funds raised will improve our capacity to improve Spanish language access.** Luke's House's mission is dedicated to keeping everyone in our community healthy, especially those who are traditionally overlooked. Help us advocate for better language access at clinics and hospitals in the city with your donation.

**This year's early giving period is from April 20 - May 3.** Visit <https://www.givenola.org/LUKESHOUSE> to make a contribution. We believe that healthcare is a human right, not a privilege, and GiveNOLA Day is an opportunity for you to give to a cause that sparks your passion and aligns with our mission and values. Mark your calendar and join in on one of the most exciting days of the year!



## New Board Members

We want to warmly welcome and introduce you to our new board members (from left to right) Bianca Northland, Alexis Hernandez, Carolyn Lonon, our new Secretary, Courtney Stuckwisch Wong, and Mandi Bordelon (not pictured). We are looking forward to having them join our team and excited for them to grow with Luke's House.

## COVID-19 Vaccines

Getting our patients vaccinated is one of our top priorities. We have been helping our patients access vaccines and testing by providing COVID-19 education through our live videos and scheduling those who are eligible at several healthcare locations.

If you qualify and have not received your vaccine yet, call us at 504-444-7879, and we can assist you in scheduling an appointment.

Additionally, our Health Educator has been collaborating with public libraries to facilitate health literacy trainings related to COVID-19.



# Community Support

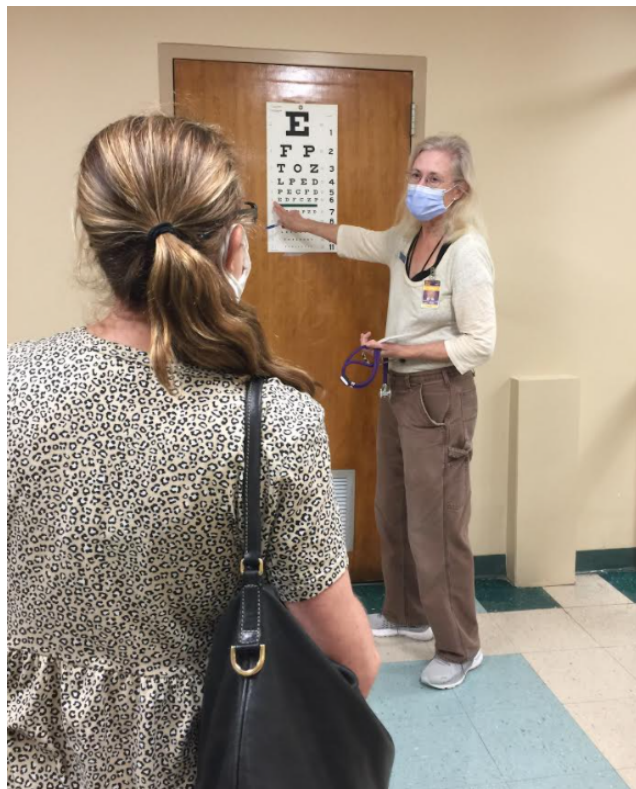
## Thanks to our Monthly Donors!

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Norman Hill	Kris Pottharst
Christopher Hines	Linda Vardaman
Jay Hogewood	Betty Lo

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button!

## Grants

Methodist Health System Foundation  
\$60,000 (\$180,000 over three years)  
Capital One COVID Response \$7,500



Luke's House is now a partner with the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program to provide no-cost mammograms and pap tests! For more information, call us at 504-444-7879 or visit [www.LBCHP.org](http://www.LBCHP.org).

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