

Charitable health clinic seeks volunteers, receives \$15K Alcoa grant

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The Clark County Charitable Health Service is seeking additional volunteers. In an e-mail sent to the Siftings Herald Wednesday, Cindy Jackson, project director of the non-profit organization, said, "We have only one volunteer for Monday, Aug. 31, and Wednesday, Sept. 2. We really need at least two more people for both the morning and afternoon on those days. We found that we need a minimum of three volunteers at all times."

The charitable health service is asking for people who are able to volunteer from 9 a.m. to noon, 1:30-5 p.m., or all day.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jackson at 230-1309 or e-mail ccchs@att.net.

The service began earlier this month after Jackson spearheaded the effort for the Clark County Strategic Plan. Available to those who have no health insurance, including Medicaid and Medicare, clients fill out an application to get vouchers for visits to local health care professionals who have volunteered their services.

The service has been open eight days since Aug. 3, and so far have helped 50 patients.

On Aug. 12, Alcoa Foundation awarded the service

a \$15,000 grant to assist in the purchase of equipment for start-up costs of the office. The request was written and submitted through Alcoa's Safe and Healthy Children and Families Area of Excellence.

Debbie Sorrells, community relations coordinator for Alcoa, said that Alcoa Foundation was "proud to be one of the grass-roots sponsors of a program that will help so many families in our community."

According to a press release, Alcoa Foundation is committed to addressing local needs by deepening and leveraging existing partnerships and supporting Alcoa communities as they adapt to the changing world economy and emerging social challenges, partnering with them by refocusing resources and contributing to building a sustainable future.

Established in 1952, Alcoa Foundation is a global resource that invests in improving the quality of life in more than 29 countries where Alcoa operates. The Foundation's grants address global and local need in areas of excellence that include conservation and sustainability; global education and workplace skills, business and community partnerships and safe and healthy children and families.

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