

## Clínica Amistad

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# NEWS

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## Clinic Celebrates with Sixth Gala, Nov. 12

Clínica Amistad cordially invites you to our 6th annual gala at the University of Arizona Student Union Memorial Center, in the North Ballroom, on Sunday, November 12. Free parking is available in the Second Street garage.

Festivities will begin at 5 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m. The event includes a gourmet dinner and silent auction. Also, there will be a few brief remarks, including an update on the clinic's service to the community.

If you are interested in attending, tickets may be purchased at http://buytickets.at/clinicaamistad, or by calling 499-6551 to reserve tickets and pay at the door. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$90 for two, and \$360 for a table of eight.

The reason for the gala is two-fold. First, it enables the clinic to report its work and progress to those people who care, our donors and volunteers. Second, it is an integral fund-raiser. In fiscal year 2016-17, which ended on June 30, some 67% of our funding came from individual donors. And this includes proceeds from last year's event.

This year, the clinic hopes to top the approximately \$13,500 raised at the 2016 gala.

The clinic has more than 50 items for the silent auction, all donations from many organizations, companies and individuals. Here are just a few examples:

• Four one-way Southwest Airlines flight e-passes and a two-night stay at a Wyndham property, donated by Southwest Air and Wyndham



A wide selection of fabulous items will be available at this year's Silent Auction.

Dont' miss out on the action!

Worldwide. This prize is valued at \$1,400.

- A 5' x 8' hand-knotted Tibetan wool carpet, donated by Dr. Cherie Unungay and Ralo Carpets, the oldest Tibetan owned and operated business in New York City, valued at \$2,100.
- A one-night hotel stay and dinner for two at the Phoenician, and two tickets to the Phoenix Symphony,

donated by those organizations. These are valued at \$785.

- A Callaway golf bag, valued at \$520.
- Private wine class at Total Wine, valued at \$500.

Also, there are hotel stays at La Paloma, Tubac Golf Resort, and Cancun; and fine art pieces from Philabaum, DeGrazia, and Madaras studios. Added to this are autographed sports memorabilia, jewelry, tickets to Disneyland, and many smaller items.

It should be noted that, in addition to prizes, Clínica Amistad is very thankful for the financial help of two major sponsors: Desert Diamond Casino and the Tucson Federal Credit Union. Printing for the event was done gratis by the Gloo Factory, Tucson.

### Two Managers Also Served in Peace Corps

Through the years, many of the University of Arizona students at Clínica Amistad were in the U.S. Peace Corps. Here, in their own words, are the stories of two such people, Casey McKaughan and Andrea Shelton.

#### **CASEY McKAUGHAN:**

"Most recently before becoming a co-manager at Clínica Amistad, I was a health volunteer with Peace Corps, specifically with the Community Health Improvement Project. I was stationed in a small village called Chana chinyidi, outside the town of Mwinilunga, Zambia. I lived there for two years with my host family in the Lunda tribe. I spent my time working with members of my catchment on different projects from malaria, HIV/AIDS, nutrition, sanitation, maternal and child health, and youth development. This experience made me realize I wanted to continue this type of work.

"I grew up in Tucson, so this town has a special place in my heart. I graduated from the UA in 2013 with a Bachelor's in Anthropology. While at school, I volunteered at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and interned with Women in Science and Engineering. Both organizations focus on marginalized groups of people in Tucson.

"Now I am back at the UA as a graduate student in Public Health. I was also given the opportunity to represent the Peace Corps again when I received the Peace Corps Coverdell Fellowship. This connected me to Clínica Amistad. It was exactly what I was looking for — a way to provide health services to a community that is never given the attention needed.

"My goal in working at the clinic is to develop professional skills in management, while also helping out as much as I can for a wonderful cause. I have been a co-manager for only a short time, but I already know I made the right decision. It is incredible to see the level of passion our volunteers have every day for our patients."

#### **ANDREA SHELTON:**

"When I was first introduced to Clínica Amistad through the UA Peace Corps Paul D. Coverdell Fellowship, I immediately knew that this organization would be a great fit for me because of my passion for community health and my commitment to health equity.

"I was born and raised in a suburb of Kansas City, Missouri. I graduated from the University of Illinois-Chicago, with a B.A. in Sociology. Less than sixmonths later, I began my service with the U.S. Peace Corps Ethiopia program, from 2012-14, as a Community Health Development volunteer. I has also been involved with other work and services abroad, including in Mexico, Haiti, and Somaliland.

"I moved to Tucson in May 2017 to begin the Master's Entry to the Profession of Nursing program at the UA. Upon graduation, I plan to continue my education and pursue a doctoral degree in nurse-midwifery, as well as a Master's degree in public health, with a global focus. A prominent focus of my professional career will be working toward eliminating disparities that limit the accessibility and availability of health care, especially among some of the most disadvantaged communities.

"I am extremely grateful for the hospitality of the Clínica Amistad community since I began my journey as clinic co-manager in August. Over the upcoming year, I am very excited to not only continue to foster the development of the organization, but also to cultivate my own growth on a personal and professional level."



Casey McKaughan



**Andrea Shelton** 

# A Brief Look at the Clinic's Finances

Clínica Amistad's fiscal year began on July 1. To date, income is only 49% of budget, totaling \$26,900. After expenses, the clinic showed at net loss of \$7,300.

The clinic's monthly expenses average about \$13,000. Currently, there is eight months of cash on hand at the current expense and income ratio.

To offset expenses, the clinic has its annual fund raiser, which is featured in this issue, and applies for many grants from various organizations and foundations. However, as noted before, some 67% of the clinic's funding comes from individual donors.

A gift is easy to make. You can give securely online at Clínica Amistad's website: clinicaamistad.org/donate. If you wish to give by check, checks can be sent directly to:

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