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## RESTORING PEOPLE'S HEARTS

For medical assistant volunteer, Christine Neill, the ability to help others at the Free Clinic not only fuels and guides her toward a greater cause for her own life, but she loves working with other medical professionals to restore a quality of life to people.



"I have volunteered at the Free Clinic for the last 9 years and I consider it one of my most important service accomplishments," explains Christine. "It's an honor to work next to my fellow volunteers and patients. The art of being human is dynamic, messy and it is not a level playing field for all. I hope that my time spent volunteering makes a small difference for others."

Along with volunteering at the Free Clinic, Christine is also an artist, who brings her healthcare knowledge directly to her art. "I've enjoyed many fascinating experiences in the healthcare field. As a recovery technical surgeon, I feel a deep gratitude for the people who have restored other people's lives with the gifts of their hearts; their final gift," says Christine. "I've recovered many hearts from all stages of life and it has granted me a comprehensive vantage of the end stage of life. I bring this all to my art. I use a scalpel, paint brush, forceps, palette knife

and suture needles in my transplant art and the intimacy of listening to the heart rhythm for my heart-beat art."

As part of her love for the Free Clinic, Christine has donated a piece of art to the clinic. If you would like to come by and check it out, the artwork can be found hanging on the wall between the main waiting room and the medical clinic area.



If you are interested in buying a piece of art work from Christine, half of the purchase price will be donated back to the Free Clinic, as long as you mention the clinic when you are making your purchase. Christine's artwork can be found on Facebook and Instagram @ livingheartart or on her website at livingheartart.com.

"Art is the global communicator," says Christine. "Our hearts connect every single person together. This common denominator, our equalizer, is something I like to be reminded of and viewed."

