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CREATING & SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS—ONE VOLUNTEER AT A TIME



Catherine (Cat) Bean is all about creating and sustaining relationships. As volunteer coordinator at the Free Clinic, she is not only responsible for managing the 600+ volunteer database, but she works closely with the over 300 people who regularly volunteer at the Free Clinic. "It is great working with people who want to volunteer their time

to help others," explained Cat. "They truly are making a difference in people's lives."

As coordinator, she also screens every potential volunteer applicant who walks thru the clinic doors. "It really is a screening process where I decide to place a volunteer based on what I think are their greatest strengths and where in the clinic they would make the biggest impact," explained Cat. "I tend to look for people who are compassionate in what they do, reliable, creative, and dedicated to the mission of the Free Clinic."

A previous Free Clinic volunteer herself, Cat joined the paid staff a little over a year ago after she had been volunteering and they were looking for someone with a background in human resources. "My college degree is in human resources, so for me it has been a great fit," explained Cat. "Plus, I firmly believe that everyone should have access to health care. The Free Clinic's mission embodies that heartfelt need for me."

When asked why someone would want to volunteer at the Free Clinic, Cat says it all comes down to wanting to help others. "This can take the shape as an internship, or as someone wanting to know what it is like to work in a clinical environment. Whatever a person's reason is to volunteer their time in this way, the Free Clinic has and continues to be blessed with people wanting to give of their time in this way."

When she is not busy working with volunteers, Cat likes to spend her time hiking and taking in all the Pacific Northwest has to offer with her husband, their two daughters, and their two dogs.

Since 1990, volunteers have been the primary source of health care services at the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cat at 360-313-1389 or catherine@freeclinics.org. You can also find more information at freeclinics.org. Check it out! We would love to have you join us!

