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## KEEPING US CONNECTED



For the last 12 years, Brian Ridderbush has generously been volunteering his time to keep the Free Clinic technologically connected. Initially, the Free Clinic had no budget to bring the organization up to speed with computer technology and connection to the outside world. Writing a grant request to a local foundation, Brian was able to obtain the

funds to create a technology plan, obtain the infrastructure, and equip all staff at the Free Clinic with workstations, email, internet, and the like.

"Since 2007, we've come a long ways," reflects Brian. "We've had two complete replacements of technology (servers, workstations, etc.). We've completely rewired the Free Clinic with new network cabling, and we have wireless internet both in the clinic and out to the Dental van." Along with these amazing accomplishments, Brian has also installed modern dental management software, and the Dental van staff is able to use laptops to take x-rays, record notes, and review all patient records and charts.

The ever-crucial internet presence is also covered with

the Free Clinic's website, which is hosted offsite and updated in-house. "In 2017, we migrated the all-important fundraising software (Raiser's Edge) from an in-house solution to a cloud-based one that provides better accounting and communication with donors," explains Brian.

Brian says he is always looking for donated equipment that he refurbishes himself to get the most possible life from it. Thanks to his skill and willingness to volunteer his time in this way, the Free Clinic has been able to keep its technology expenditures really low and doesn't need to rely on outside contractors to get the work done. "I'm thrilled to be able to volunteer and bring my expertise to the Free Clinic," says Brian. "And I am quite proud of what we've accomplished together."

