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*A Safe Place*  
FOR CONFIDENT DECISIONS

## IN SEARCH OF *Connection*

*Ryan and Cristy found help and hope as newcomers to Dickinson and the United States. Here is their story in their own words.*

We moved here in Dickinson last April 2022. As new immigrants, I was facing an emotional stress at that time because we don't have any family or relatives here to guide us. We were searching for communities that can support our family in simple ways.

We searched their website and became interested in the Earn While You Learn program to receive services on pregnancy support and education. We contacted the clinic last January 2023 and since then we are enjoying their services.

Our first impression of the facility is that we already feel comfortable with their environment. The clinic has a pleasant room setting.

We always have a discussion after we watch the video lessons. We shared some of our fears during my pregnancy and our struggles as a parent. The staff listened to us, gave advice and shared their experiences that helped us in our parenting journey.

We are always looking forward to come every time we have a scheduled meeting with Connect. We easily built a connection with the staff. Every lesson

that we have learned is something that we can pass on to our children. We are grateful to be part of their amazing family.

And now that they have an extension, it has become more spacious to accommodate additional patients and families who need support.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*Dear Friends,*

Just a year ago, we were praying for the expansion that we are currently undertaking. The “Yes” to God’s call to **Move Forward** was said, in many ways, unaware of all He had in store.

In 2023, while He was prompting the move forward, we were already working towards accreditation, seeing a record number of patients and giving a record number of classroom presentations.

The intricacies of this growth spurt have proven challenging to navigate, and every member of the Connect team, including the board, staff, and medical directors, has risen to the challenge! **Still, it’s unsurprising that with more opportunities to serve comes the need for new positions and advanced systems in the clinic.**

I am so grateful for the prayers that have brought us here, and have listed what **we are in prayer for presently to the right.** I am certain that next year, my report of His faithfulness will surpass all our expectations once again.

*Yours faithfully, Tara*

## POSITIONS COMING

### ● EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

*The Director of Operations is a crucial member of an organization responsible for overseeing the operational aspects of the company. This includes ensuring that day-to-day activities align with the company’s strategic direction. They are key in driving growth, improving efficiency, and enhancing organizational effectiveness.*

### ● MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

*The need for increased medical staff is apparent even now. **Applications are being accepted currently for a staff RN position.***

*The staff RN is responsible for providing excellent healthcare services to our patients; receiving advanced training to be an RN sonographer, fertility awareness instructor, and sex-education specialist.*

*The Clinic Assistant/CNA provides support to the medical personnel. This role anticipates and meets the day’s needs, looking ahead to improve efficiency and impact.*

### ● ADVANCEMENT DEPARTMENT:

*We are looking for individuals who have a passion for the mission of Connect Medical Clinic. These individuals have a desire to make connections, build relationships, and communicate the work of the clinic for the sake of developing a strong, engaged family of support to ensure the longevity of the mission.*



## AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT *First Day of Work*

One’s first day at work is often fraught with anxiety, uncertainty and the fear of not knowing what to do, where to go or how to do it. I recently, had yet another “first day” in my career as an OB/GYN physician.

My first day at Connect Medical Clinic. This first day was quite different from any of the others I have experienced.

Maybe it was because I had been peripherally affiliated with the clinic long before I actually “worked” there as a physician seeing patients. Maybe it was because of how long I have actually been practicing obstetrics and gynecology. **But I do not think so.**

I think the difference relates to the type of care that is given at Connect Medical Clinic and the type of patients receiving that care.

**The patients receiving care there are seeking something different than the standard clinic often affords.** They’re looking for an understanding, compassionate provider willing to take the time necessary to understand their specific situation. **And that is what is found at CMC.**

A clinic environment devoid of the clinic administration performance expectations allows a provider to do for the patient what needs to be done. **And that is the difference.**

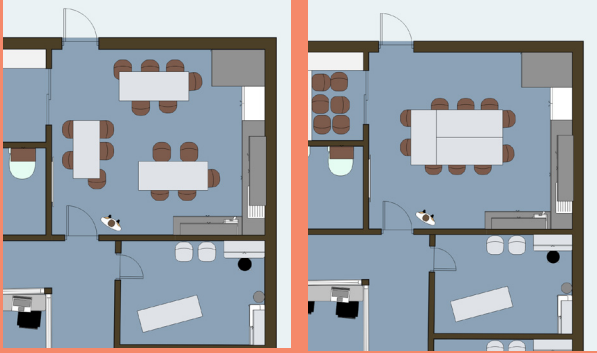


**By Dr. Thomas Arnold**

## UPGRADES COMING

### GROUP EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Our designer at TMI, Krista Riesinger, helped us design a break room that would function as a Group Education room, a large conference room, or a day-to-day breakroom when needed.



### BILLING MEDICAL INSURANCE/ UPGRADED ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD

Utilizing a more sophisticated EMR and pursuing the ability to bill medical insurance like BCBS and Medicaid open the doors to serve more patients and be less reliant on donated funding.

### 3D/4D ULTRASOUND

With a successful Giving Hearts Day, the clinic has raised the funds to purchase the 3D/4D ultrasound probe. Plans for training on the new technology are in progress. We will need models to book up to 60-70 scans early this summer. Stay tuned!

## SERVICES COMING



Connect Medical Clinic's providers are committed to holistic reproductive care that does not prescribe or refer for hormonal contraceptives, but prioritizes restoring balance by correcting the source of the dysfunction.

### GYNECOLOGICAL DYSFUNCTION

Including (but not limited to) irregular menses, Postmenopausal bleeding, Breakthrough bleeding, Chronic pelvic pain, and Endometriosis

### CARE AFTER MISCARRIAGE/ ABORTION

Physical and psychosocial/emotional assessments after pregnancy loss

### INFERTILITY EVALUATIONS AND PRECONCEPTION CARE

Working with couples who are ready to conceive and/or struggling to get pregnant

### HORMONAL/ENDOCRINE DISORDERS

Diagnosis and treatment of PCOS and other hormonal imbalances

### SPORTS PHYSICALS

Providing young athletes with mandatory screenings

## CONNECT COMPLEX STATUS UPDATE

**DONE:** Framing, tape, texture, and paint

**NEXT:** Interior windows, ceiling, and flooring

**AFTER THAT:** Furnishings, start on Suite E



## MEET KATRINA



Katrina, RN, BSN, joined the Connect team in December. She comes to us with a decade of nursing experience with a majority of her time spent specializing in Labor and Delivery. She's passionate about helping those in need and connecting with her patients to empower them towards balanced health and well-being.

Growing up in Washington state, a love for the outdoors and camping was instilled in her from a young age, fostering a deep connection with nature.

Married to her wonderful husband Branden of 10 years. Katrina is the

proud mother of her 15-year-old son Kohl and Juno, her energetic German wirehaired pointer. Family is at the center of her world, and she cherishes every moment spent with them.

Katrina finds fulfillment in serving others and is deeply dedicated to the mission of Connect, a cause close to her heart. Excited for the future, she looks forward to expanding her skills with upcoming ultrasound training and fertility education, eager to make a difference in the lives of others.



"I've never been more excited for a first day of work," says Katrina. "Already in my training, I've seen the power of connection and living out Connect values impact our patients."



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# MOVING FORWARD

FOR HER, FOR HIM, FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



## YOU'RE INVITED

to the Moving Forward Banquet!

Tara and I are honored to invite you to the life-changing Connect Medical Clinic Moving Forward Banquet on April 4th. Last year, our community proved that by standing together, we can offer a united and connected family of support for the patients seen at Connect Medical, and this year, we will explore how our unity and connection with one another can move us all forward together - for him, for her, for future families, for YOU!

This year's banquet features a keynote from Sr. Beata Victoria from the Sisters of Life, a delicious meal, and a social hour to connect with other passionate supporters of the clinic. Plus, a special surprise guest currently working with life-affirming medical clinics around the country! We have a spot just for you at our biggest fundraiser of the year! Register and learn more at <http://connectmedicalclinic.com/event>.

KEYNOTE

Sr. Beata Victoria

