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Stories About Car(e)ing

Thursday, April 18, 2019
Silver Spring Black Box Theatre

Produced by
The Primary Care Coalition and Story District

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PCC and Story District Present a Night of Storytelling

Event proceeds will support PCC's Project Access program, which provides specialty care for low-income, uninsured patients.





Thank you for joining us for a night of storytelling

Making health happen takes a concerted effort by people at all points of the health care safety-net system. Without their work, our low-income, uninsured neighbors wouldn't be able to receive the care they need.

Tonight is about celebrating the achievements of our local health care safety-net and hearing how the work has touched the lives of those who provide services and those who receive them.

Our cast has worked hard to put on a great show for you. They agreed to be coached on theater performance, get on stage, and reveal deeply personal stories about their experiences in health care. Their stories are inspiring and we hope you come away with a deeper understanding of what it means to provide care to our neighbors.

By supporting PCC and its work, you are part of their stories and part of *making health happen*.

Thank you for coming and enjoy the show!

About Project Access

Proceeds from this event will benefit Project Access, one of the PCC's longest running programs. It is a coordinated effort to provide specialty care to low-income, uninsured community members through a dedicated network of physician specialists, local hospitals, and diagnostic facilities. Last fiscal year, Project Access served more than 1,700 patients and provided over 4,000 specialty care appointments.

About Story District

Story District are the experts in turning good stories into great performances and have been teaching and producing the art of storytelling since 1997. Story District's mission is to train and showcase storytelling talent in the Washington, DC, area and to be an exemplar of transformative autobiographical story performance as a way to enrich an understanding of the self and the world, build community, promote compassion and highlight our shared humanity.





Elizabeth Arend, Director of Provider Services, PCC



Elizabeth Arend is ridiculously happy and fulfilled in her role as the Primary Care Coalition's Director of Provider Services. Prior to joining PCC, she worked in global health and development, including stints in Ethiopia, South Africa and Rwanda. She would like you to know that all of these countries have universal health coverage. Elizabeth completed Story District's Storytelling 101 course in 2012 and thinks you should, too. Her greatest ambition in life is to get a dog.

Program

Reception 6:00pm
Doors Open: 7:00pm
Show Begins: 7:30pm

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Dr. Ashraf Sufi



Marisol Ortiz,
Director of Client Services, PCC



Marisol Ortiz was born in a small town called Aibonito (Town of the flowers) in Puerto Rico. She moved to United States back in 1996 following the love of her life, her husband Francisco from El Salvador. She started working at PCC in 2000 in the Care for Kids program. During the last 19 years, Marisol has been an advocate for immigrant families. As an immigrant she understands some of their experiences and needs. Marisol will continue working tirelessly to ensure health care access to all vulnerable families. Marisol enjoys her free time with her beautiful family of a husband, three children, a dog, and a cat.

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Eduardo Reyes
Administrative Manager,
Catholic Charities



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Eduardo Reyes in the Administrative Clinic Manager for Catholic Charities. In this role, Mr. Reyes manages the flow of the clinic and facilitates communication between patients and staff. Eduardo graduated from the University of Maryland's School of Public Health and School of Behavioral and Social Sciences. He is thrilled to be making his storytelling debut, and hopes to appear again on the Story District stage. He still misses his chickens in Mexico.





Alma Aviles, Client Services Lead, PCC



Alma Aviles has been working at Primary Care Coalition for seven years in the Care for Kids Program. Alma was born in Puerto Rico, where she had her first job as a receptionist in a dental office, setting off her broad business administration background. Although she is drowning in student debt after earning a Bachelor's degree in Health Management, she is a proud online shopper and enjoys working in non-profit organizations. Alma understands the importance of the different roles in the health care field and how they can positively impact an individual's life.



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Manuel Martinez **Montgomery Cares** **Behavioral Health Patient**



Manuel Martinez is originally from Mexico City. He came to the United States in 1998 and has been a Montgomery County resident for 21 years. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, listening to music and making paper flowers. His favorite music genre is Salsa and Trova Cubana. His favorite authors include Og Mandino and Kahlil Gibran. This is his first time on the Story District stage. He wishes to thank everyone who has helped him in his journey including staff at the Holy Cross Health Centers, PCC, and care managers at the different agencies he has been a part of, for their support.

Sarah Frazell **Director Behavioral** **Health Programs, PCC**



Sarah Frazell is the Director of Behavioral Health Programs at PCC. Prior to serving in this position, Sarah was a Supervisory Behavioral Health Care Manager working with patients at Holy Cross Health Center in Silver Spring. Originally from Minnesota and missing the Jello “salads” but not the winters, Sarah enjoys hanging out with her husband and cat, discovering weird videos on YouTube, traveling, going to concerts, cooking, and participating in the annual Frazell family Oscar nominee movie blog.





Looking for more ways to support the Primary Care Coalition?

The Montgomery County fiscal year 2020 budget process is underway. Every year, PCC, our partners, and patients fight to keep adequate funding for programs that provide health care to the uninsured.

This year, we're focusing on getting our patient population immunized and making sure Project Access has the resources to provide access to all the specialties our patients need.

You just heard six stories about why we need a strong health care safety-net system. **Call or email your councilmembers tonight!** Tell them it's important to maintain funding for the health care safety-net.

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