

First Full-Time Nurse Practitioner Joins Staff July 2006

Thanks to a grant from the Virginia Health Care Foundation, the Free Clinic has hired Helen Robinson as its first full-time nurse practitioner.

In this position Robinson, who is from Floyd, will see patients during the newly established daytime clinics on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, in addition to the present Friday day clinic and Tuesday night clinic. She will provide medical care, surgical referrals to specialists and continual acute and chronic care.

Although she is new as a staff member, Robinson had volunteered at the Free Clinic for the past ten years.

Prior to her appointment, Robinson worked for the Montgomery County Health Department, where she will continue to assist one day a week in the family planning and STD clinic.

Robinson comes from a family of nurses and first worked in a hospital as a candy striper when she was 12. She received her B.A. from Cornell University in 1974 and became a licensed nurse practitioner in 1999.



Helen Robinson, Nurse Practitioner (left), with Free Clinic medical staff at the nurse's station.