

## *Celebrating Twenty Years: The Health Center Chapel and the Foundation*

When you visit Douglas County Health Center, stop in to experience the chapel, across from DCHC's Town Hall and just down from the billiard table, gift shop, and hair salon.

The interfaith chapel, dedicated on July 8, 2001, provides residents, their families, and employees with the opportunity to participate in worship services, bible study, memorial services, an annual service of remembrance for residents who have passed away, and even weddings!

The foundation fundraised and worked with Lambrecht Studios to design and install stained glass windows for the chapel and, in 2009, the foundation accepted a donation of pews from St. Joan of Arc Catholic church. With the help and skill of the health center's carpentry department, the pews were completely refinished, refurbished, and installed later that year. Also that year, the foundation purchased a new lectern and music and microphone system for the chapel.

Along with employees of DCHC's Therapeutic Recreation department, Sabra Mackey - Community 360's 2012 Activities Director of the Year - oversees the chapel to organize services and identify current and future needs. They do a wonderful job there and we appreciate their willingness and dedication.

Important to everyone involved in the chapel's creation was the idea that it always be open so anyone could visit any time of day, any day of the week. Without doubt, the chapel came together through a blending of volunteer efforts, focused fundraising, conversations with faith leaders, and multi-departmental engagement. It is a testament to the health center that such a welcoming and supportive space is available to all.