

Work is more than a job, it's Coleman's life

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Ray Coleman is very likely one of the hardest-working men in Collin County, but he is not arrogant about it. Mr. Coleman is the CEO and founder of Tapestry Health Care in McKinney, a mission that he is deeply devoted to. He can easily talk for hours on the subject, but becomes quiet when the focus is turned to him. For instance, when I asked him what his favorite hobbies and pass times were he only laughed, became quiet and said "I don't have any, I have work."

He is not grumbling about it, though. Coleman has a self-proclaimed "entrepreneur spirit" and he is committed to Tapestry Healthcare.

"It is my baby," he said. Coleman envisioned the idea for an affordable health care center because he knew that there was a need for it in his hometown of McKinney.

"I give my credit to my board and volunteers," he said.

Though it was founded in 2001, Tapestry has been providing much needed medical attention to families and individuals in need since February of this year. In fact, the non-profit organization has provided

health care services to 573 uninsured, underinsured, and underserved families and residents of McKinney and surrounding cities, including Dallas. This is an amazing achievement, considering that Tapestry has been comprised of volunteers and is only open in the evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

There is some exciting change coming to Tapestry, though. Starting August 30, it will be open 10 hours a

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day, Monday through Thursday, and will no longer be operated by volunteers. This change is possible because of Mr. Lucio Gonsalez PA-C, says Coleman. Gonsalez is a native son of McKinney, and as a member of the American Academy of Physician's



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Assistants (AAPA), and Texas Association of Physician Assistants (TAPA), will become Tapestry Healthcare's permanent provider.

Coleman is originally from Miami. He earned his bachelor of science in

Coleman proclaims that he has been a lifelong Dallas Cowboys fan.

Coleman decided to move to Texas because he "needed a change," (to be closer to his favorite team, perhaps?) He has now been here for four years and McKinney for two.

When he does have free time, Coleman enjoys going out to eat but "98 percent of his time is at work." He is also devoted to his two children, Diamond, 10, and Devon, 8.

Coleman is a person who saw a need in his community and decided to act on it. Though he does not like to take the credit, thanks to him, many lives have been changed for the better.

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