Good Samaritan Clinic

Volunteer Newsletter

April 2014

National Volunteer Appreciation Week

GSC Staff

Every year, GSC recognizes National Volunteer Appreciation Week in honor of our reliable volunteers in all aspects of the clinic. Community and in-house volunteers help to carry out the mission of Good Samaritan Clinic.

We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you for all that they have done to help us throughout the year!

Transition to a Charitable Clinic

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Although no one plans to get sick or hurt, it's inevitable that most people will need medical care at some point in their lives. When medical problems arise, the stress can be overwhelming. Imagine how those who are under-insured or have no insurance feel when faced with challenging health issues! Good Samaritan Clinic strives to help those who would otherwise go without care by being their primary medical home and a safety net for thousands. Our goal is to be on the front-line of improving the health of low-income residents in Burke County, one patient at time.

Despite changes in leadership, countrywide economic depression and constantly changing rules and regulations regarding healthcare, the clinic has kept its door open and thrived. Even with the Affordable Care Act, the decision not to expand Medicaid in North Carolina still leaves 90% of Good Samaritan Clinic patients ineligible for subsidies under the health insurance exchange.

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Dental Volunteer Needed!

The Clinic is currently seeking a part-time volunteer dental assistant or hygienist to join the Dental team!

Hours vary but are usually 3-4 hrs twice a month

If interested please contact Debbie Feduke at (828) 212.4180

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In the words of Executive Director, Lou Hill, "It is a time of discernment and tough choices of how to evolve in a way this is true to our mission and financially sustainable."

In the past, the clinic has operated as a free clinic, with $5 donations graciously accepted from patients who could afford it. As of March 1st, 2014 we transitioned into a charitable clinic and began charging a nominal fee to offset the cost of the services that several community partners and we provide. Basic fees are $10 for determining eligibility (certification), $5 for doctor visits, lab work and specialist consultations, and a $2 processing fee for prescription medications. No one is denied care! Patients who feel they cannot afford these fees meet with an Enrollment Counselor and work out financial arrangements on a case-by-case basis. Community donations and grants are still critically needed as patient fees will account for less than 10% of our annual budget.

The Board of Directors and Staff of the clinic feel that this change is one that both gives greater ownership to patients in their care and moves the needle in helping the clinic remain financially viable in the future.

Welcoming Kimberly James

Although born in California, Kimberly attended high school and attained her college degree in North Carolina. After earning her Master's Degree in English, Kimberly enjoyed a teaching position in Texas for 5 years.

Residing in Morganton once again, Kimberly comes to GSC as a volunteer while she is transitioning from her 13 year English teaching career. She is currently taking an online pharmacy course through Penn Foster to become a pharmacy tech and looks forward to graduating this May. While finishing her degree, Kimberly is utilizing her skills to help in our pharmacy and also assisting Joann with the certification process and screening. She enjoys living next door to her parents and spending time with her 4 year old daughter, who many times is the subject of her favorite hobby: photography.

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Welcoming Kaylie

Kaylie Bumgarner has recently begun volunteering at the clinic as a part of her WPCC Nursing curriculum. She enjoys fast-paced, high-energy healthcare settings and hopes to work in a facility such as Frye Cardiology or Mission Hospital. Kaylie will be graduating this May with her two-year nursing degree and will begin to seek a career in an exciting healthcare environment. She enjoys hiking on her days off, as well as spending time with her fiancé and her two pets: a python and a bearded dragon. She is excited not only about beginning her new career as a nurse, but also her wedding to be held this October!

Kaylie is assisting Dr. Joshi here at the clinic on Thursday mornings. We look forward to the quality care she will continue to provide for our patients!