



GFC Healthline

"And all those who touched Him were healed." Mk 6:53

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He was hospitalized for a deep tissue infection made worse by a chronic scaling dermatologic disorder. The combination led to a repulsive odor which caused him to retreat further into his non-responsive self. He was accepted at the GFC Health Recovery Program with trepidation. But through diligence and encouragement, psych meds were restarted, hygiene improved, disability checks were initiated and he was able to "graduate" to assisted living. GFC Case Manager Dan McDonough continues follow-up visits and reports he has started working toward an associate degree, is seeking an apartment and through better self care now smells fine.

Tour of GFC Facilities and Services set for October 17

Through the recession, we have been seeing more and more clients who were formerly employed and insured, but now must rely on charity as their only source of health care. This has led to increased demands on our services and facilities but we have stepped up to meet these needs. GFC aims to provide comprehensive health services within our ability for those without insurance.

Come see the many facets of Gennesaret Free Clinic at work on a Saturday morning at 8:30 AM, October 17. This informational tour will take you to

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Health Care Reform and GFC

Many have asked what Health Care Reform might mean for GFC. Will it mean GFC will no longer be necessary? Will the government provide the services, GFC now provides? More importantly, what would it mean for our clients?

For 22 years, GFC has been providing one-on-one "health care reform" for the uninsured of Indianapolis. We provide walk-in medical clinics, scheduled medical visits for patients with chronic

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GFC Pharmacist Jenifer Gillespie, PhrmD (right), instructs a client in the use of her new inhaler.

Volunteer Recognition Event

We are proud to once again salute our loyal and dedicated volunteers

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The faculty of the Community Family Medicine Residency Program by the 2009 3rd year graduates

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News... News...

Program Updates

Our Wellness Clinic (chronic illnesses) has seen a 60% increase in office visits over the same period last year. Our dental clinic has had 200 more appointments this year compared to last year. Our Health Recovery Program has enrolled 110% more participants in 2008 than 2007. Lisa Harris our women's case manager in partnership with St. Vincent Hospital has increased mammography screening 266% this year for our clients.

Car Wash Coupons Support GFC

Carpenter Realtors will be selling Mikes Express Car Wash Coupons for \$8 during the month of November to support GFC. To purchase car wash coupons call the GFC Office at 639-5645, ext 200. The coupons make great stocking stuffers.

Needed Now

Cape 30 x 21 White F/B Open – 3 cases
18" Table paper – 10 cases
Welch-Allen probe covers WA/05031-101 – 12 boxes

And of course... volunteer dentists, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, clerks, and drivers are always needed at GFC.

Welcome to our newest Volunteers!

Carrie Anderson, M.D.
Melanie Block-Thralls, R.N.
Ellie Carter
Jay Cowan, DDS
Kris Earhart
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Thomas Ferrara, M.D.
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New Volunteers please call 639-5645 for an orientation session.



A security officer provides a helping hand in the GFC waiting room at St. Vincent de Paul Quigley-Pratt Food Choice Pantry.

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four sites by bus transportation—a medical van clinic, a food pantry clinic, GFC’s Dental & Wellness Clinic & the Health Recovery Program. You will see and learn how GFC’s services are a vital component of our city’s health safety net. For information on the tour contact Brenda Warren. 317-639-5645 ext. 200.

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medical illnesses, medications and supplies, full dental care, housing after hospitalization, and case-management for women and men. But as hard as we work to deliver quality and compassionate care, we can only serve a fraction of the un-insured population of Indianapolis. As we go to press, the most comprehensive health care proposals do not cover dental care, housing, undocumented immigrants and only about half of the un-insured.

We had always hoped that at some point our services would no longer be necessary. Even with the most inclusive reform, it appears many will still have to rely on GFC for their health care.

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with a volunteer ceremony. On Monday November 22 at 5 PM at the Editions Ltd. Art Gallery at 838 E. 65th Street in Broad Ripple. Dr. Virginia Caine will speak about issues regarding influenza. Volunteers save the date to celebrate your good work.

Reflection Reflection

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick

and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25, New International Version

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Our Mission

We

are health care professionals and other concerned individuals, who have heard a calling to offer our talents and training to the homeless and indigent in Indianapolis.

Through our efforts, we endeavor to provide competent, accessible, and compassionate health care to the needy.

Our faith moves us to show special respect and dignity to those who are disenfranchised; for we realize that it is in such a healing encounter that we are all made more whole by

God.

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