

# GENNESARET FREE CLINIC

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## SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

You won't believe your eyes. But it is true, the clinic area at the Good News Mission is underway in a big way. The dedicated clinic area is nearly half completed and may be ready for business by mid-December. The clinic will have pleasant entry way, waiting area, and reception desk. Two separate exam rooms with sinks and full exam equipment are available. A separate and private room is available for counseling, teaching, or office work. The work station sinks, cabinets, and filing areas will allow room for lab equipment, a small pharmacy, and permanent files. The clinic will provide primary medical and speciality care for two hundred men, women, and children in the shelter and the indigent of the surrounding neighborhood. Shortly, we will go to three weekly clinics at Good News Mission alone! In order to provide service on such a grand scale everyone's God-given gifts will be needed. If you know a pharmacist who can help, if you know other nurses, doctors, or clerks who can help, if you can volunteer more frequently, then you are needed. Also an effort of this magnitude needs and deserves your donations. We are half way towards the expense of the renovation thanks to the generosity of our volunteers; now would be a good time to consider a donation to help finish this project.

## OPEN HOUSE

On Nov 17, Thursday, at 7:30-8:30 pm we will have an open house of the new clinic area at Good News Mission. This will be an opportunity to meet with each other, chat, plan, and see how the new clinic is shaping up. Please come with your family, friends, and anyone interested for snacks and a look see. It could be a fun time to just meet all the one hundred plus volunteers that make Gennesaret Clinic tick. Parking is behind Good News Mission 2716 E. Washington, or behind the School building one door up on Rural (the site of the clinic.) Just come in the front door of the school; the new clinic area is right in the front of the main hall. Please try to come: See you then!

## BRIGHTWOOD FAMILY SHELTER

While the All Saints Shelter is being renovated as a family shelter, the Indpls Episcopal Metro Council will be setting up a temporary family shelter in the Brightwood (Sherman and 10th) region. Weekly visits by the Gennesaret team are being planned. Perhaps this will be in conjunction with the All Saints kitchen clinic presently at Murat Temple on Saturday. Wait for announcements and location changes that may be necessary. We will continue to try to provide our services at the sites of greatest need. Be assured that your input concerning utilization and resources is always welcome.

## CONSULTS

Welcome to our new specialists who now bring some much more to our effort to provide quality care to the poor. What a commitment we are seeing in this effort; one specialist recommended making personal contact so our referral could get an earlier appointment (presumably receiving preference). We will try to use our specialists sparingly but we do appreciate their input. Once again, we need a podiatrist to help; anybody know a kindly one?

## MEDIA BLITZ

The national media hype over homelessness has not spared Indianapolis. There is genuine concern over homelessness and it seems to be a favorite topic in the press. Favorable articles have appeared in both local papers and a public t.v. documentary on channel 20 (including one of the Gennesaret teams at Lighthouse) has spread the word. Don't be afraid to tell others what you are doing to help the indigent and homeless; every day people are volunteering because it seems like the right thing to do.

## DETAILS, DETAILS...

In order to provide the best service possible please watch for some of these points:

1. Make sure medical records are obtained on each patient seen.
2. Please watch for out-dated medicines in the trunks. They have been checked once but it is the ultimate responsibility of the on-site team to check medicines. We encourage all to feel ownership in this

clinic. If the trunk is dirty, consults need to be obtained, or a particular service needs to be provided please try to take the ball and run with it. There are an amazing number of details the Storer Schmidt staff tend to; please help them whenever possible.

3. Medical Waste of any kind must be removed and taken back to the hospital or office.

4. Please make sure someone from your team picks up the trunk for your clinic. There have been a few dropped clinics because of failures to show. Please take a moment to check your schedule and switch a night or afternoon that you can't make.

## STORIES

We hear some touching stories from patients at each of the clinics. For example people on the street after by-pass operations, kids on the street, and workers rushing against the clock to provide services with the cold weather upon us. Likewise the stories abound over the inspiring health care teams that are working in less than optimal surroundings to lend a helping hand.

## PRAYER

God of Life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and wear us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with light, we beseech You; turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise.  
St. Augustine