

# GENNESARET FREE CLINIC

Volunteer Medical Services for the Homeless

"And all those who touched Him were healed." Mark 6:56

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## Annual Volunteer Picnic and Mobile Clinic Open House

Following a great one year tradition, GFC will have its Second Annual Volunteer Picnic on Saturday, July 28 from 2-6pm at the home of Dr. Jim Trippi, 6341 Creekside Lane. There will be plenty of outdoor fun with kids games, croquet, board games, and swimming. We might even get a bocce ball game going. There are great places for walking, too. An outdoor barbecue with all the fixings will be about 4:30pm. The guest of honor will be the new GFC mobile clinic, a 24 ft mobile home outfitted as a medical office. The van will be open for your inspection.

Please come even if you cannot stay for the whole afternoon. Meet some new people, cool off in the pool, or check-out the mobile clinic. Bring your family.

All you need is your swim-suit, towel, other athletic equipment, and a good appetite. Please reply and get directions by July 23 at 842-4863. Call for rain date. See you then!

## Mobile Clinic to Start July 29

Our GFC mobile clinic will soon start as a new service to the homeless and indigent. Our facility will be a 1987 24 foot mobile home Cruise-air Lean Machine by Georgie Boy. The vehicle is outfitted with an intake area with table and seating, storage for medication and supplies, bathroom, and exam area. The vehicle is quite complicated to operate so drivers will

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in-serviced on all the features. We hope to have the first session on Sunday July 29 providing primary care to those who cannot be seen in our shelter clinic offices. This will be the only medical care available to the indigent in Indianapolis on a Sunday. If you would like to volunteer for duty on the mobile clinic please call Nancy Gregori, R.N., at 293-9864. We are making out new schedules and could really use your help.

## Annual Health Fair

Once again GFC will participate in the Health Fair for the homeless. Last year many, many GFC volunteers came out on a November evening and screened for tuberculosis and gave DT and flu vaccines. This year we hope to build on our experience and continue the same TB screening and vaccine program but add many new attractions. We hope to check for diabetes, hearing/speech disorders, visual difficulties, blood pressure, and possibly dental needs. There will be information on AIDS and hygiene available. We hope to have a better incentive to encourage the timid ones to get the services they might benefit from.

These are ambitious plans but the people are in such great need. Again we will be working with the Marion Health Department and Peoples Health Homeless Initiative Program. Please think about helping with the planning or volunteering this December 3.

## Announcements

+ The Indianapolis Speech and Hearing Center has offered to see any patients seen in our clinics in need of their services. For example, an elderly person in need of an hearing aid or a child with a speech disorder might be an appropriate referral.

The Indianapolis Speech and Hearing Center, a United Way Agency, is located in Broad Ripple. Please consider referrals to them from your practices or those needing their services from your GFC session..

+ Diana Campbell has notified GFC that the Social Security Disability Department often knows of homeless persons who qualify for benefits but who cannot get health assessments in a timely fashion or before the person has left the shelter they are in. Our health records may be a way for these persons to receive the benefits they are entitled to and thus break the homeless cycle. Please refer persons who might be considered for disability by calling 232-6003.

+ The Evangelical Congress Torch Run in August is in need of medical volunteers. Please call Dr. Jessie Dias at 926-0521.

+ Summer time is a bad time for having no shows amongst our medical volunteers. It is very easy to "space-out" on one's scheduled session but that often leaves a nurse stranded or a doctor trying to cope alone. Please call the nurse or doctor you are scheduled with before going to your session. Please make arrangements to cover a session you cannot make.

+ Our medical supplies are at a very low level due to high demand and few donations of samples. If you can donate

any spare samples, especially any antibiotics or basic medications like antacids, dilantin, and dermatologic medications. Donations of medications are best handled by Donna O' Donnell, R.N. at 924-5444. They can be brought to Good News Center as well. We need medications that have not expired. If you have expired medications please sort them out and we will see that they are sent to foreign missions through the Sisters of St. Francis.

+ Any contributions to GFC are recognized by the IRS as a tax exempt charitable donation.

+ Welcome to all the new GFC volunteers! Several new doctors and nurses from St. Vincent will start soon. We thank all the residents now leaving GFC as they begin careers outside Indianapolis. Many GFC volunteers have been active for more than two years but others have had to leave. Our thanks to all.

+ IMPORTANT: Dr Richard Lundeen (D.P.M.) of Winona Foot and Ankle Center will start podiatry service for the homeless! We have been waiting for so long for this very needed service since the homeless have so many foot problems; now we have the best with Dr. Lundeen and the teaching program in podiatry involved with GFC. Please refer all foot and ankle problems so as to justify this special bi-weekly service that will begin July 12, 26 at Lighthouse Mission at 7:00pm.. Persons from the other shelters can come to Lighthouse for this service.

+ Mondays at 2pm an Alcoholics Anonymous group for the homeless will be held at Mount Olive Crisis Center, 1003 W. 16th Street.