

GENNESARET FREE CLINIC

Volunteer Medical Services for the Homeless

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

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Mobile Clinic Hits the Streets

GFC began delivering medical care out of our newly converted recreation vehicle on Sunday July 29 at Cathedral Kitchen. This downtown "soup kitchen" provides a lunch-time nutritious meal to over 200 homeless and indigent persons each Sunday. When our vehicle pulled up on 14th Street, people started lining up. Inside the 24ft. mobile home, space gets pretty crowded with a nurse, doctor, and two patients. But supplies are stocked well and the people are appreciative; time passes quickly. Then the vehicle is returned to the Marion County Medical Society garage (its temporary home). Soon we may have our own bay in a Methodist Hospital garage.

We are extremely busy on Sunday seeing upto 20 patients in 2 hours; we need volunteers who could help on Saturday morning to staff a visit to "Flag park." Another mobile van provides sandwiches and clothing at the mall downtown Saturday from 9-11 am. GFC hopes to provide a visit to this location; this may take some of the load off the Sunday session as well.

Please consider volunteering on a Saturday or ask a friend to help out. Mrs. Jeanie Malone at 257-8139 is taking names of volunteers. Thanks to Junior League of Indianapolis for their support of GFC through Mrs. Malone.

Drivers are needed also. This is ideal for

for the person without medical skills who wishes to volunteer. A special "drivers ed" session will acquaint drivers with the vehicles operation. Check with Jeanie Malone.

Health Fair Planning Underway

This year in addition to screening for tuberculosis and providing immunization for tetanus, diphtheria, and influenza a complete health fair will be conducted in the shelters. This year the entire endeavor is being underwritten by the Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis.

Mrs. Betty Wilson, program director for the Foundation, has been very helpful in helping the Fair get this secure financial footing. Partners in this years program will be Indianapolis Speech and Hearing, Winona Foot and Ankle Care, Marion County Health Department, Peoples Health Homeless Initiative Program and GFC. We hope to check BP, Blood glucose vision, hearing, foot care, skin diseases, and give AIDs information.

Last year we had a wonderful turn-out of GFC volunteers; this year we expect many more interested persons for such wide reaching services and for the incentives to be provided to those receiving immunizations. Please reserve Monday evening December 3 and be part of the 1990 Health Fair for the homeless.

Reflection

Lord, we know how you love the poor. You choose the poor and homeless to be your own. Identifying yourself with the poor, you said,

"For when I was hungry, you gave me food;
when thirsty, you gave me drink,
when I was a stranger, you took me into your home;
when naked, you clothed me;
when I was ill, you came to my help;
when in prison you visited me."

We thank you for the poor; the gift of yourself to us!

When we are self-satisfied and complacent,
may the poor challenge us to service.
When we are unable to make do with what we have,
may the resourcefulness of the homeless open our imaginations to better
utilize our earth and its treasures.
When we are frustrated,
may the patience of the poor encourage us.
When we are despondent,
may the simple joys of the poor console us.
When our lives become too complex,
may the simplicity of the homeless be our example.

Lord, may we echo the psalmist and say,
"In your tent I shall make my home for ever
and find shelter under the cover of your wings."

To our God we say, "my Lord, you are my fortune, nothing else but you."

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Scheduled Medical/Dental/Podiatric Sessions

MEDICAL

Monday

Lighthouse Mission 8:00 P.M. Male Shelter
520 E. Market

Tuesday

Mt. Olive Crisis Center 7:00 P.M. Family Shelter
1003 W. 16th St.

Good News Center 7:00 P.M. Family Shelter
23 N. Rural

Salvation Army Adult Rehab. 7:00 P.M. Male Shelter
711 E. Washington

Thursday

Mobile Clinic 12:30 P.M. Temporary housing
Dearborn Hotel
3208 E. Michigan St

Lighthouse Mission 8:00 P.M. Male Shelter
520 E. Market

Holy Family Shelter 7:00 P.M. Family Shelter
30 E. Palmer

Saturday

Mobile Clinic 9:00 A.M. St. V dePaul Van
North St. and Meridian

Good News Center 11:00 A.M. Family Shelter
23 N. Rural

Dayspring Center 12:30 P.M. Family Shelter
1537 Central

Sunday

Mobile Clinic 12:15 P.M. Lunch program
Cathedral Kitchen
1350 N. Pennsylvania

DENTAL

Tuesday

Good News Center 7:00 P.M.

23 N. Rural

PODIATRIC Thursday (2nd, 4th)

Lighthouse Mission 8:00 P.M.

520 E. Market