

# GENNESARET FREE CLINIC

Volunteer Medical Services for the Homeless

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

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## Dr. Erin Snyder wins GFC Raffle

Dr. Erin Snyder now that you are a GFC volunteer, what are you going to do? "I'm going to Disney World!" That's right Dr. Snyder was the lucky pick at the GFC Annual Picnic to receive the trip for two to Disney World. She is a Family Practice resident at Community Hospital and a GFC volunteer at Holy Family Shelter. She will represent GFC at the Point of Light Celebration to be attended by President Bush and an army of media and celebrities. We wish you well, Erin!

Also winners at the picnic were Traci Hoppes (Mall gift certificate), Jackie Downs (Mall gift certificate), Geneva Lamn (Dinner at Italian Village Restaurant), and Dr. Donald P. Johnson (Cuff links from Hoffmeister's Jewelry).

All had a good time at Gregori's during the picnic and thanks to all who helped with the event.

## "Health Care for the Homeless and Poor" Conference brings medical workers to Indy.

Over one hundred medical workers from around Indiana will gather on September 14 to discuss medical topics, share concerns, and foster comradery. The event promises to bring new attention to the matter of indigent health care. Register at the door (of the Indiana State Board of Health) at 8:00am.

## GFC to Hire Administrative Secretary

GFC has grown steadily since February 1988 as a purely volunteer organization. There have been ups and downs but our dedicated volunteers have always pitched in. The administrative duties have been handled by volunteers who have given extra time beyond their duties in the clinics. Jobs like fund raising, mailings, schedulings, meetings with local agencies, and handling supplies have been taken care of by "behind-the-scene" volunteers. With our growth, however, this has become just too much for any volunteer to handle.

We are presently drawing up a job description for a full-time secretary to cover many of the duties that have been making some of our volunteers "full-time." Answering our GFC phone, scheduling, doing our mailings, communication with members, and computer data entry will be some of the tasks being considered for this position. We are in need of a very competent person to help keep our organization (that serves the medical needs of the indigent) on course.

This will be a big step for GFC and you can help. If you know of a person who might be available 1/92, please inform Mary Ann Wyand (236-1570). This will be expensive; more than ever, we will need your financial help.

## Shelter Health Fair for 1991

For the past two years GFC, People's Health, and the Indianapolis Health Department have cooperated in the annual Shelter Health Fair. This has been a city wide program to check tuberculosis exposure, provide immunizations, screen for high blood pressure, diabetes, vision disorders, speech and hearing problems, and podiatry/dermatology disorders. Each year more persons are tested and many GFC volunteers take part.

Tentative plans for a 1991 Shelter Health Fair in December are underway. If you can spare one evening in December to help please call Dr. Jim Trippi (924-5444) to enlist. Nurses, non-medical workers, and doctors are needed. More details will follow.

## News... News... News...

+ GFC prayers and concern go out to David Schnabel, a steady GFC volunteer, during his illness. We hope for your comfort and recovery.

+ Sue Schneider, Dr. Sputh, and Nancy Gregori met Vice President Quayle during his recent trip to Indianapolis as part of the Point of Light award.

+ Sue Schneider has resigned as a GFC Administrative Coordinator and Board member to work full-time in nursing. She will remain a volunteer in the clinics. We all thank you, Sue, for your many contributions.

+ A recent young man seen on the mobile medical van asked for free eye glasses because his were broken after being "ruffed up by the police". He was referred to Dr. Jack Jaffee, O.D. for a new pair.

+ The mobile medical van has become very busy seeing many of the true "street people." It is numbing to hear their stories over and over again of not being able to find shelter or the basic essentials of life. Presently, over 60 persons each week are provided basic medical care through the doctors, nurses, and drivers of the GFC mobile medical unit. It is such a needed service and yet it is difficult to find doctors to work the Saturday or Sunday AM shifts. If you know of someone who could volunteer then please call Pam Gibson at 843-1710.

## Reflection

(The many people converging around the GFC van remind one of this passage.)

"So Jesus went round all the towns and villages teaching in their synagogues, and curing every kind of illness and infirmity. the sight of the crowds moved him to pity: they were like sheep without a shepherd, harassed and helpless. Then he said to his disciples, "The crop is heavy, but the labourers too few; you must ask the owner to send labourers to bring in the harvest."

Matt. 9:35-38.