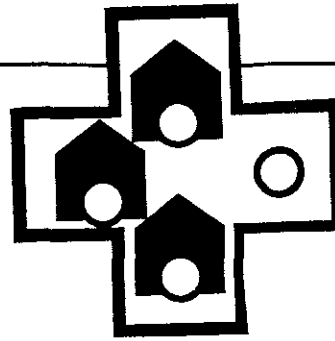

GENNESARET FREE CLINIC NEWS



Volunteer Health Care for the Homeless and Poor

Clinics at Dayspring Center, Care Center, Lighthouse Mission, Salvation Army Adult Rehab, Holy Family Shelter, Mt. Olive Crisis Center, and Mobile Unit. Office at Indpls Medical Society, 631 E. N. Y., Indpls, IN 46202, (317) 262-5645

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" And all those who touched Him were healed." Mark 6:58

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GFC Annual Meeting inspires volunteers

Starting out our sixth year as a volunteer health organization together was the goal of our Annual Meeting on February 3rd. The festive setting was perfect at the **Hudson Institute**, the food was great, and we were entertained by a violin musician. Over 150 persons attended to celebrate five years of service to the very poor and homeless of Indianapolis. Displays and information on our work was available. Our speakers were inspiring and challenging; **Dr. Paul Schmidt**, long time GFC volunteer gave the invocation. WRTV - 6 anchorman **Clyde Lee** addressed the gathering. (You will find Dr. Schmidt's and Clyde Lee's words in this issue's reflection column).

And the violin player even addressed the gathering. It seems that he was a resident at Lighthouse mission for quite sometime during a turbulent part of his life. GFC health teams treated him several times during his stay there. In a poignant moment he said, "Now I have my own apartment and a job. **Now I'm one of you.**" One cannot help but wonder that while he was homeless he must have felt like "one of them."

Judge Z. Mae Jimison closed our meeting with a stirring prayer. Invoking all to join hands, she prayed that by the year 2000 that GFC might no longer be in existence because the problem of homelessness and indigent health care would no longer exist. May God bless us with this gift.

GFC Window Sticker

Included with this letter is a token of your involvement with GFC. This **window sticker identifies the proud volunteer health worker who gives time and talent to the homeless and poor.** Displaying this sticker will tell those around that your medical career goes deeper than

your regular job. Others may be interested in following in your footsteps after seeing this sign of your involvement.

The sticker is one of the new "static cling" types that will stay on indefinitely but will not have to be removed with special chemicals or scraping. You may find that moisture added to the sticker applied to a clean window will work best. Fasten the sticker to your car window or doorway. We hope that the sticker is discreet but will inform others that **you are a special member of the health professions. Thanks!**

Mission Statement of GFC

We are health professionals of Indianapolis who have heard a calling to offer our talents and training to the homeless and indigent. Through our volunteer effort, 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 have been neglected; for we realize that it is in such a healing encounter, that we are made more whole by God.

WTHR -TV 13 Features GFC Mobile Unit

Jerri Peazler, R.N. felt that she wanted to do something for the homeless. She started collecting hygiene items from co-workers at Methodist Hospital. Her husband thought this was pretty special and called channel 13 to tell them about it. As a result a weekend feature about the mobile services of GFC and how one person can make a difference to the homeless was aired. Jerri thinks it is just a small thing, but because she dared to do something small, many now receive the benefits of her labors.

News... News...

■ **Kristin Caterers** served at the GFC Annual Meeting providing excellent drinks and hors d'oeuvres at a very reasonable fee. Please consider patronizing them if you are in need of catering for a private function as a way of thanking them.

■ If you are the type who plans ahead, mark down September 18 for the **Health Care for the Homeless and Poor Conference**. This year more speakers, topics, and accompanying events are being planned. Watch for details.

■ Special thanks to retiring board members, **Mary Ann Wyand and Frank Iacona**. Their service over the past years has been invaluable. Those really benefiting from their contributions have been the most needy in that GFC is so much stronger as a result of their contributions.

We welcome new board members **Katie Diefenthaler, Richard Hahn, and Z. Mae Jimison**. For the challenges ahead, GFC has fine leadership.

■ The GFC phones will shortly have details on services that are available through the GFC office at 262-5645. Also emergency numbers will be listed.

■ **Dr. Pam Spurgeon** recently saw a patient at Dayspring mission who wondered if she might be diabetic. Dr. Spurgeon went through the manual for the Accucheck machine and was able to obtain a reading to assure the patient that she was alright. Check for the Accucheck machine at each GFC site for this capability.

■ **Dr. Kruse** will be offering GFC patients he sees at Lighthouse Mission one year of anti-hypertensive therapy through a grant from **Marion Merrill Dow**. Hopefully, this program will introduce an added factor of consistency into the therapy of this chronic disorder.

■ **Linda Schnellinger**, our GFC Administrative Assistant, has been on the job for one year now. Thanks for all you have done to make our GFC services more reliable and professional. You have really made a wonderful impact on GFC through your outgoing and caring manner.

■ Tabernacle Presbyterian Church invites GFC members to a workshop to better help us

understand cross-cultural ministries. The program is April 17 from 9:00 to 2:30 and features the **Poverty Experience Program and a session entitled "Understanding Black Culture."** A fee of \$7.00 is requested. Call 923-5458 to register by April 7.

Donors

This time of year is traditionally slow for charitable giving. **Thanks to all who remembered GFC with your gifts.**

Fig Tree Peace Group of St Andrew Presbyterian Church, Lashmet Spitzberg, Denny, & Abrams, M. D.'s Inc., Bruce Gunstra Builders Employees, Yolanda Gregori, Ruth Sedam, Dr. & Mrs. Marc Frost, Indpls Power and Light, Margaretha Chrapla, Central Stainless Equipment, Dr & Mrs Henry Feuer, Donald and Christine Krelple, Maribeth Zay & Thomas Fischer, Dr. Frank Green.

Reflection

(Address by Clyde Lee to the 1993 GFC Annual Meeting).

First, let me tell you that I am honored that Dr. Trippi asked me to speak to you I am in the presence of the best that medicine has to offer. The fact that I was chosen to say a few words at this gathering is a compliment.

As you know, Gennesaret takes it's name from the area where Jesus healed the masses that were brought to him. He performed miracles there.

I do not consider you miracle workers, and I doubt that you do either. But I do consider you magicians. I am not talking about the type of magician that wears a top hat, carries a cane, and produces a dove from under a silk scarf.

You are the type of Magician described in the book: *King, Warrior, Magician, and Lover*. This is a book of psychology. The premise is that who we are, how we formulate our decisions, how we live our lives, is based upon the powers of four archetypes: the King, the Warrior, the Magician, and the Lover.

The King in us is that part of our personality that rules the warrior, the magician, and the lover in us. It listens to them hears, their arguments and suggestions and then decides how we will act. The king in us also defines our boundaries.

The warrior in us defends our boundaries. It is a sentry that stands over our moral, physical, emotional, and spiritual walls. It protects us from those forces that we know would harm us.

The lover in us is that which recognizes beauty. It sees and hears art, music, books, plays, movies, the human form-- nature. it interprets for us what we consider beautiful, harmonious, and pleasing.
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GENNESARET FREE CLINIC
1993 Annual Meeting Invocation

This evening our common bond is Gennesaret Free Clinic! We celebrate its birthday and five action-packed years, and we celebrate its future. A common bond is also this compulsion we share to help our downtrodden, homeless neighbors. Our motivation may be diverse but the results are always the same: magically both the giver and the receiver are blessed. Magically, or maybe miracle-like, this blessing repeats again and again. For some of us our motivation is Jesus, our model of the Godly life, and his challenge to us to bind the broken-hearted and feed the hungry.

I invite you to join me now, each within your own religious tradition, as we prayerfully consider this place, Gennesaret, and what it means to us.

Lord, our prayers rise before you like incense this evening from many grateful hearts. Thank you for Gennesaret Free Clinic, its growth, and the chances it has provided us both to serve and be served. Thank you for talented, faithful leaders, financial generosity, and the vision which sustains it. We acknowledge you as the source of all good and all these blessings.

Nevertheless, we admit our many shortcomings in this endeavor. Forgive us our times of timidity when we should have so easily found courage in you. Forgive us for continuing to contribute to this very problem of homelessness with one hapless, short-sighted, fearful hand, while we reach out with the other to help. Forgive us for failing to see you in each of our neighbors in need. Forgive us for not taking more advantage of the power of your freeing love and grace.

Help us now to seek new ways to solve the many social, spiritual and economic problems which cause homelessness. Fill us full of a spirit of thankfulness as we find new ways to help. Give us a clear vision of your faith, your hands, and your challenge in those who reach toward us for love and kindness.

Finally, we confess that without you and your redeeming love we fall short and are eternally homeless, whether our earthly sleep is on a bed or under a bush. Thank you for your home of love which never fails. Thank you for uniting us all within your love. Thank you for this place, Gennesaret, wherein we find and serve you.

Lord, each of us brings these petitions before you from within our own faith tradition. As for me, I do so in the name and for the sake of Jesus, my Lord.

Amen.

Paul E. Schmidt, M.D.

And the magician in us is that trait which draws others to us for healing, for comfort, and for knowledge.

The authors of the book go on to say that all of us tend to gravitate to one of these four traits. Those who have a strong king tend to be leaders: CEOs, committee heads, and organizers.

Those who have strong warriors tend to protect their ground and the ground of others. They are the enforcers of our society.

Those who have a strong lover tend to be artists, musicians, and writers.

And those who are magicians are those people who have spent a lot of time gaining knowledge. They have studied, they have learned their magic -- and then once they have gained their knowledge and their magic, people come to them. These magicians then dole out their magic to help others.

These people tend to be lawyers, nurses, dentists, psychiatrists, and doctors.

You are the magicians of our society. People come to you for healing. They make appointments. And you are there to help.

I know that, of the average 100 men, women, and children you see per week in the Gennesaret clinics, probably only a few send you a note of thanks. Some perhaps don't even know how. Most are probably so busy trying to make it in life that they don't think of offering a special thank you.

I also know that your motivation for choosing health care as your vocation isn't to garner thank you's. It is the satisfaction you get from knowing you have helped another person. The fact that you take it beyond your office setting -- taking your skills to people who have no idea what HMOs, PPOs, or DRGs, assignments, or third party payers are, is a tribute to whatever oath or promise or creed you espoused when you chose healthcare for your profession.

On the other side of the world, those who live around the Sea of Galilee seek the same help today that people needed 2000 years ago -- when Jesus performed miracles among the masses.

Those who find Gennesaret in the middle of Indiana come to you for help, but they are not asking for a miracle from you. They are asking for you to share your gift.

What they get is not a miracle, but a gift from God. It is a Gift of Healing.

Tonight, as you gather in fellowship, bonded by your skills to heal the sick, know that there is also

divine magic in this room, and you were called to be the magicians.

Thank you for hearing the call.

