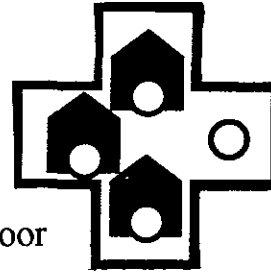


# GENNESARET FREE CLINIC NEWS



## 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 Indianapolis Medical Society, 631 E. New York Avenue, Indianapolis, 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 at Black EXPO for 1993

Once again GFC will be represented at one of Indianapolis premier events, Black EXPO. As a very visible sign of community health involvement, **the GFC 27 foot recreation vehicle (mobile unit) will be indoors at the Indianapolis Convention Center.** We have a very strategic position right in front of the new main entrance on Maryland St. The the GFC van will be hard to ignore!

The EXPO will attract crowds with over 100,00 expected to see the Health Section of the EXPO alone. This will be a wonderful opportunity to represent the concerns of GFC to Indianapolis residents as well as those who attend from all over the Mid West.

**GFC will offer pamphlets and information about our services. A tour of the van will also be available to those interested.** We will not be providing medical services to the EXPO.

If you are interested in representing GFC at Black EXPO please let Linda Schnellinger know at 262-5645. You need not be a medical professional, but someone who will answer questions about GFC to the EXPO attendees.

### GFC Picnic on Saturday, July 17

Carrying on a summer-time tradition at GFC, it's time for a picnic again. **Our first picnic** was held at park pavillion and not many people came - because it was cold and back then there were not many GFC volunteers to come anyway. Ever since then, the picnic has been a great success. And this year promises more good times.

There will be **door prizes, a raffle for some nice gifts (restaurant gift certificates, jewelry, etc.), kids games, pool fun, and good food.** Most of all it will be a great way to meet other GFC volunteers, share experiences, and have some fun.

Save Saturday, July 17 from 1-5 pm, at Dr. Jim and Linda Trippi's home at 6341 Creekside

Lane, Indpls. on your busy summer calender. We need to know how many burgers to put on the grill so, **R.S.V.P. to Linda Schnellinger at 262-5645 by Tuesday July 13.** See you then!

### GFC needs a computer!

The Indianapolis Medical Society graciously hosts the GFC office in their office on east New York Avenue. There we are able to participate in the office facilities such as the computer network. We have been using a computer donated by Bank One a few years ago. Now as the Medical Society upgrades its computer network we find that **our computer is out of date and needs to be replaced so that it can work in this network.** A replacement with a 486 type IBM clone is needed. Unfortunately, nobody is donating new sophisticated computers so we must purchase one. **GFC needs a good computer to compile data on patient services, business needs, and for communication with membership.**

Because we feel a trust between GFC and our donors we wish to be very upfront about this need. For those donors who give to GFC expecting that their **gifts go directly to medical services to the homeless** (with no overhead, fund raising expenses, and very little administrative expense), we can not let you down... Our donors need to know that their money only goes to help the poor.

Therefore, we wish to raise a **separate fund to purchase a computer.** We will hold expenses to \$2,000 for the computer and supplies. But we need donors to come through for this one time expense now. If you can help, please call with your pledge. Thanks for understanding that GFC needs to be professional but yet maintain our trust with donors.



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

◆ **GFC and Tabernacle Presbyterian Church** continue to plan for a new free clinic at 34th and Central neighborhood. This will be a Saturday morning clinic for the uninsured persons of the area. **We are seeking volunteers** for this shift. There will be orientation sessions. Plans are for this session to have full social work support. GFC has the supplies and equipment ready, just add professional volunteers and stir to perfection.

◆ GFC has been given permission by St. Francis Hospital to use surplus funds from last years Shelter Health Fair to **purchase eye glasses for our needy clients**. Right now there is a tremendous demand for this service from referrals outside GFC. If your client needs eyeglasses to function adequately, just call the GFC office and leave the details on the answering machine.

◆ Long-time GFC volunteer physician, **Barry Crevey** continues to see numerous patients each visit to Salvation Army Adult Rehab. When the medicine cabinet does not seem to have the medication needed, he calls the GFC office to have that medicine or alternative made available to the patient.

◆ Our **log sheets** are the only way to document our GFC services. Physicians and Dentists please write down the patients age, sex, diagnosis, and treatment so that our work for the poor can be shown. With our new computer, reports should be more timely and efficient.

◆ We realize that several GFC sites have been rotating as few as 5 physicians through their session. This means that **some physicians have been volunteering more that our recommended every 6 to 8 week rotation**. We thank you for your generosity and we are attempting to recruit more physicians to help. **Thanks to all who sacrifice their little free time to help the poor.**

◆ Each GFC now should have a working **eye and ear scope**. Many had burned out bulbs and burned out transformers because they had never been turned off. Repairs are underway.

◆ Did you notice the **stand-up card** on your GFC desk. This contains the information to call a **consult, lab work, eye glasses, or x-ray** for your GFC patient. Please use these services by calling the GFC answering machine for the service your client needs.

◆ The week of June 14 th, Linda Schnellinger will be on vacation. **Carpenter's Better Homes and Garden Realty will be providing a back-up person to help with your GFC needs.** Thanks so much to Carpenter's.

**Donors to GFC** (since our last newsletter- Thanks to all!) John & Angela Pasqua, Dr. Richard Hahn, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Yolanda Gregori, Donna O'Donnell, Dr. Frank Countryman, MCS Mortgage Credit Services, Thomas & Mary Ellen Brown, Drs Thomas & Kathleen Williams, St. Monica Church, Brian & Dianna Callaghan, Junior League of Indianapolis, Central Stainless Equipment, Jerry Joest, Linda Bee, BSN Class May 1993, Because of Jesus Charitable Trust, William & Diane Costas, Trustees.

## Reflection

### Mother to Son

Well, son, I'll tell you:  
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.  
It's had tacks in it,  
And splinters,  
And boards torn up,  
and places with no carpet on the floor -  
Bare.  
But all the time  
I've been a-climbin' on,  
And reachin' landin's,  
And turnin' corners,  
And sometimes goin' in the dark  
Where there ain't been no light.  
So boy, don't you turn back.  
Don't you set down on the steps  
'Cause you find it's kinder hard.  
Don't you fall now-  
For I'm still goin', honey,  
I'm still climbin',  
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

- Langston Hughes