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Christmas Eve Mobile Unit Santas

For GFC clients the cold around the Holidays was not quite so bad thanks to the warmth and generosity of several groups. Employees of Storer Schmidt, Marion County Mental Health, and the J. F. Mollov and Assoc. who provided socks, hygiene items, snacks, and mittens, gloves, and scarfs. The plentiful donations were dispensed quickly and were greatly appreciated. Thanks to all for your generosity.

ALA to promote Asthma Care at GFC

Does it seem like every child and many adults seen in GFC clinics has a history of asthma? Many of these asthma patients are limited in their abilities and at risk as well. In conjunction with the American Lung Association and the Indiana State Department of Health, and Indiana University Medical Center, GFC will be a trial site for a nurse-directed asthma clinic. For those interested in participating in the planning and implementation of this service to our clients, please contact the GFC office.

Free Glasses

As part of the continuation of services provided through the Shelter Health Fair, GFC will be the "clearing house" for eye glasses for homeless persons. If your

client needs eye-glasses for a serious visual deficit call the GFC office so that examination and dispensing of new glasses can be provided. As with all GFC services for your patient, such as Lab work, X-rays, referral consultations, and social work for women, these services can be obtained by calling 262-5645 from any of the GFC offices. Leave instructions on the GFC answering machine. Corrective lenses can make such a difference for our clients with serious visual deficit.

CHIPS Forms and Homeless News

The Indianapolis Homeless Network has been revised to better serve the needy. Under the new name, Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention of Greater Indianapolis this new body will try to bring all participants into better coordination serving the homeless. GFC is represented by Executive Director, Rebecca Seifert.

Memorials and Honors

Contributions were made in memory of: Pearl L Sutter, Rue I Sutter & Denzel Howell, Mr & Mrs Kenneth Lyons, Bob Fralich, Mildred Nowak, Camelia Chrapla, Anne Marie Battreall, Martha & Edward Bierhaus, and Parents of Dr & Mrs Dwight Schuster. Contributions were made in honor of Bonnie & Gene Terrill, Megan Carlson's 1st Birthday, Fellowship Indianapolis, Dr & Mrs Richard Beardsley, Dr James Trippi, Fred Plant for Hanukah, Drs Kenley, Moore, E. Dupler for Christmas, Gerda Perry - 25th Wedding Anniversary, Drs Scott Potter, George DeSilvester, Doug Robertson & Susan Hill for Christmas, Mr & Mrs Charles Vollrath

Wish List

Could you help us obtain these needed items?

Inhalers, crutches, 35mm projector & screen, toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc).

Also, if you know of any retired physicians or dentists who may wish to volunteer serving the poor, please call GFC at 262-5645.

Reflections

Dear Lord,

I've always had this feeling of coming from "upstairs"!

I've had the feeling of the one who "has" and who takes care of the have-nots.

The feeling of the one who "knows" and who gives instructions to those who know not,

The feeling of the one who "gives" and who is "needed," never the one who "needs" someone else.

How satisfying it is to be needed by others.

How humiliating it is to be in need of

others!

What a gift of pride! Is it a gift?

Please, Lord,

Help me to "give" less and ask for more.

Help me to give up this attitude of "benefactor" by learning to need others.

Help me to abandon this father figure, and to be a real brother to my brothers and sisters.

Help me to come down from "upstairs."

from Jean Maalouf, Bold Prayers from the Heart, Sheed and Ward, 1995.

GFC Winter Donations

Since the last newsletter, GFC has received envelopes filled with the generous support of so many. With the increased programming (designed to make our volunteer services more efficient), these donations couldn't have come at a better time. Thanks to all for your gifts. Our heart-felt appreciation for your care of the poor through GFC.

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