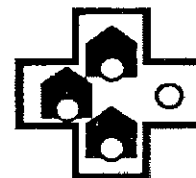


# GENNESARET FREE CLINIC

## NEWS



Volume 9 Issue 3 "And all those who touched Him were healed." Mark 6:58 September, 1996

### Health Care Conference

## Jones and Leftke to Deliver Key Note Addresses

This year we will be privileged to have two leaders in the field of indigent health care for the poor. Our first key-note address will be by **Patricia Leftke, P.A.** of the Health Care for the Homeless program from Washington, D. C. She has been honored as the Physician Assistant of the Year (1995) for her work and promotion of indigent health care in her field. She and fellow workers are involved in providing out-reach medical services to the poor and homeless of Washington. Her work leads to life-saving recoveries for clients with mental illness, substance abuse, and health problems secondary to poverty. Her address will be intensely personal with photos and descriptions of her clients and their stories.

**Dr. Art Jones** began his work with the poor of inner-city Chicago during his residency. His training prepared him for the medical problems of the clients God was calling him to serve. But in the neighborhoods of inner-city Chicago where health care institutions are designed for those with insurance and transportation, a new kind of health care was needed. Dr. Jones and the Lawndale Christian Health Clinic he founded make a profound impact on their community in terms of health and spirit. Dr. Jones will discuss the prospects for indigent health care.

### Volunteer Health Care for the Poor and Homeless

## Asthma Clinic

The first of the GFC Specialty Clinics is under-way. Through the work of Colleen Ciampa, RN and the Pulmonary Department of Indiana University School of Medicine, poor adult patients with asthma are receiving specialty care. Offered at Dayspring Shelter on Friday Afternoons, the clinic emphasizes diagnosis, treatment and prevention for clients with asthma who cannot afford the care provided at conventional facilities. The clinic is designed to address the needs of poor and minority clients who are often left out of community asthma services. GFC clients will be evaluated by a specialty nurse, educated in the care of the disease, and treated under protocol. Medications, specialty equipment, and educational equipment are available at the GFC asthma clinic. For more information or an appointment for your clients, call the GFC office. Pediatric asthma care will start shortly.

### ◆ Session Topics

## Conference Appeals to All

With four tracks during this year's **Health Care for the Homeless and Poor Conference**, there will be topics of interest for Physicians, Nurses, Administrators, and Youth Health Workers. As well as the key-note speakers there will be break-out sessions which will have the effect of four conferences running simultaneously. The different tracks will have speakers on issues providing interest to your health care work with the poor. Of course, you can mix-and-match from different tracks to personalize your educational day.

The conference will be held at the **Indiana State Government Conference Center**, a state of the art facility immediately behind the State Capitol. We will begin at **8:00 am on Saturday, September 28** and finish in time to get you home for supper.

The conference will be good for CME and CEU credits. Displays and the opportunity to discuss issues with the speakers will be available. The cost for the conference is very reasonable thanks to the backing institutions, **Methodist Hospital and the Indiana State Department of Health**. The cost of enrollment includes snacks, lunch, and materials.

Please register early; in the past three years we have had high attendance and some work-shops have closed out due to space limitations. Hope to see you all there.

Clinics at Dayspring Center, Lighthouse Mission, Salvation Army Adult Rehab, Holy Family Shelter, Care Center, Adda's Place and Mobile Unit. Office at Indianapolis Medical Society, 631 E. New York Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46202 Phone (317) 262-5645. Rebecca Seifert- Executive Director

## ◆ News

## Here's What's New

**A**ny physician able to provide care for the poor during the work day is needed now. For the past several years, GFC has staffed a **day-time mobile clinic** to the neighborhood around **Holy Cross Church and Food Pantry**. These services have been provided by Dr. Robert Cater and the generosity of St. Vincent Hospital. A steady patient base has been developed so it would be right to continue this service. If you can help, even one afternoon a month, please call the GFC office. Thanks!

**T**he GFC warehouse has been a continuing gift of the **Indianapolis AFL-CIO and Jerry Payne**. They have provided the space on their property, gas utilities for heat, and even a new furnace. GFC is dependent and grateful for fine community minded organizations and friends like these.

**A** homeless man, originally from Columbus Indiana, was recently seen at a GFC clinic for **blisters on his feet**. With no socks and worn work boots the foot trauma was expected. However, the GFC care he received was not. His feet were washed with peroxide and treated with moisturizing cream and socks. Advice about services and a referral for continuing training and rehabilitation was made. As he departed he said, **"You have helped me more than you will ever know."**

**D**ental needs are now being served by GFC dentists at the **recently refurbished facility at Care Center**. The modern and efficient equipment will allow GFC dentist to

serve more clients than ever. Hopefully, having modern equipment will encourage more dentists to volunteer. Ask your dentist to consider this service to the community.

**I**f you have an interest in developing a **specialty clinic in hypertension**, please call the GFC office for details and meeting times. We would like to do something inovative that will be designed for the special needs of our clients.

**T**here have been some instances of **unruly clients** most recently at our GFC mobile sites. With many of our younger clients, the hot and humid days of summer bring out hostility. There have been no problems thanks to disarming and concerned GFC responses. However, if tensions are not resolving sometimes the best response is to conclude the session prematurely offering to return next week when things cool down.

**P**lease remember GFC in your **prayers**. We feel more strongly with the passing of each year, that GFC continues through the Grace of God.

**O**n Friday September 6, the first **Networking Day** by the Coalition for Homeless Intervention and Prevention will take place. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about area services for our clients.

**L**ots of hard work went into another successful **GFC-Carpenter Homes and Gardens Realty Golf Tournament**. Even though it was hot and humid, 150 golfers and dozens of Carpenters support persons had a cool time. Along with all the fun, serious fund raising took place. **John Wolfe and his team** had numerous corporate sponsors and were able to raise approximately \$25,000. These funds will help sustain GFC through out the year so that we can provide even better services for the poor. A most sincere and heart-felt thanks to all who made this event such a success.

**R**ecently GFC was featured on Channel 13 "Hope to Tell" segment with **Anne Ryder**. **Dr. Shahid Athar**, highlighted in the Star for his ecumenical work, mentioned GFC as one of his activities. Hopefully these stories will keep the needs of the poor in the minds of our citizens.

## Director's Column

### Partnerships

Being a volunteer organization definitely has its advantages. One of the chief advantages is that it opens the door to partnerships with other individuals, groups, and agencies. It is this working together that is at the heart of our clinic.

We have recently been blessed with a partnership to enhance our dental services at the Care Center. In partnership with the Marion County Health Department, state of the art dental equipment has been installed. The reports back from our volunteer dentist have been glowing.

Other community partners include

Eli Lilly and Company who have donated pharmaceutical products to our formulary. The Shalom Wellness Clinic will be providing a nurse practitioner for gynecologic care of our patients. Indiana University Medical Center and Methodist Hospital will be partnering to sponsor and adult and pediatric asthma clinic. Carpenter Better Homes and Gardens Realty helps to underwrite our health care services. This list of partnerships could go on and on. I am truly thankful for all the partnerships we have developed and will continue to develop. However, you, the individual volunteer are the very heart of our clinic.

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These generous donors have contributed since the last newsletter. Our thanks for your continuing support!

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by Dr & Mrs Gregory Moore

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by Dr David Alvis

# New Volunteers

We are proud to welcome our newest GFC volunteers. Welcome aboard!

Bo Kirschten, Clerk  
Ruthann Friedman, Clerk  
Mort Friedman, Driver  
Lisa Youngblood, MD  
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# Personnel Profiles

by Mary Ann Wyand

Service to the poor through the Gennesaret Free Clinic's health care ministry is becoming a family tradition for registered nurse Sally Kindler and her daughter-in-law, Denise, who volunteer at the Lighthouse Mission on Market Street.

"I've been volunteering at the GFC clinic there every sixth week for several years," Sally said. "A friend who is also a registered nurse told me about it. I thought that would be a nice way to volunteer."

Sally said she enjoys being a part of GFC's ministry and likes to promote it to others.

"I think it just serves a need for the homeless in Indianapolis Community," she said, "and it's a nice way to use my nursing skills. I enjoy this opportunity to help others."

Sally mentioned the GFC ministry to Denise, and now her daughter-in-law volunteers as a clerk at the Lighthouse Mission.

"We go to the same place on the same night," Sally said. "I do it because I think it's the right thing' to do. Very seldom do we see men with critical care needs. They come into the mission for shelter and many times have health problems that need attention and that otherwise wouldn't be addressed if not for the men and women who volunteer for the Gennesaret Free Clinic."