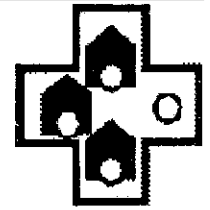


# Gennesaret Free Clinic



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## GFC Begins Making "House Calls" to the Homeless

Back in days gone by when people could not make it to the doctor's office, the doctor came to them. Even though GFC provides Indianapolis' only mobile medical service to the homeless, some persons still do not come to our regularly scheduled sessions. Through a new program in conjunction with the VA Homeless



GFC Mobile Unit on the Street for the Homeless

Outreach Team, GFC is bringing medical care to the homeless where they live. Whether that is under bridges, in alleys or in the "jungles" GFC now ventures into the territory of the homeless. This outreach service is to encourage chronically homeless persons to "come in" and seek services through shelters and counselors. Also GFC provides on-site medical exams, medications, and supplies from our mobile unit to sites that are pre-arranged by the VA mobile team. The

outreach social workers visit the homeless wherever they are staying and seeks out those desiring medical care the day or two before. They also accompany the GFC health professionals on-site.

Although this is inefficient medical care delivery, it spreads the word that GFC cares about those who are suffering from substance abuse or mental illness.

## Summer Events Coming Up

Each summer GFC makes an appearance at inner city events to contribute to the festivities and to raise awareness of our services. This year GFC will participate with our mobile unit at Black Expo, Hispanic Fair, and the Center Township FunFest. Each of these events give GFC the opportunity to introduce ourselves. We have found new volunteer health professionals as well. Can you volunteer some time to represent GFC at one of these events? Call 262-5645 now.

## Medications at GFC sites

With the GFC mobile unit now outfitted with purchased generic and repackaged donated medications, all GFC sites have been converted to the new inventory control system. In general, positive comments have been heard from GFC physicians and pharmacists.

Just a few words on tips to

take advantage of this system. Remember we depend on your feedback. If medication is dispensed, it must be logged in the dispensing notebook or there will be no way to check if it is missing. Only those medications that are repackaged in the labeled child-proof containers need to be

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## GFC Donors

The following donors have responded to the Spring /Memorial Day Appeal with their generous donations. Memorials are listed separately later.

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## New Volunteers

Since our last newsletter, GFC welcomes our newest volunteers.

Eric Binderwald, MD  
Michael Day, MD  
Vanessa Dolder, RN  
Nancy Heady, RN  
Dennis McGrath, Driver/clerk  
Rita Phillips, RN

We are all pleased to have you with us giving of your time and skills to help those in need.

## Special thanks

The following persons helped with a recent GFC mailing of over 4000 pieces:

Mary Kay Fletcher, Marilyn Ryan, Tara Coobough, Tish Brafford, Jenny Eliason, Pam Kinman, Beverly Myers, Michelle Battreall, Mary Jo Battreall, Laurie Stroke, Judy Seidell, Donna O'Donnell, Dee Eliason, Carol Kincanon, Linda Groogan, Cheryl Myers, Sue Battreall

Thanks to all!

## Memorials

The following persons have been remembered through gifts:

**Betty Lee Brown** by Earl Brown, MD  
**Jack Lapaugh** by Gregory Sipes, MD  
**James Fischer** by Indiana Hand Center  
**Mary Henderson** by Judy Henderson  
**Tina M Garofola** by K Paige Brinegar  
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**Rees & Wolf Families**- Sr of Providence  
**Dr Ward O'Donnell** by John & Karen McGoff  
**Ester Quick** by Josephine DeWeese

**Mr & Mrs Kenneth Lyons** by Robert Dorwart MD

The following have been honored through GFC donations

**Diane Somer-Carlson** by Meghan Carlson, Mother's Day  
**Dr Boyton Booth** by David Alvis MD  
**Social Workers At Methodist Hospital** by Dr Gregory Moore  
**Ellen Vorhies** by Dr Mark Vorhies  
**C Elaine Lane, MD** physician, mother, and friend by Rebecca Lane

*"God gave us  
memory so that  
we might have  
roses in Decem-  
ber"*

*J.M. Barrie*

## GFC News...News... News...

**Medical Student:** GFC and Raphael Health Center will be co-hosting first year medical student, Mark Su during June and July. Mark seeks to work with underserved patients in the future. He notes, "As a man who walked on this earth a couple of millennia ago once

did, I also intend to go around doing good and bringing healing to all. I know my medical skills will be the means to my goal: to invest my life into others (and hopefully theirs into mine).

GFC is listed in the Christian Community Health Fellowship Summer Directory for medical students.

**Display Board:** Larry Reitz and Skyline Designs have generously donated a Velcro display board and its graphic design to GFC. This will better convey the work of GFC volunteers at community meetings and GFC events.

**Ride needed:** Our Women's Case Manager, Sharon Swem has been working with a woman receiving radiation therapy at IU Med Center. Sometimes transportation cannot be arranged despite the best efforts. We would like to start a back-up list of drivers who might take her to her appointments and pick her up afterwards. Call 262-5645 to help.

**Wedding bells:** GFC medical records specialist Cheryl Hernandez wed Jeffery Myers on May 3, 1997. Best wishes and happiness to you both.

**Golf Tournament:** GFC Board of Director John Wolfe and colleagues at Carpenters Better Homes and Gardens Realty are preparing for another mammoth golf outing on June 13th. Last minute donors, sponsors, or volunteers please call the office.

**GFC Mobile Unit:** Drivers of the GFC van must remember to use the generator for all electrical devices (fans, air-conditioning, and lighting). The batteries cannot be used without the generator. Once again, the

batteries had to be replaced at an expense of over \$200. Also, please remember to use the kill switch upon leaving the van.

**Man in car:** Recently a memorable client was seen at a GFC clinic. He was insistent about being seen as soon as possible; the crowds outside the GFC mobile unit were harassing him and he wasn't used to their pushing and shoving. When asked how it was that he was not accustomed to the homeless crowd, he replied, "I live by myself." When asked where, he pointed to the mini-van parked behind the GFC mobile unit. "Doesn't it get cold in the winter?" "When it gets too cold, I go into the shelter." "How do you keep it running?" "My friends help me with repairs."

After being seen for bronchitis and receiving a cough suppressant and antibiotics, he noted that he could not see all that well especially when reading. When told that we could get him eye glasses, he thought it was too good to be true. In fact, he left in disbelief that we offered eye-glasses. As though there must be a catch. In the end, he did not take the referral note to get his glasses.

If any one sees a mini-van swerving on the downtown streets, please offer this man the GFC office number so he can get a set of corrective lenses.

**Newsletter:** In an attempt to get the word out in better fashion, the GFC newsletter will take on a somewhat different format. If anyone wishes to submit an essay, poem, news item, or other message for other volunteers or donors please do so. We now have the ability to include b&w photographs as well.

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## Medications

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logged; sample medications that happen to show up in the medicine cupboards without GFC labels do not need to be entered into the dispensing book.

One of the medication labels from the bottle is placed into the dispensing notebook, one for the progress note, and one is

extra. The label in the dispensing log goes on the bottle with the instructions and physicians name.

Each bottle of medication should run the course of the illness or one month for chronic disorders. Don't be afraid to dispense proper amounts; the same medication will be replaced at the end of the month.



**In This Issue...**

Homeless House Calls, Summer Events, New Medications, and other GFC News

***Saturday Morning Observations*** *by Sharon Vandiver, RN*

***"The park is suddenly alive with people heading toward the symbol of compassion and help"***

During the first few years the mobile van provided services at "Flag Park" on Saturday mornings, the GFC volunteers were greeted by a group that had already made their way to the St. Vincent de Paul Society's truck. There the hosts and hostesses of the "tailgate party" dispensed a continental breakfast. Clothing was given to warm the out-sides of bodies along with smiles and hot coffee to warm the insides. As food and clothing were tucked away, a line would

form at the mobile van to register for health care.

More recently, the GFC van has been the first to arrive. A new scenario greets us and has become the norm. Instead of arriving to find the people gathered and waiting, we arrive to observe the metamorphosis of "Flag Park." Come along and watch!

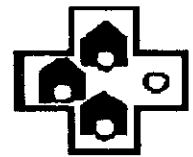
At first glance, you see... manicured lawns with park benches, twittering birds meeting the morning with cheerful acknowledgement, scampering squirrels with the expectation of a busy day gleaning food.

It would be easy to miss the

transformation from one of quiet serenity to teeming humanity within a matter of a few minutes time. Please don't hurry to ready the van. Just slow down, and take it all in!

If you watch you'll see... the tentative appearance of a human form from behind a distant tree moving closer, another person steps from behind a bench or shrub to venture forth, over there two more coming from who knows where. The park is suddenly alive with people heading toward the symbol of compassion and help on a city street in the early morning—the Gennesaret van.

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A MEMORY  
BY  
JAMES LEGGETT

I WAS BORN IN  
SOUTH CAROLINA

WHERE COTTON  
GREW.

SIX IN THE MORN-  
ING, 'TIL LATE

WE WORKED THE  
FIELD,  
MAKING ENDS  
MEET.

BEST OF ALL MY  
MOTHER,

MY MOTHER BE-  
LIEVED IN GOD.

SAY TO THE FAMILY

"GO TO SUNDAY  
SCHOOL THIS  
MORNING

SO GOD CAN  
BLESS US."

(FROM YESTERDAY I  
HEARD A VOICE - POEMS  
BY THE PATIENTS OF  
CHRIST HOUSE)

## Conference brings Health Care Professionals together

Coming from all over Indiana and surrounding states, attendees will meet in Indianapolis for the 7th Annual Health Care for the Homeless and Poor Conference set for Sept. 13.

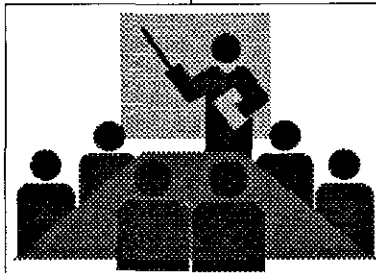
This year the conference will feature Dr. Quentin Young president of the American Public

Health Association. He will discuss trends in health care of the poor. Dr. Young will consider funding for indigent health care and the impact of public opinion on legislation. Dr. Robert Donovan, director of the Health Care of the Homeless program of Cincinnati will speak on "Caring for the Homeless: Celebrating our Successes / Embracing our Failures."

Twenty-one other speakers from around Indiana will dis-

cuss topics directed to physicians, nurses, social workers, administrators and other interested persons on four tracks.

The conference is supported by GFC and the IU School of Medicine Division of CME. Call 274-8353 soon for information and registration.



Health Care for the Homeless and Poor Conference on September 13

## Physician CME Forms Must Be Turned In

Physicians are eligible for CME credits for their GFC volunteering through IU School of Medicine Division of Continuing Medical Education. Each GFC physician received a packet with forms this spring. This unique program which rewards physicians for their service will be featured in a national presentation by the IU educator Dr Beverly Hill shortly. In order for this presentation to be meaningful please complete your forms and hand them in right away. Thanks.

## Golf Tournament Huge Success

Surpassing the optimistic fundraising goals for the event, this year's GFC Carpenter Better Homes and Realty Golf Tournament raised over \$35,000! Thanks to the hard work of GFC Board Member John Wolfe and his staff, the realtors of Carpenter's Better Homes and Realty, the sponsors, and golfers. The

tournament has turned into a realty industry event bringing together realtors, financiers, title, and related businesses to raise funds for the poor of the city. We at GFC are grateful to Carpenter's BHG Realty for organizing and sponsoring such a valuable event. The golf tournament raised about

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