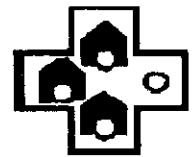


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"And all those who touched Him were healed." Mark 6:53

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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.

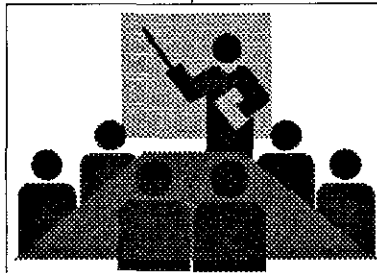
This year the conference will feature Dr. Quentin Young president of the American Public

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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We gratefully accept these recent donations. We are especially thankful for those contributions which have meant a sacrifice regardless of the amount of giving. Memorials are listed below.

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New GFC Volunteers

GFC proudly welcomes our newest volunteers!

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Memorials

The following persons have been remembered through gifts.

Sally Kindler by the following family and friends (see News story on p. 3)
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Hueber
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Samay Brandt by Dr & Mrs G. Sipes

**We hoped in you,
Lord,
your name,
your memory
are all my soul
desires.**

Isaiah 26:8

GFC News...News...News...

Summer students: GFC thanks Lindsay Montrie and Danielle Lynn, student volunteers for sharing part of their summer vacation with us.

Sally Kindler: We at GFC offer sympathy to the family of Sally Kindler. Sally was a long-time supporter and friend of GFC. Daughters Cerelle Wethington and Linda Sanders and daughter-in-law Denise Kindler volunteered with GFC until their mother's illness.

Stubbornness: Recently, a chronically homeless man was questioned about his living situation. "I've been living out under the stars." When asked why he did not come into the shelters for protection from predators and the elements, he said, "It was the same as with everything else." He said that he had been married with children and kept a steady job. Then one day he had had enough with main-

stream living and could not take it any more. He could not stand everybody telling him what to do.

Living by himself and relying on himself was a way of avoiding being told what to do. "And nobody is going to tell me when to go to bed or when to shower. (in a shelter). I guess I'm just stubborn but I cannot stand anybody telling me what to do."

"I don't like staying outside and I would rather have a place of my own, but that's just the way I am." These were the words of a rational, articulate, educated and friendly man who came to GFC that morning for some medical help.

Did he want to be homeless? Was it his own fault that he had to live outside? Is this mental illness without hallucinations or mood abnormalities? And how do you really help someone who has placed such strict boundaries around his world?

A pat on the back and a bottle of antibiotics was all he got at the clinic. But he left a lasting impression, one that was troubling and perplexing.

May we have the compassion to serve clients we cannot understand.

Carl Drummer: The GFC Board of Directors welcomes Carl Drummer who will be filling the remainder of the term of Dr. David Orentlicher who will be on sabbatical. Mr. Drummer is the Indianapolis Center Township Trustee (filling the post left by Congresswomen Julia Carson). His knowledge of services and entitlements for our clients will be invaluable for to GFC.

Homeless Women: If you are seeing women on the mobile unit or in shelters who do not have adequate health or housing services, GFC can help. Our women's case manager, Sharon Swem, MSW can be reached by calling the GFC administrative office at 262-5645. Your client will be contacted or searched out and services such as preventive health screening, housing, and mental illness therapy can be arranged. Sharon will assist the client in transportation and appointments. Just call for help!

Shelter Health Fair: Our annual preventive medicine activity, the shelter health fair is just around the corner. Tuesday, November 18th has been set for the event that will combine the efforts of the Marion County Health Department, Homeless Initiative Program, the VA Homeless Team, and numerous local agencies. GFC has been the biggest supporter of this event with hundreds of volunteers to staff each shelter in town at once. Immunizations, eye exams and glasses, health screenings and warm clothing for incentives are provided to over 700 clients.

If you can spare a few hours during the day or evening of Nov. 18, please call GFC at 262-5645.

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Golf Tournament

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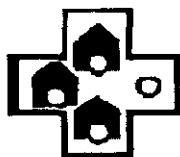
1/3 of our annual private donations for operating expenses. This means that payroll for administration, medications, and communications will be solvent for the next year.

Also because Carpenter BHG Realty virtually handles the event independently, GFC staff and volunteers can spend time

providing service instead of fund raising. This further extends their gift to GFC.

Work is already beginning on the 1998 golf tournament. Hopes are for a bigger event next year. If you know any celebrities who might be willing to play at the event, please contact the GFC office so that we can include them.

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Physician experiences health care to the poor

GFC recently received this communication from a physician after his first session working on the mobile unit.

...it just restored my faith in medicine and the joy of being a healer.

"I just finished on the van (mobile unit). I just wanted to thank you so much for the opportunity to restore a lot of the joy of medicine

back into my heart. I have to admit I have become quiet disenchanted with

medicine. I remember how happy I was when I was a resident working in the clinic serving people. I could have fallen in love with that.

I guess I got caught up in all the high tech. Quite frankly, I was a pretty good intern and resident. Those who who were good were routed towards high tech. I guess I never, ever had the joy of just serving people since that time, to be honest with you. Certainly medicine has become more disenchanting, less fun.

But today was a real joy. I am sure there are frustrating

days down there, but it really was a joy to my heart to serve people who are extremely lovable. I don't know, it just restored my faith in medicine and the joy of being a healer. I just wanted to thank you for the opportunity that you gave me. Thanks so much."

