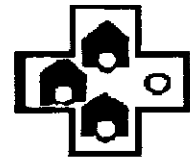


# Gennesaret Free Clinic



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

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"I HAVE HEARD IT SAID THAT YOU CAN MEASURE THE CHARACTER OF A MAN BY HOW HE TREATS THOSE WHO CANNOT TALK BACK. I AM A BELIEVER THAT YOU CAN MEASURE THE CHARACTER OF A COMMUNITY BY HOW IT TREATS THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE. THESE ARE THE HOMELESS, THE POOR, THE SICK, THE DYING, AND PARTICULARLY THE CHILDREN. BECAUSE OF GENNESARET, THE CHARACTER OF INDIANAPOLIS IS BETTER AND IMPROVING."

DR. GREGORY SIPES - GFC SUPPORTER.

## GFC Begins Service at Coburn Place for Women

We began a new mission in September - serving women who have suffered from domestic abuse. The Indianapolis Medical Alliance has stressed the importance of addressing the problem of domestic abuse and called upon GFC to reach out to the women and their children at Colburn Place.

Coburn Place, at 938 E. 38th Street, provides transitional living services to women and children who have suffered domestic abuse. After the acute crisis has past (which is handled at domestic abuse shelters - unnamed and undisclosed for protection), women and their children begin to reassemble their lives for up to two years at this transitional facility.

The role of GFC volunteers is to provide primary medical care by appointment. We will not be called upon to

perform the acute medical services immediately following trauma or rape. GFC services will be offered through a mobile outreach on a monthly basis to start. Our medical team will include Dr. Sherry Gilliland, GFC Board of Director who has lectured on the topic of abuse. She is accompanied by an all female staff in sensitivity to the wishes of their clients.



Medical Care for Victims of Domestic Abuse

## Budget Crunch at GFC for 1998

GFC has always depended on the Grace of God and the generosity of individual donors. In this next year, GFC will be even more dependent on individual donors. In 1998, grants from the Indianapolis Foundation and the Indiana State Department of Health will expire. In order to maintain present GFC programs, individual donations will need to increase dramatically. The Board of Directors pledges to increase efforts soliciting new donors, both individual and corporate. Many

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## Services Shift to New Foltz Clinic

The bi-monthly GFC medical clinics formerly at Ada's Place have been moved to another Quest for Excellence location. Located at 19th and College the Foltz Foundation clusters the services of Agnes-In-Between, Wings, and John's Delaware Park Lodge. On the grounds, the Quest for Excellence Programs have

"rehabbed" a frame house in which a new medical office has been created. The clinic fronts on College Ave. in the former apartment that faces the street. Jim Waldron and his crew under the direction of "Buz" Foltz and Nancy Crowder have done a wonderful job of restoring an old building for an important new service.

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## GFC Donors

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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Steve Wolfe  
Ryan Rolf

**IN KIND DONATIONS**  
Geist Gathering Bible Study collected personal care items and packages of new tube socks.

## Memorials

The following persons have been remembered through gifts.

**SALLY KINDLER** by:  
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Polly & Bob Waggoner & Family  
David and Karen South

**MARCELLA GELLER** by:  
Carol G. McKown, DDS

## New GFC Volunteers

**GFC proudly welcomes our newest volunteers!**

**NEW VOLUNTEERS**  
Eric Frazier, Clerk  
Nancy Heady, RN  
Valerie Highbie, RN  
Denise Shepard, RN  
Douglas Webb, MD  
Betty Peterson, RN  
Apurva Prakash, Clerk  
**NURSING STUDENT**  
Andrea Bausback  
**MEDICAL STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**  
Benjamin Tibbals  
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Nicole Luddington  
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## Director's Column by Rebecca Seifert

February, 1998 will mark our 10th Anniversary as a free clinic serving the homeless and poor in Marion County. The Clinic was started because one person saw a need and acted — *Gennesaret Free Clinic— a human response to a community need.*

Over the years, the clinic has grown and thrived due to the dedication and hard work of volunteers like yourself. Today, Gennesaret Free Clinic has clinics in six shelters, and four mobile sites and records approximately 5,000 patient visits a year. In addition to the acute care clinics, Gennesaret Free Clinic has an adult and pediatric asthma clinic, a vision care program, and a social worker who works with women and their health care needs. This past year GFC has linked with the Regentrief Information System out of Wishard Hospital in order to provide our physicians with more ac-

curate patient histories with the end result being better patient care. In addition to this linkage GFC has put in place specific formularies at all of our medical and dental sites. — *Gennesaret Free Clinic— a community response to a community need.*

To keep our programs running at their current levels we need your help both in volunteering your time and by the giving of your gifts to the clinic. I am asking that you put Gennesaret Free Clinic on your holiday gift list. When you receive your giving envelope please take time to consider the many faces of the patients that pass through our clinic doors and know that your gift will have lasting value.— *Gennesaret Free Clinic— a community response to a community need— dedicated to healing.*

**Gennesaret Free Clinic — a community response to a community need — dedicated to healing.**

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

### **GFC Welcomes Medical Students**

At the October volunteer orientation meeting, 22 first, second, and third year medical students came out in force to volunteer at GFC sites. Their reasons for wanting to volunteer included "to develop my communication skills," "to be a better listener," "to hone my relationship skills," and "because I want to give back."

### **HIP has new MD**

The Homeless Initiative Program of Peoples Health Center has announced Dr. Tom Ledyard as their new full-time physician. Tom will provide care to the homeless weekdays along with the nurse practitioners nurses, and case-managers in the federally sponsored HIP program. We look forward to working with Tom and his colleagues in providing for the health needs of the uninsured poor.

### **MD News Cover Photo**

GFC's 10th Anniversary is to

be featured in an upcoming issue of *MD News*. The magazine staff is hosting a reception on December 2, 1997 at 5:30 PM at the Indiana State Medical History Museum, 3045 W. Vermont St. A group picture of GFC volunteers will be taken at this time. Please plan to attend this reception. Call 262-5645 if you plan to attend.

### **Health Conference Brings Health Providers Together**

Over 170 persons attended this years Health Care for the Homeless and Poor Conference. Dr Robert Donovan discussed the reality of successes and failures in treating the poor. He encouraged attendees to continue their service to the poor because many apparent failures of medical therapy are successes on another level. Often our care, attention, interest, and involvement with our clients has a deeper healing power. Dr. Quentin Young noted that managed care, lacking a profit motive, has not addressed the health needs of the uninsured. He counseled that profit driven medical care creates mistrust towards health providers.

### **GFC Formulary**

Several have remarked that medications are more consistently available since going to a computerized inventory system. Cheryl Myers has been stocking the seven mini-pharmacies on a monthly basis. This has been inadequate for some locations so she will be going to a bi-monthly restocking of medications to better improve upon the correct medication being available.

If a certain medication is not available in the mini-pharmacy you work with please call 262-5645.

## *Shelter Health Fair on Nov 18*

This years preventive health program of immunizations, health screenings, vision care, and dental treatments will be held in November. The program will coincide with the VA Thanksgiving program.

Last year the program reached a record 735 homeless persons.

Many volunteers have already signed up for this years event. But we are still looking for nurses and clerks willing to work the afternoon shift at the Hispanic Center.

This year our funding for the program did not come through. We have offered hats, gloves, and scarves to persons as an incentive for receiving their immunizations and tuberculosis screening. If you could aid this effort with a source of winter clothing or funding for eye-glasses, please call the GFC office right away.

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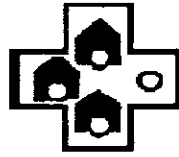
## *Budget Crunch*

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ask if prominent corporations are doing their part to help GFC. We will redirect efforts to find corporate donors and encourage previous donors, but the reality is that individuals have always provided the majority of financial support. GFC depends on the on the generosity of hundreds of private citi-

zens who believe in our mission. The Board of Directors asks previous donors to consider increasing their support to GFC. The services we provide are vital to hundreds of uninsured persons of our city. Please help GFC continue these programs. Be assured your gifts will be used in the most responsible manner. And please pray for GFC.

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*Reflections*

Can I Help?

by Allan Knight

from *Yesterday I Heard a Voice - Poems by the Patients of Christ House* (a medical care facility for the homeless in Washington, D.C.) ed. Sunny Branner, 1997.

I think we can  
 make it better-

I know we can.

I would like to help  
 To make this world  
 a nicer place,  
 Poverty and hunger  
 forever erase.

I want to help.  
 Wars and fighting I  
 would cease  
 And make the nations live  
 in peace.

I would like to help  
 Stop all the babies that are  
 dying  
 And wipe away tears moms  
 are crying.

Let's join together, let's put  
 a stop to crime  
 Let's clean up those oil  
 spills,  
 Let's stop dumping garbage  
 all the time.

I think we can make it  
 better-  
 I know we can.  
 On all the wanton spending,  
 Let's put a ban.

Let's put our efforts into  
 fighting disease,  
 All life's hopelessness we  
 ask God to appease.

And let's not forget the  
 homeless,  
 This would be a sin if we  
 should miss.

And everybody a hand must  
 lend  
 So that with full force, some  
 sorrows we'd end.

I would like to help—  
 Please, will you let me help?