

2007 Health Recovery Program for Homeless Men

On July 17, 2007, the Gennesaret Free Clinic Health Recovery Program for homeless men (HRP) celebrated its seventh year anniversary. The Health Recovery Program, located in two houses at 24th Street and Central Avenue, provides up to eight men a place to recuperate after hospitalization. Each man has a private room, and shares a living room, kitchen, and a bath. Both houses are handicapped accessible. The idea behind the HRP is to create a “homelike” environment to enhance the overall healing process. Health care services, nutritious meals, case management services along with supportive services in the areas of mental health and addictions are provided to aid the patient in his total recovery.

During FY 2007, the HRP served 26 participants. The average age was 41.38 years, with the average length of stay being 78 days. To help HRP participants’ access permanent housing, GFC implemented a Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program in 2005. This program will pay up to one year’s rent and utilities for HRP participants who qualify.

Of the men admitted to the HRP, 88% were placed in either permanent or transitional housing after their discharge from the HRP, 100% of the men were assisted with obtaining mainstream resources, and 100% attained a primary health care provider.

In FY 2007, Gennesaret Free Clinic received a grant from the Stephen H. Simon Foundation to make capital improvements at the Health Recovery Program. This grant enabled the Health Recovery Program to waterproof the basement in the front house, insulate the back house and purchase a new hospital bed and eight mattresses.

The HRP staff consists of Letitia Lynch, PA-C, HRP Director, Dan McDonough, MSW HRP Case Manager, John Long, HRP Operations Manager, and Larry Dilda, HRP Associate Manager.

Support for the HRP comes from Carpenter Realtors, Clarian Health Partners, the Stephen H. Simon Foundation, the City of Indianapolis through a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Shelter Grant, City of Indianapolis through a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Grant, Health and Hospital Corporation, the State of Indiana through a Housing and Urban Development Emergency Shelter Grant, St.Vincent Hospital and Health Care Services, the REALTOR Foundation, and the donors of Gennesaret Free Clinic.

2007 Gennesaret Free Clinic

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007

Revenues and Support

Contributions—general support.....	176,958
NAP Tax Credit Program (Temporarily restricted only in 2007)	47,400
Advantage Capitation & Client Donations	25,419
Corporate Contributions.....	12,500
Donated Services	269,404
Contributions - in kind.....	53,737
Special Events - Art for Beds.....	63,185
Special Events - Golf Classic & Canal Walk	89,975

Grants - unrestricted.....33,250

Grants - restricted.....	364,488
Investment Income.....	64,491
Other Income	48,386

Total Revenues and Support..... 1,249,193

Expenses

Program Services	1,040,821
Management and General	162,295
Fund-raising	28,943

Total Expenses 1,232,059

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets.....17,133

Net Assets, Beginning of Year1,224, 290

Net Assets, End of Year 1,241,423

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2007 Annual Report

*A Community Response to
A Community Need,
Dedicated to Healing.*

2007 Director's Word

Fiscal year 2007 found the Board, volunteers and staff continuing to meet the health care needs of our homeless and working poor neighbors. Because GFC's clinics are co-located in other agency's buildings, this past year found our clinic at Lighthouse Mission closing as a result of their merger with Wheeler Mission. As GFC brought to a close our long held relationship with Lighthouse Mission, this year also found us embarking on a new partnership with St. Mary's Catholic Church to provide healthcare services to a largely Hispanic population via GFC's medical van. Gennesaret Free Clinic was able to purchase a new medical van enabling Gennesaret to continue to provide healthcare services to persons living on the streets, along with the ability to partner with other agencies.

The GFC Dental Clinic located within the Blue Triangle Residence Hall continues to be a major provider of comprehensive dental services to the homeless and working poor in Marion County. The GFC Dental Clinic is the only dental clinic that provides comprehensive general dentistry services along with dentures and partials to our patient population free of charge.

The Health Recovery Program experienced staffing changes this past year—the new Health Recovery Program Director is Letitia Lynch, PA-C and the new Health Recovery Program Case Manager is Dan McDonough, MSW. The Health Recovery Program continues to provide holistic after hospital care to homeless men which contributes to breaking the cycle of homelessness.

This past year also saw the advent of Gennesaret Free Clinic's Director Circle. The Director's Circle was formed as a way to keep past Board of Directors and significant volunteers updated on clinic activities. The kick off meeting was held in September at Editions Limited Gallery and was greeted with enthusiasm by Director Circle members.

For those of you who support the work of the Clinic by donating your gifts of time, talents and resources thank you so very much... we could not give the care we do without you! A very special thank-you is extended to Carpenter Realtors. Gennesaret Free Clinic literally would not be able to serve the health care needs of our city's homeless and working poor without your support. The health care services provided by Gennesaret Free Clinic are needed more than ever and are vital to keeping homeless and working poor persons in our community healthy.

Nineteen years later, Gennesaret Free Clinic still embodies the passion, dedication, and a desire to help that marked its beginnings when one person offered another person help and hope. Thank you for being a part of our community of caring.

Sincerely,

Rebecca A. Seifert, MSW
Executive Director
Gennesaret Free Clinic, Inc.

2007 Medical Services

In FY 2007, our 220 volunteer health care professionals and the staff at our Wellness Clinics located within the Blue Triangle Residence Hall and across the street from the St. Vincent DePaul Client Choice Pantry recorded 4,484 patient visits at ten weekly volunteer clinic sessions held at the Care Center, Cathedral Kitchen, W.I.N.G.S, Holy Family Shelter, the Saint Vincent DePaul Choice Food Pantry, Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation, Veterans Park, St. Mary's Catholic Church along with two weekly sessions at the Blue Triangle clinic and one weekly session at the St. Vincent DePaul Wellness clinic. The busiest volunteer sites were at the St. Vincent DePaul Client Choice Food Pantry, and the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center.

In addition, this year, GFC purchased a new medical RV with grants from the Indianapolis Foundation, St. Paul's Endowment, the Methodist Hospital Task Core, and the proceeds from an Evening with Indiana's Own. This purchase enabled GFC to partner with Dr. Janet Arno and St. Mary's Catholic Church to provide healthcare services to the Hispanic community on Saturday mornings, along with continuing to provide medical care to persons living on the streets.

Each clinic site has a fully stocked formulary of both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Having medications readily available is essential to our providing care to our patient population. Last year, Gennesaret Free Clinic dispensed over 27,000 units of medication.

Our medical services in FY 2007 were funded in part by grants from the Indianapolis Foundation, the Anthem Foundation, the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation, the Marion County Health Department, the Netherleigh Fund, a fund of The Indianapolis Foundation, the Methodist Hospital Task Core, St. Paul's Endowment, the and the donors of Gennesaret Free Clinic.

2007 Vision Care Services

To meet the vision needs of homeless persons, a partnership between Gennesaret Free Clinic and the IU School of Optometry was established in 1994. Optometry students under the supervision of a licensed optometrist see patients who need eye exams. While our patients receive invaluable care, the optometry student also benefits from the opportunity to observe and treat ocular disease and trauma that they might not otherwise encounter in the general population. In FY 2007 Gennesaret Free Clinic provided 237 eye exams and glasses to our patient population. The vision care program is supported by the donors of Gennesaret Free Clinic.

2007 Dental Services

There is a critical need for dental services among homeless and working poor persons in our city. Recognizing that dental care is essential to a person's overall health and well-being, Gennesaret Free Clinic opened a new Dental and Wellness clinic in the lower level of the Blue Triangle Residence Hall in April 2002. Volunteer general dentists and oral surgeons, from our community, along with dentists from the Marion County Health Department staff this clinic. In fiscal year 2007, the dental clinic had 2,690 patient visits for 4,436 procedures and provided \$662,000.00 worth of care free of charge.

In FY 2007, Gennesaret Free Clinic received a grant from the Stephen H. Simon Foundation to make capital improvements at the dental clinic. This grant enabled the dental clinic to purchase a new dental unit and light along with an electro-torque unit and dental hygiene instruments.

In addition to the services provided at the Blue Triangle Dental Clinic, Gennesaret Free Clinic in partnership with People's Health Center conducts an annual Dental Blitz. This program partners the facilities of the People's Health Center Dental Clinic with oral surgeons from the Indiana Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Associates. The Dental Blitz held on the Friday following the Shelter Health provides dental services to persons screened at the Fair as needing urgent care.

In FY 2007, support for the dental program came from grants from the Efrogmson Fund, a CICF Fund, the Stephen H. Simon Foundation, the City of Indianapolis through a Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credits, the Shaw-Burckhardt-Brenner Foundation, the Gannett Foundation, and the donors of Gennesaret Free Clinic. This clinic would not be possible without Partners in Housing Development generous in-kind donation of space for the Dental and Wellness Clinic.



2007 The Shelter Health Fair & Project Homeless Connect

December 2006 marked the last of the Shelter Health Fairs. Started in 1989 to prevent the spread of tuberculosis among the homeless in Indianapolis, the scope of services was expanded in 1990 and the name was changed to the Shelter Health Fair.

Services provided at the Shelter Health Fair included TB testing, flu shots, immunizations, dental, vision, and blood pressure screening, HIV testing and education, and lead testing, along with follow-up services that provide dental care, eye exams and glasses. All persons receiving services are given a pair of gloves and a winter hat. The 2006 Shelter Health Fair served 590 men, women and children.

The Shelter Health Fair would not be possible without the support of the Marion County Health Department and other health and human service agencies serving the homeless. Funding for the Shelter Health Fair comes from Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans, and the donors of Gennesaret Free Clinic.

Project Homeless Connect was modeled after an event held in San Francisco. Indianapolis' launched Project Homeless Connect in 2006 as a way to connect homeless people with a wide array of services from employment, to entitlements, housing, healthcare, mental health services, etc. This event is held at the Convention Center on one day either in January or February. Gennesaret Free Clinic has played a lead role in organizing and coordinating the health services piece of this event.

2007 Women's Health Initiative

This year the Women's Health Initiative has continued to reach out to women at the St. Vincent DePaul Client Choice Food Pantry Clinic, the Care Center and at the GFC Wellness Clinic located within the Blue Triangle Residence Hall. The Women's Health Initiative's Program Director is Tiffany Robinson, MPH. The volunteers who staff Women's Health Initiative at the various sites include Dr. Katy McMurray, Roberta Fischer, ANP, Mary Ann Grogan, RN, Dorothy Titsworth, and Diane Schaefer. In addition to the staff and volunteers, the Women's Health Initiative relies on partnerships with the St. Vincent Hospital Mobile Mammography Unit, the Little Red Door Cancer Agency, the Marion County Health Department and DCL to sustain these services. In 2007, the Women's Health Initiative provided 99 well woman exams, 116 mammograms, and provided 346 women with breast health education. The Women's Health Initiative is supported in part by a grant from the Indianapolis Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

2007 Our Mission

We are health care professionals and other concerned individuals who have heard a calling to offer our talents and training to the homeless and indigent in Indianapolis. Through our volunteer efforts, we endeavor to provide competent, accessible and compassionate health care to the needy. Our faith moves us to show special respect and dignity to those who are disenfranchised; for we realize that it is in such a healing encounter that we are all made more whole by God.

2007 Special Recognition

336th Point of Light

CASPER Award for Community Service

Otis Bowen Award

2002 Indiana Achievement Award for Sustainability
Named by the Brookings Institution for Nonprofit
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