

# THE GOOD + SAMARITAN



## Because of donors like you, lives are being saved

**Ben's journey through treatment and recovery was possible because of your generosity.**

Ben had experienced symptoms for quite a while indicating that something was wrong but postponed seeking care until it was life-threatening for himself and others. As a truck driver, Ben had provided for his family for several years without the benefit of health insurance. Feeling the need to earn a living for his family, he ignored symptoms for several months.

One day while on the road, Ben passed out behind the wheel and regained consciousness



*Ben, a patient of Good Samaritan, credits the clinic for saving his life.*

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just before having a wreck. Realizing he was very sick, he went to the emergency room. After further evaluation, Ben was diagnosed with stage 4 tongue and throat cancer. Because of you, Ben didn't have to worry about how he was going to pay for his care. He only had to focus on getting well. Today, Ben is in remission and hopes to return to work someday.

To learn more about Ben's journey to recovery and the stories of other Good Samaritan patients, visit our website at [www.goodsamaritancullman.com](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com), and view the clinic video on the home page.

## 2016 SPRING NEWSLETTER

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The mission of Good Samaritan is to deliver sustainable, long-term health-care and all-around wellness to the uninsured members of our Community.

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# Some of the good things that are happening because of you...

## COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENINGS NOW OFFERED

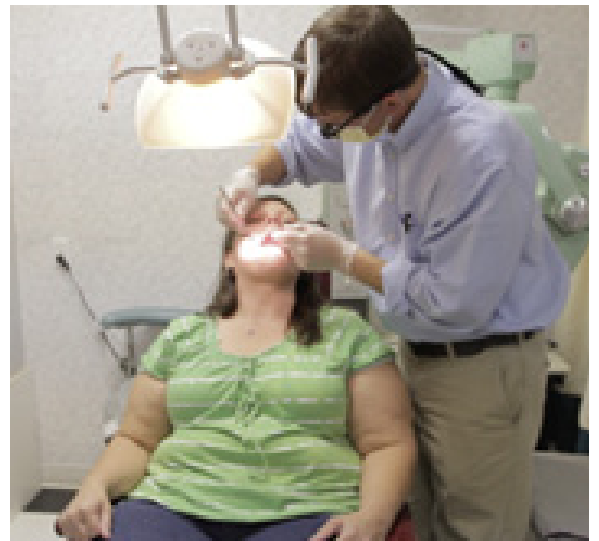
Thanks to the addition of RN volunteers, Good Samaritan is now able to offer health screenings in underserved communities as opportunities arise through community events and church outreach programs. Thank you Monica, Stephanie, Kay, and Ann for your heart to serve the underserved.



*Glucose screening at community resource fair*

## STREAMLINING PATIENT ACCESS TO DENTAL SERVICES

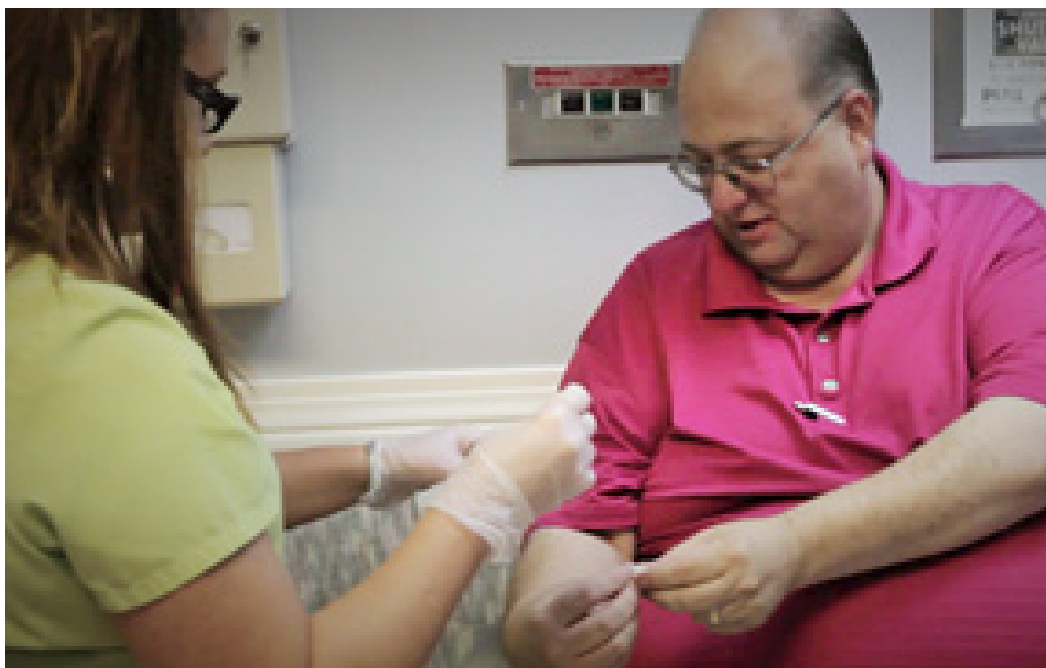
We are grateful for the Dentists and Oral Surgeons who provide dental care to our patients needing routine dental exams and extractions. In the past, patients could wait up to two weeks to be seen at Good Samaritan during one of our bi-monthly evening dental clinics. Now, patients are initially seen by our Nurse Practitioner and then placed on the schedule of one of our dental providers in his/her practice. Thank you dental volunteers for providing these much needed services to our patients.



*Dental services now offered in offices of our dental volunteers.*

## NEW PATIENT EDUCATION AND RESOURCE ROOM

The change in location for our provision of dental care will allow us to expand the services we offer our patients. We are adding a Patient Education and Resource Room to assist our patients, particularly those with chronic conditions, in better managing their healthcare. Look for more about this great addition to the clinic's services in our next issue of "The Good Samaritan".



David, a relatively new patient to the clinic, applied for insurance through the ACA but was told he didn't make enough money to qualify.

Thanks to your generous support, David is now able to receive the care he needs through Good Samaritan.

## Good Samaritan Clinic continues to be a vital, and often primary source of health care for the uninsured in Cullman County.

### **X MYTH**

The Affordable Care Act (ACA), signed by President Obama, allows everyone access to health care coverage.

### **✓ FACT**

Many individuals find themselves in a 'coverage gap', where their income is too high to qualify for Medicaid but too low to receive the public subsidies and tax credits necessary for them to purchase insurance on the health care marketplaces, according to the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC).

According to a local Certified Application Counselor for ACA,  
**a single person household must make a minimum of \$11,770  
(just \$110 shy of the 2016 Federal Poverty Guideline)**  
in order to qualify through ACA.

# WHY WE GIVE

Many of you choose to support the efforts of Good Samaritan Clinic through your church

## A partnership that's making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate

**Jesus tells us that the two greatest commandments are to love God and to love people.** It seems simple enough, right? But sadly, we all know how easily these commandments can get lost in a sea of theological concepts. But what if we were to simply try to carry out those commandments as plainly as possible? What would it look like? Perhaps the best way to answer that question is to look at the life of Jesus. After all, Jesus didn't just come to tell us what to do through His words, but also to show us what to do through His actions. Having said that, one can easily see that Jesus spent his life helping people who were less fortunate. He healed the sick. He ate with sinners. He gave encouragement to the downtrodden. On a daily basis, He provided for many who were not able to provide for themselves. I think our mission as Christians today is very similar. While we most certainly would not be able to fix all of life's prob-



*Pastor Cori Lewis,  
Cullman Church of Christ*

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lems as easily as Jesus did, our priorities must be consistent with the one we call our Lord.

**It is with this spirit that our church supports Good Samaritan Health Clinic.** We believe this clinic is one of many ways for us to carry out the “Love God, Love People” commandment in Cullman County. In regard to the value of this clinic, we believe that it not only provides a very beneficial service to our community, but it affords Christians from all different backgrounds the opportunity to carry out the mission of Jesus. While we certainly encourage other

churches to financially support this effort, I think it would also be great for anyone who is able to go out and get a “closer look” at what the clinic is doing. From preparing patient care bags to sending a group out for a service project, the opportunities for service are abundant. Our prayer is that every resident of Cullman will be blessed by this wonderful effort!



# Thanks to the many churches who partner with us on a consistent basis.

It's because of your kindness and compassion that our patients are able to manage their healthcare and lead productive, satisfying lives.

## Church Partners

JANUARY 2015 THRU MARCH 2016

Addington Chapel Methodist

Christ Covenant Presbyterian

Christ Lutheran

Cullman Church of Christ

East Side Baptist

First Baptist Church

First Congregational Methodist

First Presbyterian

First United Methodist

Good Hope Baptist

Grace Episcopal Church

Hamby's Chapel

Living Faith Baptist

Midway Baptist

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church

New Union Baptist

Northside Baptist

Redan Baptist

St. Andrew's Episcopal

St. Andrews United Methodist

St. Paul's Lutheran

Salem Missionary Baptist

Simcoe Baptist

Southside Baptist

Spring Hill Baptist

Walti Cumberland Presbyterian

Westside Missionary Baptist

If your church isn't currently supporting the clinic monetarily, we encourage your church to consider partnering with us.

Together, we will continue to meet the healthcare needs of the less fortunate in our community.

## Stay Connected to Good Samaritan Clinic



(Good Samaritan Health Clinic)



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For questions on how to donate or to schedule a time for us to come share with you or your congregation, please contact Jolanda Hutson, Executive Director, at [jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com](mailto:jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com) or call 256-255-5964.

It would be an honor to share with you the difference your support will make in the lives of our patients and in the Cullman community.

Stay informed with the latest happenings at the clinic through our social media outlets. Like our Facebook page and Follow us on Twitter. We encourage you to "share" and "retweet" our posts with your friends and family to help us increase awareness throughout our community.

# 1 in 5

**Cullman County residents  
(18.1%) under 65 years  
of age are  
Uninsured**

*Cullman ranks 12th in state with  
only 11 counties having a higher  
uninsured population <65.*

*(ADPH Office of Primary Care  
and Rural Health)*

*According to BCBS...*

**NATIONAL AVG.  
ER VISIT COSTS  
\$383**

**NATIONAL AVG.  
OFFICE VISIT COSTS  
\$60**

**In 2015, Good  
Samaritan Clinic**

Served **3,203** Total  
Patient Visits

Had **624** Total Hours  
Volunteered at Clinic

Dispensed **10,546**  
Prescriptions

**All Made Possible  
By Donors Like You**

## **We want to acknowledge you for the difference you make in our community**

We are grateful for the invaluable support each of you provide to the clinic. Whether you support us through monetary donations, volunteer service, or the donation of in-kind products/services, we would like to publicly acknowledge you. As a way of saying "Thank You" we plan to recognize all of our donors in the next issue of "The Good Samaritan" and on our website at [www.goodsamaritancullman.com](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com).

**If you wish to remain anonymous,** please notify Jolanda Hutson, Executive Director, at [jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com](mailto:jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com). Otherwise, we will list only your name or the name of your organization or business making the donation.

# We hope you never need us, but We Need You!

Thanks to the many medical professionals who volunteer their time and services along with the in-kind products and services donated by businesses in the community, your monetary donations go a long way in providing care for our patients.

Good Samaritan Clinic would be grateful for your monthly support. Many of our patients have chronic medical conditions which require routine office visits and daily maintenance medications. Your support means that the uninsured in our community have access to quality continuity of care.

**Please consider a monthly recurring donation...**

**It takes \$27,500 each month  
in monetary support to sustain the clinic.**

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, A DONATION CARD AND SELF-  
ADDRESSED ENVELOPE ACCOMPANIES THIS NEWSLETTER**

**or you may make your donation online through our website at  
[www.goodsamaritancullman.com](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com) by simply clicking on the  
donate button on the home page.**

**Take a look  
at what your  
monetary  
donation helps  
provide:**

**\$50**

**Supplements lab supplies  
for 20 lab patient visits.**

**\$100**

**Supplements supplies and  
medication for 3 diabetic  
patients for an entire year**

**\$500**

**Provides care for one  
Good Samaritan patient for  
an entire year**

**\$1,000**

**Provides care for 13  
patient visits**

## 5 Special Ways You Can Support Good Samaritan's Mission:

**1. Pray for our efforts** - Pray that God would continue to supply the necessary resources for the clinic to continue its mission and that we would be a blessing to the patients we care for each day.

**2. Spread the Word** - If you know someone who may qualify for the clinic's services, please refer them our way. See [www.goodsamaritancullman.com](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com) for patient eligibility requirements and application.

**3. Amazon Smile** - Shop through the Amazon Smile website (<https://smile.amazon.com/>) and select Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Cullman as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Good Samaritan. It's that easy!

**4. Employer's Matching Gift Fund** - Your donation to Good Samaritan may be matched by an equal or larger gift from your employer. To help Good Samaritan receive a match to your gift, please contact your Human Resources Office for details.

**5. Donate Needed Items to the Clinic** - Depending upon our patients' needs, the clinic provides cold kits and hygiene kits to our patients. In addition, there are general items the clinic needs on an ongoing basis. For a current listing of needed items, go to our website at [www.goodsamaritancullman.com/wishlist/wish.html](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com/wishlist/wish.html)

**For a list of additional Continuous Giving Opportunities, please visit our website at  
[www.goodsamaritancullman.com/giving/give.html](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com/giving/give.html)**



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Good Samaritan Health Clinic



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The award-winning Triumphant Quartet with bass singer and Cullman native, Eric Bennett.

# SAVE THE DATE!

## MONDAY, SEPT. 19

You're invited to the 2nd Annual Caring for Cullman Concert benefiting the Good Samaritan Health Clinic. The award-winning Triumphant Quartet will be back in town along with Miss Paige Harbison on Monday evening, September 19 at Cullman High School.

You won't want to miss this great evening of entertainment and inspiration while supporting a worthy cause. For additional details, call the clinic's fundraising event line @ 256-255-5965.



Joining this year's event is Paige Harbison, also a Cullman native and third year performer at Dollywood Theme Park.