

# THE GOOD SAMARITAN



## Good Samaritan Patient Receives Hope

One family's tragedy continues to bring hope to many.

Since July 2021, Good Samaritan patients have had access to mental health counseling services through Haven Counseling Services thanks to the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund established by the Griffith Family.



Pamela is one of the 60+ Good Samaritan patients who have received these much-needed counseling services. Through a series of tragic losses and bad choices, Pamela found herself unable to cope. Pamela shared, "my son passed away; he was in addiction. I threw my medication away and said I'd go out the same way." She says, "the whole

reality of losing my son was really hard for me; that depression is something serious."

Previously, Pamela had experienced the loss of her brother and her dad. When her son passed away, it was a breaking point for her. She had held some good jobs and tried to do everything that she needed to do to take care of herself. Unfortunately, it was not enough, and she admits to making some bad choices.

Pamela credits Good Samaritan and Haven Counseling for giving her back her life. "The Haven (Counseling Services) is what really helped me to get to the point where I could find myself

again, to get stable in my mind and in my thinking to do this thing, to live life on life's terms in a way that I did not have to use a drug or alcohol."

**“ My son passed away; he was in addiction. I threw my medication away and said I'd go out the same way. ”**

"I'm so thankful today that I was able to have enough sense to pick up and ask for help; because I lost that during the tragic events and bad choices that I made in my life. All of this has been so lifesaving for me in an aspect to where had I not known, had I not found out about Good Samaritan, I might not be alive today."



The Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund is administered through Garrison Gives Hope, a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

*If the Clinic's nurse practitioner deems a referral for mental health counseling is necessary, Good Samaritan schedules an appointment for the patient with Haven Counseling Services.*



To hear more of Pamela's life transformation story, go to [www.goodsamaritancullman.com](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com)

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

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# Health is Our Goal

## Clinic Addresses Social Determinants of Health

Circumstances create chronic stress and cause physiological changes in the body resulting in poorer health outcomes. By addressing key social determinants of health, the clinic seeks to close inequities among our patients and improve their lives.

Thanks to the addition of a second social services volunteer, Good Samaritan patients now receive assistance in connecting with community resources.



Roseann Gomez,  
Social Services Volunteer

### How the process works:

- Interested patients complete a screening tool which helps identify areas of need including food security, housing, utilities, transportation, personal safety, education, and job placement.
- Based on answers given, a personalized referral plan is developed by our social services volunteer.
- The referral plan is then communicated with the patient during a clinic visit or a phone call.
- Once the patient is connected with the resources, we follow up with them in 4-6 weeks to determine if their needs have been met.

## Do you know someone who needs the Clinic's services?

Help them get connected by going to [www.goodsamaritancullman.com](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com) to access the eligibility application. Think they may need help completing the form? No Worries! They may call the Clinic at 256-255-5963 and our receptionist will be happy to assist them.

## Meet our New Staff

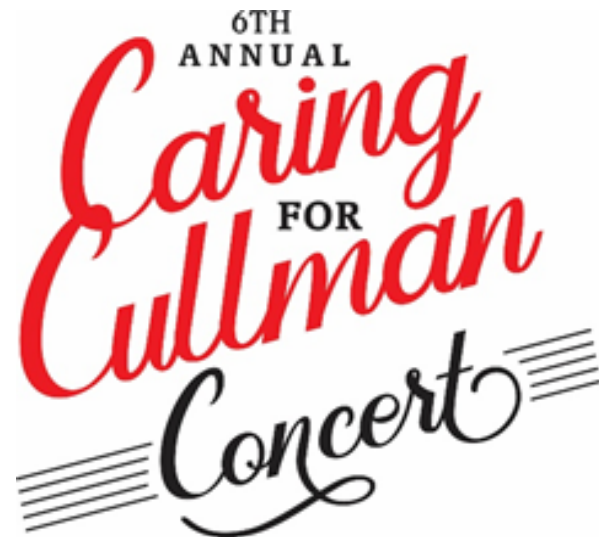


The Clinic is blessed to have Heather Murphey and Chastity Puckett join our team. Heather is our lead Certified Pharmacy Tech and Chastity is our Receptionist/Pharmacy Tech. Together, Heather and Chastity have 38 years pharmacy technician experience.

Chastity says what inspires her to be a part of the Clinic is “seeing God’s hand in everything we do each day and knowing that I get to play a small part in helping someone with a need that they have and make a difference in their life.”

Heather says it’s gratifying to have the opportunity to help those who would otherwise not have access to healthcare. She says, “I honestly feel like God has brought me here to help others and just be a smile for them on their bad days.”

We couldn’t be more thrilled to have Heather and Chastity join Good Samaritan. Welcome to our team!



In August, Good Samaritan Clinic made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel our signature fundraising event, the Caring for Cullman Concert, for a second year due to the COVID pandemic. We can not thank each of you enough who donated to the clinic by way of sponsorship even in the absence of the event. In 2019, this event provided 11% of the Clinic’s annual budget. We certainly hate to lose the revenue, but those of you who have recently donated to the Clinic have helped to ensure that our patients continue to have access to care. Thank you for standing in the gap!

# The Joy of Giving

Donate online at [www.goodsamaritancullman.com](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com) simply by clicking on the donate button on the home page or return the enclosed card and self-addressed envelope to send your gift in the mail. We are so grateful for your support, and we couldn't do what we do each day without you!

## Local Eagle Scout Making a Difference



Thank you, Nic Ruse, for choosing to bless Good Samaritan Clinic by making beautiful wooden shelves for our medication overflow room as your Eagle Scout project. With servant-minded youth like Nic, our community certainly has a bright future.

## Do you know someone you'd like to honor in a special way?

Donating is a wonderful way to honor or remember someone special to you, and it's easy to do. Simply designate your donation on the enclosed card or indicate your preference when donating online at [www.goodsamaritancullman.com](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com).



The Spirit of Christmas

## During this holiday season, please consider giving the gift of a donation....

If you have not yet donated to Good Samaritan this year, we invite you to make your 2021 contribution now to help safeguard the uninsured in our community. Every dollar makes a difference! By doing so, you may be helping a friend or family member to never experience a medical need without Good Samaritan Clinic.



## We gratefully acknowledge our supporters from October 2020 through March 2021

***Good Samaritan Clinic is thankful for your generosity as we endeavor to meet the medical needs of the uninsured in our community. Whether you supported us through monetary donations, volunteer service, or the donation of in-kind products/services, we genuinely appreciate the invaluable support each of you provided to the Clinic last year. To make your 2021 contribution, please submit your donation in the enclosed self-addressed envelope or through our website at [www.goodsamaritancullman.com](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com).***

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## Clinic hosts Community Cares Celebration

Agencies partner to meet needs in our community

The Clinic hosted its first Community Cares Celebration at the Cullman Housing Authority on September 18. Clinic volunteers, along with CATA Health Science students and CHS HOSA students, were on hand providing free health screenings, Borden Family Pharmacy provided flu shots, and EconoMed offered COVID vaccines. Other community agencies were present to provide information about their services including the Cullman County Extension Office, First Source for Women, and North Alabama Agriplex. Lunch was provided by the Cullman Police Department and Jacks Foodland, Cullman Savings Bank provided door prizes and free Kona shaved ice, and students from the CHS Fine Arts Honor Society did hand painting. Special thanks to the Cullman Housing Authority and its Board for partnering with us! Thanks to everyone who participated. It was a huge success because of you!









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Not pictured: Charna Brown and  
Dr. Matt Dellinger

## What you can do today...



**Pray for Our Efforts** – Join us in praying that we will be a blessing to the patients who come into the Clinic each day and that God will continue to provide the necessary resources for us to fulfill our mission.



**Donate Items from our Wishlist** – Simply go to <https://www.goodsamaritancullman.com/wish-list> for a list of our most commonly needed items including electronic blood pressure monitors, nebulizers, patient care items, and medication supplies. You can even order items straight from our Amazon Wish List and the items will be shipped directly to us.



**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. If assistance is needed in completing the application, please call 256-255-5963. We are happy to assist with the process.



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