

# THE GOOD + SAMARITAN



Patience and  
her 10-year-old  
son, Brayden

## A second chance at life

On August 3, Patience had a severe medical episode that was later diagnosed as two severe strokes, several mini-strokes and multiple brain conditions leading her to have two brain surgeries in the span of two days. During her stay in a Birmingham hospital's Neuro ICU, she was in a medically induced coma, on a feeding tube and on a ventilator. After a two-week stay in the hospital, she was transferred to Lakeshore for rehabilitation. On the day she was discharged from the rehab hospital, she stood for the first time since August 3.

Patience was told she may never walk again. She was discharged from Encompass Health Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital after 21 days of rehabilitation with instructions to purchase a specialty wheelchair, Hoyer lift, and hospital bed. Knowing Patience was uninsured without the ability to pay for this expensive but necessary equipment, Lakeshore referred her to Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Cullman for follow up treatment.

Her mom says of her being referred to Good Samaritan Clinic, "It was a relief, like a weight had been lifted from my shoulders. I could breathe. I knew she was going to get her meds." At her initial appointment with the clinic, Patience not only received her medications, but she was also referred for OT, PT, speech therapy, and was given a walker, a wheelchair, and a shower chair. In addition, she was given a donated gift card to a local thrift store where she purchased an exercise bike to continue therapy at home.

With much encouragement from family, personal determination to overcome these challenges, and help from the Cullman community, Patience is now walking independently. With a smile on her face as we talked, Patience happily said, "I was able to go see my son play kick ball."

While she still has a way to go, with the support of her family and the continued care provided through Good Samaritan Clinic, she will undoubtedly continue to exceed the expectations of many medical professionals that she's encountered since that pivotal day three months ago.

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-Patience's Mom

Patience was able to receive the medical equipment, referrals for therapy, and medications all because of the generous support of the Cullman community. So many of you, our donors, played a role in Patience's care and recovery. Thank you for giving of your resources. You truly are making a difference in our community, one patient at a time.



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[www.GoodSamaritanCullman.com](http://www.GoodSamaritanCullman.com)

Simply click 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!

## 2022 FALL NEWSLETTER

### Inside This Edition

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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# Our community partners are the best!

We appreciate all of our community partners who help us meet the needs of our patients each and every day. We can't thank you all enough for the difference you are making in our community.



Donated over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and supplements donated by the CCCDD.



Men's Serve Team from Desperation Church freshens up the exterior of the clinic by pressure washing the sidewalk and cleaning the windows.



Ms. Ann, one of our faithful RN volunteers, checks Commissioner Marchman's blood pressure during the Commission on Aging's Health Fair Day.



Eva Bank employees held a supply drive for our patients during United Way's annual Day of Caring.



# Meet Our Office Manager, Sarah Kelley

## What is your role at the Clinic?

*I am the newest member of the Clinic and have big shoes to fill as the new Office Manager.*

## Tell us about yourself.

*I am the daughter to both Scotty & Ellen Morrison and the oldest of three. I have three beautiful nieces and two very handsome nephews who keep me busy. Home for me is Fort Walton Beach / Destin area but I recently moved up to Cullman about a year and a half ago. I have been visiting the area for roughly 12 years once my family moved to Cullman and fell in love with the community. I currently attend Desperation Church and assist with welcoming our guests on our hostess team.*



## What is most gratifying to you about working at GSHC?

*The most gratifying part of being able to work with the GSHC would have to be sharing with others who we are and what our role is in our community. The Lord is a part of what we do here at the clinic and what we represent. Each morning, we as a team pray over our patients that we will be seeing and interacting with that day. Knowing that and seeing God's hand at work in our community is so inspiring.*

## What inspires you to be a part of the Clinic?

*Before taking the new role as Office Manager, I was praying that the Lord would lead me to an opportunity to be more involved in our community and ultimately feel fulfilled. And just like that, God showed up and showed out in a big way! I'm so thankful to be given this opportunity to help make a difference and I'm inspired daily to be a part of such an amazing, caring, and thoughtful team.*

*Sarah, you truly are a blessing, and we are thrilled to have you join our team!*

# Hope comes from tragedy

Mental health services continue making life-changing impact

Since entering into a partnership in July 2020 with Good Samaritan Health Clinic and Haven Counseling Services, The Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund has provided 767 mental health counseling sessions for Good Samaritan patients. We repeatedly hear the life-changing impact these services have for our patients.



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

*In July 2017, Cullman attorney Stephen Griffith's life was taken by someone deemed mentally unstable. In June 2018, The Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund was established by the family to honor Steve's memory by providing access to uninsured patients who might otherwise not be able to afford counseling services.*



**“ The Good Samaritan Clinic and Haven Counseling entered my life at a very crucial time. Through the guidance and therapy that I have been given, I truly find more meaning, value, and happiness in life.**

**This is a complete contrast to my perspective before and I truly believe that, in some way, I have been given a second chance at life. ”**

**-Good Samaritan Patient**

## 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.*

## 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).*



## We gratefully acknowledge our supporters from October 2021 through March 2022

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# 6TH ANNUAL Caring FOR Cullman Concert

Thanks to the overwhelming support of the Cullman community and beyond, the 6th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert was a record-breaking success! Through sponsorships, ticket sales, and love offering, funds were raised to provide care for 105 Good Samaritan patients for an entire year.







Our signature event enables us to continue to provide a continuum of quality healthcare to individuals who would otherwise not be able to afford healthcare services. We are grateful for the support provided by all of Cullman which allows us to continue to meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured in our community.



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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 2022 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.*

## What You Can Do Today...

### 1. 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.

### 2. Spread The Word

If you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who is without health insurance, please encourage them to apply for free healthcare services through Good Samaritan Health Clinic. Our application is available on our website.

### 3. Invite Us To Be A Part Of Your Event

Thanks to our volunteer nurses and health science students, we can provide basic health screenings including blood pressure checks, glucose checks, body mass index, and mental health questionnaire.

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