

# THE GOOD + SAMARITAN



LOCAL DENTAL PROVIDERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Eating and smiling without pain is a big deal for many

Dr. Jonathan Echols became a dentist to simply help people. “That’s what life is all about...serving and loving people!” says Dr. Echols. “The Good Samaritan Clinic allows me to help those who could not ordinarily pay for dental services. I’m honored to be able to give back to the community of Cullman in this way.”

**“A toothache is something that can be very excruciating and debilitating.** Those of us with healthy oral hygiene sometimes take this for granted. Eating and smiling without pain is a big deal for many. It’s always meaningful when I help someone get rid of pain.” Dr. Echols says, “It is especially rewarding when they hug and thank me profusely.” *(Continued pg. 2)*



Dental volunteer, Dr. Jonathan Echols, providing dental care to patients of Good Samaritan Clinic for more than 10 years.

**Thanks to ALL the Dental Providers who deliver care to our patients!**

## 2017 FALL 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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“Those of us with healthy oral hygiene sometimes take this for granted.”

“The Clinic is such a benevolent outreach and mission field right here in our own backyard.” Dr. Echols encourages anyone who has a desire to make a difference here locally to get involved with the Good Samaritan Clinic. “I’m thankful for all those involved with the Good Samaritan Clinic. All of the staff, volunteers, and donors really make a difference in this community.” If you’re interested in volunteering with Good Samaritan Clinic, email [jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com](mailto:jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com).

## How do patients access dental services through Good Samaritan Clinic?

If patients qualify for the clinic’s medical services, they have access to dental care through Good Samaritan. These services include routine dental exams, x-rays and extractions. Once our Nurse Practitioner deems dental services are needed by the patient, the Clinic schedules the patient with one of our 13 dental volunteers who will see the patient in his/her dental office.

## Why is dental care so important for Good Samaritan’s patients?

Gone untreated, dental issues can lead to further health complications. Uncontrolled health conditions can cause teeth to become brittle and break off at the gums making routine dental exams and extractions essential.



Charles is grateful for the many ways the clinic has helped him.

*Not being accustomed to accepting something for nothing, Charles postponed getting treatment.*

A fundamental way that Good Samaritan Health Clinic helps patients manage their health is by connecting them with additional resources to get the care they need. As one of our patients affirmed, “If it hadn’t been for this place (GSHC), I would have never made it to the next place.” This was certainly the situation with Charles.

“I’ve never been one to accept something for basically nothing. So, I postponed and postponed until it got to the point I had to do something.” Charles had a condition with his feet that made it difficult for him to walk. After eventually coming to the clinic and being referred to Birmingham for orthopedic surgery, Charles now enjoys some simple pleasures of life including spending valuable time fishing with his grandson. With tears in his eyes Charles says, “It’s been tough but they (clinic) have helped me in more ways than one.”

## SEVERAL OF OUR PATIENTS SHARE THEIR STORY ON VIDEO OF HOW THE CLINIC HAS IMPACTED THEIR LIVES.

To learn more about the difference our volunteers are making, view the new clinic video on the clinic’s homepage at [www.goodsamaritancullman.com](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com).

## INTERESTED IN YOUR CHURCH PARTNERING WITH GOOD SAMARITAN?

We would be happy to come share with your congregation or small group, practical ways your church can support our efforts. Please contact Jolanda Hutson at [jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com](mailto:jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com) or call 256-255-5964 to schedule.



# Desperation Church partners with clinic to make a difference

The heartbeat of Desperation Church is to Rebuild, Revive, and Restore. Through their partnership with Good Samaritan Clinic, they are doing just that.



Keith Varden, Executive Pastor - Desperation Church, shares why they choose to partner with clinic.

Keith Varden, who also serves on the clinic's Board of Directors, believes that "when we meet both the physical and spiritual needs, we truly start to Rebuild, Revive, and Restore people to who God has called them to be." We have chosen to partner with Good Samaritan Health Clinic because "they have proven they are good at what they do, and our investment has purpose and meaning to the people they help. The staff and volunteers of the clinic do it with the heart to truly help each person they come in contact with."

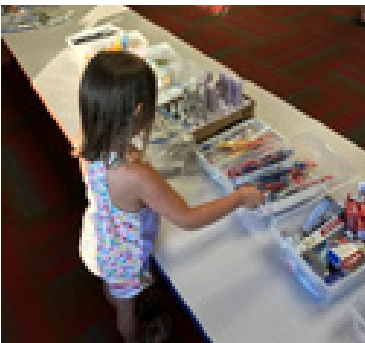
One way that Desperation Church has supported the clinic's efforts is by purchasing lab analysis equipment. Now, patients can have blood drawn/urine specimens collected and analyzed during the same visit avoiding the need for patients to make an additional trip to the clinic. This is very beneficial to our patients as transportation is an issue for many.

**“It is more than just giving money, it is investing in people.”**

Keith encourages people to get to know more about the clinic and the services provided. He says, "I believe a lot of people do not fully understand the benefits and the value that Good Samaritan provides to our community. It is more than just giving money, it is investing in people." Sometimes we believe that the only way to support the mission of the clinic is by giving a certain amount of money every month. While monetary support is vital to the ongoing of the clinic, "the needs of Good Samaritan Clinic can be met by many people of various backgrounds."

## DC Kidz learning to serve

Preschoolers from Desperation Church got a glimpse of the clinic this summer as they participated in basic health screenings and assembled patient care kits for the clinic. Thanks to the help of clinic nursing volunteer, Stephanie Barnett, and DC Kidz leaders, the children learned that even though they are small they too can make a big impact in our community.







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

## **Sponsor a Good Samaritan Clinic patient...**

Would you like to provide care for a Good Samaritan patient for an entire year? You can, by donating only \$42 a month (or a \$500 one-time donation).

Or, for less than a typical doctor's visit co-pay, you can provide care for one patient clinic visit. Simply commit to a \$9 monthly donation (or \$113 one-time donation) and make a tremendous difference in someone's life.

Just note your donation preference on the enclosed card and return in the self-addressed envelope. You may also 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.

**As a great way of honoring and memorializing that special someone, you may also designate your donation In Honor Of or In Memory Of on the enclosed card.**

## **Special Ways You Can Support Good Samaritan's Mission**

### **▶ Pray for our efforts**

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

### **▶ 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.

### **▶ Invite us to be a part of your community event**

Good Samaritan would love to partner with you by offering basic health screenings at your next community event. This is a small way we take our services into the community to identify individuals who may be at-risk and may qualify for our services. Please contact Jolanda Hutson, Executive Director, at 256-255-5964 or [jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com](mailto:jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com).

### **▶ Volunteer**

If you are a Registered Nurse interested in volunteering during normal clinic hours or providing health screenings at community events, please contact Cindy Barnett, Clinic Administrator, at 256-255-5967 or [cbarnett@goodsamaritancullman.com](mailto:cbarnett@goodsamaritancullman.com).

### **▶ Employer's Matching Gift Fund**

Your donation to Good Samaritan may be matched by an equal or larger gift from your employer. If your employer matches charitable gifts, you can increase and in some cases, double or triple your donation. To help Good Samaritan receive a match to your gift, please contact your Human Resources Office to get your matching gift form.



Anytime throughout the year, but particularly during the holiday season, 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!

# Record attendance at 3rd annual benefit concert

Thanks to overwhelming support of the Cullman community, the 3rd Annual Caring for Cullman Concert was a tremendous success with record attendance. Through sponsorships, ticket sales, and love offering, funds were raised to provide care for 273 patient visits at Good Samaritan Clinic. It was an inspirational, fun-filled evening with entertainment provided by amazingly talented singers and musicians, Triumphant Quartet and Bama Blu Grace. We are grateful for everyone who contributed to the event's success!



Picture by Ben Bullard, The Cullman Times



# We gratefully acknowledge our supporters from October 2016 through March 2017

Good Samaritan Clinic is thankful for your generosity as we endeavor to meet the medical needs of the uninsured in our community. Whether you support us through monetary donations, volunteer service, or the donation of in-kind products/services, we appreciate the invaluable support each of you provide to the clinic.

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**In the next issue of “The Good Samaritan” we plan to acknowledge donors to the clinic from April through September 2017. If you wish to remain anonymous, please notify Jolanda Hutson, Executive Director, at [jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com](mailto:jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com) or 256-255-5964. Otherwise, we will list only your name or the name of your organization or business making the donation.**

THANK YOU, NURSING VOLUNTEERS,  
FOR THE DIFFERENCE YOU ARE MAKING  
IN THE LIVES OF OUR PATIENTS.

## **Patient Education is key**



*Nursing volunteer, Marsha Boswell, CRNP, is passionate about patient education.*

Thanks to six nursing professionals who volunteer their time and expertise through the clinic, our patients receive more one-on-one care and education. “Without that intense education, treatment many times falls to the wayside,” says Marsha Boswell, nursing volunteer. “But once a patient understands what’s going on with their disease process and what they can do to make a difference, then they are able to actively participate in their care and then we see better outcomes.”

In addition to volunteering during normal clinic hours, these nurses also provide basic health screenings in the community through outreach events.

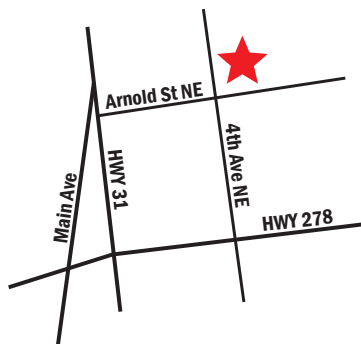


*Nursing volunteers, Eleanor, Kay, and Ann, invest in the Cullman community through Good Samaritan Clinic.*

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## Mayor Leeth extends invitation for clinic to participate in community resource fair at Colony Complex.



If your civic group or church is hosting a community event and health screenings would be a good fit, please contact Jolanda Hutson at 256-255-5964. We would be grateful for the opportunity to partner with you at your next event.

## Join the #GivingTuesday movement

Good Samaritan Clinic would be grateful to be your charity of choice on #GivingTuesday. This special day is a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Occurring this year on November 28, #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving along with the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday to kick-off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities and to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support.

To donate to Good Samaritan Clinic, go to our secure website at [www.goodsamaritancullman.com](http://www.goodsamaritancullman.com) and click on the Donate button or mail your contribution to Good Samaritan Clinic, 401 Arnold Street, NE, Suite A, Cullman, AL 35055.

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

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**November 28, 2017**