



THE GOOD SAMARITAN



Good Samaritan Health Clinic Celebrates its 20th Anniversary!

We certainly have much to celebrate! Look how far we've come in 20 years...

January 24, 2004

Good Samaritan begins seeing patients in a three-hour, one evening a week medical clinic with volunteer physicians, nurses, many non-medical volunteers, one full-time and two part-time staff. Initially, the clinic provided only acute care medical services.

May 2004

A retired certified audiologist begins providing hearing tests free of charge to our patients one day a month. Fun fact, she continues still today!

May 2005

A practicing ophthalmologist begins seeing our patients, examining for diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and cataracts.

August 2006

A twice per month dental clinic begins with 12 volunteer dentists and oral surgeons. A Nurse Practitioner is hired to work three days a week establishing three medical clinic days per week.

August 2009

To meet the increasing needs of our patients, a 4th medical clinic day is added, and Nurse Practitioner goes full-time.

May 2015

Clinic begins providing free basic health screenings in conjunction with community events, thanks to the addition of volunteer RNs.

March 2017

Clinic offers patients access to patient education and engagement programs.

July 2018

Clinic adds social services volunteer to assist patients in completing eligibility paperwork required by UAB Charity Care.

July 2020

Clinic adds mental health counseling thanks to partnership with Haven Counseling Services and Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund.

November 2021

Clinic adds second social services volunteer to clinic for the purpose of connecting patients with community resources that ultimately impact their overall health.

Today

Good Samaritan Clinic continues to be a safety net for hundreds of low-income, uninsured residents of Cullman County. Employing 7 full-time staff, including a CRNP, LPN/Phlebotomist, and two Certified Pharmacy Technicians. Good Samaritan operates as a primary care clinic, seeing patients five days a week, and providing a full range of services including care for routine illnesses as well as comprehensive care for patients with chronic conditions. Once patients qualify for the Clinic's services, they have access to all the services the Clinic provides including medications, labs, referrals for diagnostic testing and specialized care, mental health counseling, dental extractions, eye care services, hearing evaluations, and social services.



Good Samaritan Health Clinic
401 Arnold Street NE, Suite A | Cullman, AL 35055

Learn first-hand about healthcare services available through GSHC, our impact in the community, and our vision for the future.

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For questions or additional information, contact
Jolanda Hutson, Executive Director at 256-253-5964
or jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com



Light Refreshments Will Be Served

**Come celebrate our
20th Anniversary
at one of several
Open House events
that will take place
this summer.**

You will learn more about the Clinic's vision
for the future and impact on our community.

Know someone who has a heart for the un-
der-served and wants to make a difference?
Invite them to register and join you!

2024 SPRING NEWSLETTER

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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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Clinic earns Gold Standard recognition for 5th year

Good Samaritan Health Clinic consistently earns Gold Rating from the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC) Quality Standards Program. By self-attesting that the Clinic has certain policies and procedures in place, we are able to highlight our commitment to providing quality care to our patients.



NAFC Mission:

The mission of the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics is to ensure the medically underserved have access to affordable health care. The NAFC and its members are dedicated to ensuring that patients receive quality health care. To quantify and qualify the care provided at the Free and Charitable Clinic network, the NAFC formalized a set of Quality Standards for member organizations.

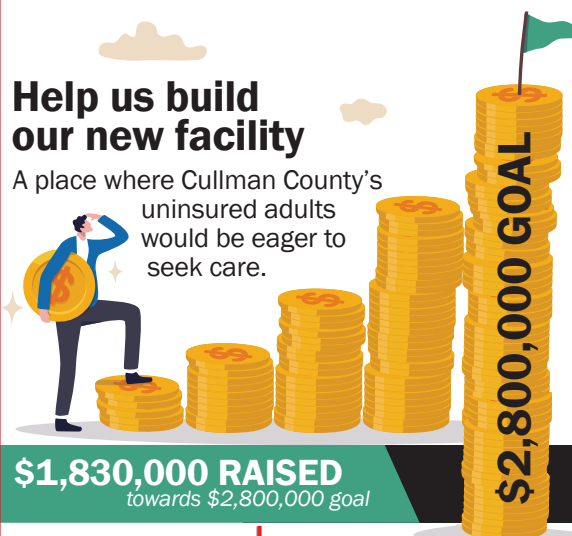
Jolanda Hutson, Executive Director, Good Samaritan Health Clinic, "We are honored to receive this prestigious recognition from the NAFC for a fifth year in a row. The Clinic was able to achieve this recognition thanks to its leadership during the past 20+ years and the incredible donors and community partners who have faithfully believed in and supported our mission. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve those in need in our community and are committed to providing our patients with quality continuity of care."

CLINIC TO BUILD NEW FACILITY

Good Samaritan Health Clinic announces plans to build a new clinic on property located on Veterans Drive SW. The announcement comes shortly after the Clinic received approval for a \$1 million matching grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).



In addition to ARC funds, local sources will provide \$1,000,000 matching funds. The Clinic would not be at this juncture today without the overwhelming support from the City of Cullman, the Cullman County Commission, Cullman Regional, and the Cullman Regional Foundation. Their financial contributions provided a substantial portion of the necessary matching funds to secure the ARC grant. Special thanks to Congressman Robert Aderholt and Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Director, Kenneth Boswell for believing in our mission and championing our project.



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The new facility will be a 5,040 square foot building built on 2.7 acres in the Southwest part of the City of Cullman on Veterans Drive SW. There will be four exam rooms, medication dispensary with drive-thru, lab, cardio room, and a large waiting room which will also serve as a meeting space for after-hours patient education classes.

For more information about the \$2.8 million project, contact Executive Director, Jolanda Hutson, at 256-255-5964 or jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com

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Meet Our Receptionist, Lindsey Stracener



Tell us about yourself:

My husband, Dave, and I have been married for almost 21 years. We have two girls, Kylie, a senior at Cullman High School, and Delanie, a sophomore at Cullman High School. We also have 5 fur babies, 2 doodles, Mac and Baine, 2 chihuahuas, Palmer and Baelee, and 1 cat, Bleu.

What is most gratifying to you about working at GSHC?

The most gratifying part about working at GSHC is the fact that I am the first and last person our patients see. Being able to give a simple smile, hug, or just say "Hi" could be the best part of someone's day and I love being able to be that small part.

What inspires you to be a part of the Clinic?

Being a military family for 20 years, we have loved being able to give back to every community where we have lived. Being raised in Cullman, it is an honor to be able to give back to this community and be able to teach our children how to give back as well.

Anything else you'd like to share?

This clinic is truly an answered prayer. I feel so happy to be a part of this small and awesome group.

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Long-Term Mission Fulfillment

By establishing this new facility, the Clinic will be better positioned to fulfill our mission over the long term, ensuring that we can continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve by expanding our reach and impact.

2. Prevention and Wellness

The new facility will allow a prevention and wellness component to our service offerings. The addition of a fitness/cardio room will provide access to exercise facilities thereby empowering our patients to take proactive steps towards their health and well-being, ultimately contributing to a healthier population.

3. Exceptional Care for All Uninsured Residents

The new facility will provide a desirable and exceptional option for all uninsured residents in our community. We are committed to ensuring that quality healthcare remains accessible to everyone.



How To Support Our Mission

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.

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. If help is needed to complete the application, please call 256-255-5963. We are happy to assist!

DONATE TO ANNUAL AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We invite you to help safeguard the uninsured in our community by donating to our New Facility Capital Campaign or Annual Campaign. Scan our QR code to give online or return the enclosed donation envelope to send your gift in the mail. Every dollar makes a difference!

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 directly from our Amazon Wish List and the items will be shipped directly to us.

We gratefully acknowledge our supporters from April through September 2023

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 2024 contribution, please submit your donation in the enclosed self-addressed envelope or through our website at www.goodsamaritancullman.com.

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We are in the midst of
*Exciting
Times*

in the life of Good
Samaritan Health Clinic and
the Cullman community!

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TO MAKE A
POSITIVE IMPACT
FOR YEARS TO COME!**

Help safeguard the
uninsured in our
community by
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**New Facility
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Visit our website to give online
or return the enclosed
donation envelope to send
your gift in the mail.

Patient receives care most of us take for granted

A DAILY OCCURRENCE THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR AMAZING DONORS.

After Roy's mom passed away, he moved from Florida to Alabama for a fresh start. He suffered with chronic headaches for so long that he thought they were normal. It wasn't until he was hired by a local restaurant and suffered a minor on-the-job injury that he found the cause of his headaches.

When he went to the hospital ER, they were not as concerned with the issue which brought him to the hospital, as they were with his severe resistant hypertension. Since Roy did not have health insurance, upon discharge the ER staff referred him to Good Samaritan Clinic for follow-up and treatment. During Roy's initial assessment, Ms. Patricia (the Clinic's nurse practitioner) discovered additional health concerns and referred him to Birmingham to be seen by multiple specialists including a gastroenterologist, nephrologist, dermatologist, and cardiologist.



Photo not actual GSHC patient

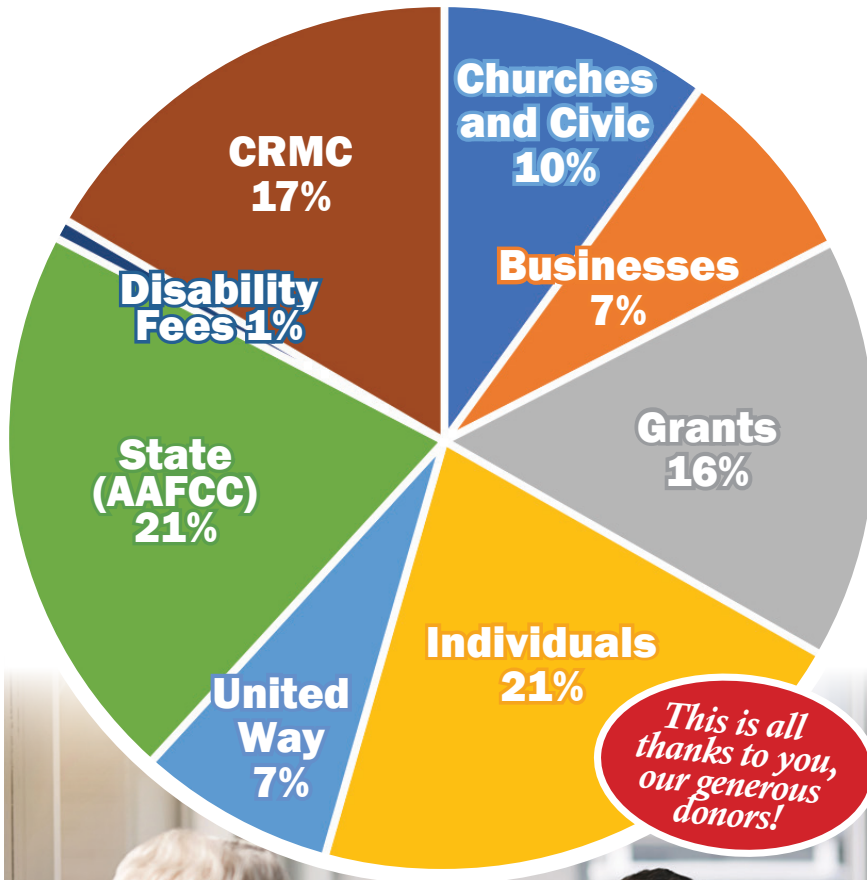
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While Roy is still on the journey to complete treatment and recovery, he is thankful for the wonderful care he's received at Good Samaritan Clinic. Ms. Patricia got his blood pressure under control and referred him to specialists for further diagnosis and treatment, and Ms. Ann (the Clinic's social services volunteer) assisted him in completing the eligibility paperwork for UAB Charity Care. “Everyone has been so good and kind to me. When I first came to the Clinic, I would cry sometimes because I thought I was dying. I was hurting and troubled emotionally. Ms. Sarah (the office manager) reassured me and brought my spark back.”

Roy goes on to share that, “if I hadn't got help from Good Samaritan Clinic, I'd probably be dead by now. My life has changed dramatically since coming to you guys.” Roy says his goal is to get well so that he can go back to work and make a better life for himself.

Thanks to your support, Good Samaritan Clinic continues to provide care to many individuals who are in similar situations each and every day. Your donation truly makes a difference!

*We are so grateful for your support, and we
couldn't do what we do each day without you!
Every dollar makes a difference!*



In 2023

Served 3,958

Patient Visits at GSHC
(23% increase from 2022)

Served 622

Unduplicated Patients
(12% increase from 2022)

Accepted 249

New Patients
(almost 60% increase from 2021)

Served 1,474

Patient Triage Phone Notes
(36% increase from 2022)

Referred 540

patients to a specialist

Provided 434

Mental Health
Counseling Sessions through
Haven Counseling Services
(15% increase from 2022)

Dispensed 20,800

Prescriptions with a Retail
Value of \$5.1 million
(17,436 scripts - 2022)

Delivered

direct patient services valued
at \$6.2 million (2022)

Received

in-kind donated products/
services valued at \$1.2 million
(2022)



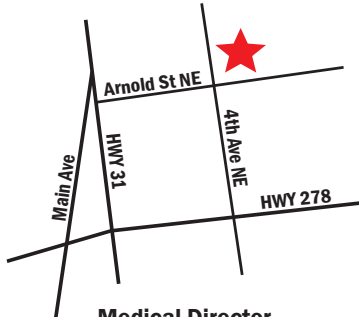
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A Note From Our Medical Director

JEREMY V. STIDHAM, M.D.

During the past 14 years, I have been honored to serve as a Board Member, Physician Volunteer, Collaborating Physician and Medical Director of Good Samaritan Health Clinic. During those years, I have gained a deeper appreciation of the healthcare deficits in our community and the impact that we all can have on the welfare of those in need. It is because of you, our supporters, that this population has access to the quality healthcare that we have all come to expect in this community.

As most are aware, the benefits of this care extend well beyond that of an individual patient. By providing high quality primary care, we are mitigating the need for the cumbersome and costly tertiary care that our hospital and healthcare system would otherwise be obligated to provide to our uninsured population in its Emergency Department and hospital wards. It is unfortunate that these patients find themselves with the highest severity of illness in our community and yet, because of financial restraints, often only seek care at the crescendo of symptoms when the cost of care is at its highest.

With your loyal support, we can continue to succeed in providing the neediest of our community with the same high standard of care that we all enjoy.

Welcome New Board Members

The first of each year is always an exciting time for the Clinic because it is then that we have the opportunity to welcome new members to our Board of Directors. This year is no exception. We are grateful for these six leaders sharing their time, talents, and resources for the betterment of our community.



Dr. Wes Hoskyns
Physician
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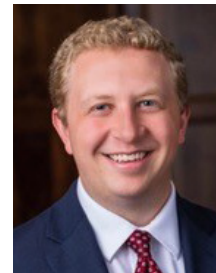
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