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Thanks to your support, lives once filled with uncertainty are now filled with promise

# From Despair to Hope: A Future Begins at the Clinic

When the pain became too much to bear, Adam found more than medical care—he found a second chance.

Adam had worked in construction for over 30 years, enduring blistering heat and biting cold without complaint. But in June 2023, a small bump on his ear began to grow uncontrollably. As the months passed, the pain worsened—especially in the heat—and eventually, working became impossible.

"I was going around trying to find help, but no one would help me because I didn't have insurance," Adam recalled. "It wasn't until I went to the Cullman County Health Department that a lady at the front desk told me about Good Samaritan Health Clinic."

That one referral changed everything.

Adam first came to GSHC in July 2024. He was seen by our compassionate Nurse Practitioner who quickly recognized the urgency of his condition.



Photo not actual GSHC patient

The clinic helped him get referred to UAB Dermatology, where, after months of waiting, he finally had surgery. The diagnosis: Stage 4 cancer. Surgeons removed his ear and several lymph nodes.

"If it wasn't for Good Samaritan, I don't think I'd be here," Adam said. "They got

me the help no one else would. They really saved me."

Today, Adam is recovering and hopeful. He has a good prognosis and is looking forward to returning to work—perhaps through subcontracting since his former employer can no longer hire him due to his health history.

Adam's story is a powerful reminder of what's possible when compassion meets action.

Because of donors like you, the Good Samaritan Health Clinic continues to offer more than care—it offers hope, healing, and a future.

# Is there someone you'd like to recognize or honor in a meaningful way?

Donate to our annual campaign or new facility capital campaign. Your donation not only makes a profound impact in the lives of our patients but also communicates to your family and friends your support and belief in the Clinic's mission. Simply designate your donation on the enclosed card or indicate your preference when donating online at

www.goodsamaritancullman.com.

# **Your Support Matters More Than Ever**

If you haven't yet made your 2025 contribution to Good Samaritan Clinic, we invite you to give today. Your generosity helps us continue providing critical care to uninsured individuals in our community—people who may be your neighbors, friends, or even family members.

Every dollar truly makes a difference. With your support, we can ensure that no one faces a medical need alone. Together, we can be the safety net that so many count on.

Thank you for standing with us.

### **2025 SPRING 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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# **Exciting Update on our New Facility Project!**

We are thrilled to announce that our new facility project will be open for bids very soon! We invite general contractors, especially those local to the Cullman area, to submit their proposals for this important project.



The new facility will be a 5,040-square-foot building situated on 2.7 acres in the southwest part of the City of Cullman, at 118 Veterans Drive SW. Thoughtfully designed to meet the evolving needs of our community, the building will include four exam rooms, a spacious waiting area that doubles as a meeting space for after-hours patient education classes, a medication dispensary with drive-thru access, a lab, and a cardio room. This will be a place where everyone feels welcome and cared for. At the heart of our mission is a commitment to ensure that all patients are met with compassion and

served by some of the most experienced health professionals in the community.

Interested general contractors should email Executive Director, Jolanda Hutson, at <a href="mailto:jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com">jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com</a>, for more details.

We are excited to take this next step in fulfilling our mission and providing exceptional care for our community. We look forward to receiving bids and hope to partner with a dedicated contractor who shares our vision for quality and service.

# **Help Us Cross the Finish Line**

Thanks to an outpouring of support from our local community and beyond, fundraising efforts for our \$2.8 million project have gone exceptionally well. But we're not quite there yet — we still need to raise \$125,000 to meet our goal.

We invite you to partner with us in this monumental endeavor. Your contribution will help bring compassionate, high-quality care to more people in our community — for generations to come.

To learn more about the project or to contribute to our capital campaign:

- Visit: www.goodsamaritancullman.com
- Contact: Jolanda Hutson, Executive Director
- Phone: 256-255-5964
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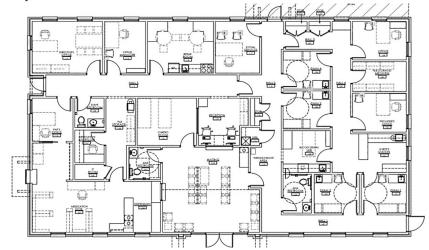
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# **New Clinic Update: Breaking Ground Soon!**

As with many building projects, the journey toward our new facility has taken a bit longer than we originally planned. While progress hasn't moved quite as quickly as we hoped, we're excited to share that—pending our general contractor's schedule—we are now aiming to break ground mid to late summer.

This new space will allow us to serve our community even better, and we're incredibly grateful for your continued support during this time of transition.

Please join us in prayer for a smooth, safe, and uneventful construction process. We're looking forward to opening the doors to our new clinic and welcoming you in very soon!



# **Our Strategic Vision Is Becoming Reality**

The construction of our new facility marks a significant milestone in the fulfillment of our mission. It also marks a milestone for our community—a shared investment in better health, greater access, and long-term well-being for all.

# Every element of its design reflects the core goals that have guided our path:

### **Long-Term Mission Fulfillment**

Owning our own facility ensures longterm stability — freeing us from the uncertainty of leased space and the looming risk of eviction. This permanent home allows us to grow intentionally, serve more patients with compassion and excellence, and remain rooted in our community for generations to come.

### Wellness, Prevention, and Chronic Disease Management

We are expanding our focus beyond the treatment of illness to promote total health and well-being. Through early intervention, health education, routine screenings, and lifestyle support, we

aim to prevent illness before it starts — while continuing to provide expert care for those managing chronic conditions.

# Exceptional Care for All Uninsured Residents

Our services are for all who lack access to affordable healthcare — not only those living in poverty, but also hardworking individuals and families who are in transition or working full time yet still cannot afford the high cost of health care services. We believe that everyone deserves access to compassionate, high-quality care.

These pillars form the foundation for a healthier Cullman–and this new facility is where that vision becomes reality.

APRIL 2023
Board of Directors
decide to pursue
new clinic location



OCTOBER 2023 Cullman County Commission Donates \$250K SEPTEMBER 2023 City of Cullman Donates \$250K

FEBRUARY 2024
Purchased
property located
at Veterans
Drive SW

APRIL 2024
Publicly
announce plans
to build new
clinic

Cullman Regional commits to \$125K Cullman Regional Foundation commits to \$125K

**NOVEMBER 2023** 

MARCH 2024 Received \$1Mil Match Grant from ARC

Have raised \$1.8Mil

Hosts 2 Open House
Events at current
location in celebration
of 20th anniversary
Schematic Floor
Plans Approved

AUGUST 2024

Hosts Capital Campaign Dinner at Cotton Creek

SEPTEMBER 2024

Have raised \$2.4Mil

MARCH 2025 Have raised \$2.6Mil

MAY 2025 Floor plans reviewed by City of Cullman and ADECA

To stay current on our progress, scan this QR code or go to our website.



### We gratefully acknowledge our supporters from October 2024 through March 2025

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 2025 contribution, please submit your donation in the enclosed self-addressed envelope or through our website at <a href="https://www.goodsamaritancullman.com">www.goodsamaritancullman.com</a>.

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# **United Way Supply Drive**

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

A very special thank you to United Way of Cullman County and to the many businesses and individuals who contributed to our recent supply drive. Your generosity and commitment to supporting Good Samaritan Clinic truly make a difference.



Because of your helping hands, we're better equipped to care for those in need—and we are deeply grateful for each and every one of you.











Saturday, September 13 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Let's come together for a day of health, hope, and community!



118 Veterans Drive SW (Future Home of Good Samaritan Health Clinic)

### Get involved!

### **WE'RE CURRENTLY SEEKING:**

### **SESSION LEADERS**

Share your expertise in health, fitness, or wellness on our main stage

#### **SPONSORS**

Support the event and promote your business

### **DOOR PRIZE DONORS**

Help make the day extra special with giveaways

To volunteer, sponsor, or donate a prize, contact our Executive Director, Jolanda Hutson, at <a href="mailto:jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com">jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com</a> or call 256-255-5964.

All in support of a great cause building a healthier Cullman together!

### Join us for a Fun Day focused on wellness, healthy living, and community connection!

### This free event is open to everyone!

Health & Wellness Resources
Food Trucks & Local Vendors
Family-Friendly Activities
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Interactive Demos & Education



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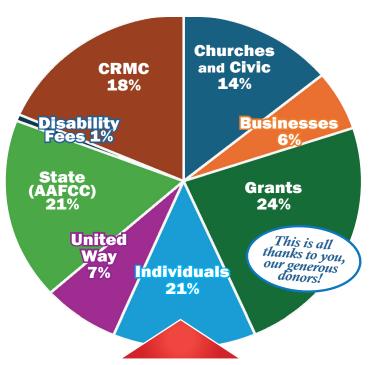
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### **DONATE RMDS**

Consider donating a portion of your required minimum distribution (RMD) from your retirement account, reducing your taxable income while making a meaningful impact.

For details, contact your financial advisor or Jolanda Hutson, jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com, or 256-255-5964.





# Good Samaritan Health Clinic at a Glance

In 2024:

# Served 3,590 Patient Visits at GSHC

Served 545

Unduplicated Patients

Accepted 189
New Patients

**Served 1,259** 

Patient Triage Phone Notes

Referred 485
Patients to a Specialist

Delivered

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

### **Provided 305**

Mental Health Counseling Sessions through Haven Counseling Services

### Performed 89

Dental Extractions throuh community dentists

### Dispensed 19,872

Prescriptions with a Retail Value of \$3.9 million

### Received

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



### Become a Donor Today!

By doing so, you may be helping a friend or family member to never experience a medical need without Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

### TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

# Meet Our Social Services Advocate, Kellie Britton

### Tell us about yourself:

I am married to Adam Britton, and we are blessed with 2 amazing kids, Olivia (age 19) and Zeke (age 13). In addition to Good Samaritan, I am



also the Director of Children's Ministries at St. Andrew's Global Methodist Church.

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

I love helping people! Often times, applying for financial assistance, dealing with tax forms and other documents, and communicating with larger medical facilities can be extremely intimidating, so I am happy to intercede on our patients' behalf.

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

The patients and staff at Good Samaritan are so inspiring, and honestly, they're also a lot of fun! I truly look forward to coming into the clinic each day!

### Anything else you'd like to share?

I look forward to moving into our new building and being able to help more people in my hometown!

### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

### Celebrating Conna Canada

We are honored to shine a spotlight on Conna Canada, who has generously volunteered with Good Samaritan Health Clinic for an incredible 21 years— WOW!

Since the clinic opened in 2004, Conna has faithfully served as a volunteer audiologist, helping count-



less patients receive the gift of hearing. Her expertise and heart for service have made a lasting impact on our clinic and our community.

Thank you, Conna, for your unwavering commitment and heart for service. Your contributions have helped shape our clinic and bring hope to so many. We are truly grateful to have you on our team!

#VolunteerSpotlight #ThankYouConna #21YearsOfService #GoodSamaritanHealthClinic #CommunityHeroes

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### Welcome New Board Members

Good Samaritan is proud to welcome five outstanding community leaders to our Board of Directors. Though they are new to the Clinic's Board, these individuals are likely familiar faces to many. If you know any of them personally, please join us in thanking them for their commitment to serving our community through the Good Samaritan Clinic. We are truly fortunate to have such dedicated and respected leaders stepping into this vital role — they represent the very best of our community, and we are grateful for their service.



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