

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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STAFF & VOLUNTEER UPDATES

We are thrilled to welcome our newest volunteers! **Sarah Corcoran** and **Chrissy VanErkelens** have joined our administrative team to work at the front desk and on special projects. **Marcy Umbright, RN** has joined as a volunteer nurse in the clinic, and **Martha Kester**, a certified Health Coach, has joined our team to collaborate with our Diabetic Educator in helping create better lifestyle habits for our patients. We have also added two administrative assistants, **Kathlyn Gray** and **Lisa Wilt**, who work directly with the Executive Director. Please welcome these additions to our team!

★ GOOD NEIGHBOR GRANT AWARDS ★

We continue to be blessed with support from our community and were recently the recipients of grants from **Beaufort County Human Services Alliance, Beaufort Charities, Inc.** and **Junior Service League of Beaufort.**



Exec Director Cassi Kilpatrick,
Matthew Hurtt of Beaufort Charities,
Janie Lackman, Development Director



Dr. Steven Kessel, receiving grant from JSLB



Alan and Joanne Moses

The late **Alan and Joanne Moses** were instrumental in the growth of GNMC. Their generous contributions enabled GNMC to make significant changes in the scope and structure of the organization, allowing us to add staff and technology to help maintain services to patients during the trying times of COVID. GNMC and the entire Beaufort Community is truly blessed by the legacy of the Moses family. Please click on these links to [Dataw Island](#) and the [Coastal Community Foundation](#) for articles about these extraordinary Good Neighbors.

CASSI'S CORNER

Good Neighbor welcomed a new season with a SPRING in our step, busy engaging with the community and each other! In March we gave a presentation on Dataw Island to a full house and gained several new volunteers. We had a board retreat that resulted in the completion and approval by the Board of our strategic plan. We held our first ever Board and Providers Social hosted by Mike and Dana Wheeler at their lovely home.

We didn't slow down in April, giving presentations to local community organizations, including NRO, Sea Island Rotary, and the Exchange Club, and we participated in United Way's annual meeting. April ended with the continuation of a journey postponed due to COVID, picking up where we left off in moving to a more paperless office. A fabulous team of staff and volunteers is developing a fully electronic medical record practice. An implementation specialist will assist us with a goal of completion by September 15!

Lastly, we held our first major fund-raising event, The GNMC Pickleball Classic! All this activity and celebration was only fitting, as on March 22 we celebrated one year at our new location on Ribaut Road! As the Executive Director at GNMC, I could not be more proud of the commitment to excellence from this team. This has definitely been a year to celebrate!

~ Cassi



COMMUNITY PARTNERS and OUTREACH



GNMC continues to reach out into the community for the resources our patients need. We are happy to announce that **Dr. Karen Eller** has answered the call! Dr. Eller has agreed to join GNMC as a direct referral partner, treating our patients in need of pain relief. We are so excited to continue growing our community partners to provide the best care to our patients!

We are working with one of our new partners, **The Beaufort Charities**, in community events. GNMC managed the Kids Zone for the Beaufort Charities Oyster Roast on March 5, and we will be assisting with the upcoming Beaufort Charities Invitational Golf Tournament on May 13 and 14 at Fripp Island. **Sign-up to help by clicking [here](#).**



GNMC participated in the Health Fair held at the Performing Arts Center on March 19 with the help of volunteers **Elke Dennis** and **Peggy Place, RN**.

Contact Janie Lackman (843-470-9088) if you would like to be notified about additional GNMC outreach volunteer opportunities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

Our Board of Directors has been working overtime with the 1000 Feathers team on board development and strategic planning. They have attended extra zoom meetings, committee meetings, and a weekend board retreat. They have successfully approved a new strategic plan, as well as created new board committees. We are so excited to see the fruits of their labor, and thank them for their continued dedication to GNMC. Our work with 1000 Feathers on these projects is drawing to a close. A huge thank you to the 1000 Feathers team for their patience, flexibility, and commitment on this endeavor, and a thank you to Coastal Community Foundation for their support in this endeavor.

Board member **Dana Wheeler** and her husband Mike, opened their beautiful home to board, staff, providers, and community partners at our first Board of Directors and Providers Social. It was a great evening of fellowship, brainstorming, and learning about the new Addiction Clinic, led by **Dr. Cusumano**. Thank you to the Wheelers for their warm hospitality!



GNMC TEAM (top L-R) Janie Lackman, Development Director, Julie Clemmer, Lead Clinic RN, Jenny Meyers, Dr. Steven Kessel, Cassi Kilpatrick, Sharon McElveen and Alice Moss





GOOD NEIGHBOR FIRST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER A BIG HIT!!

GNMC hosted our first major fundraiser, the *GNMC Pickleball Classic Tournament*, on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 & 24, at the **Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club**. Blessed with perfect Spring weather and the support of many participants and volunteers, GNMC hosted an extremely successful first event featuring two exciting days of competitive pickleball matches. Many thanks to EVERYONE who helped make this fundraiser a success!



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SHOUT OUTS!



It goes without saying that we have some amazing volunteers, but with each newsletter, there are a few who stand out for a special project or extra efforts!

We'd like to give a SHOUT OUT to **Melanie Berding** for being a solid, reliable volunteer who keeps our growing number of patients eligible for services. This is no easy feat, but she is in the clinic multiple times per week ensuring the job gets done!

A SHOUT OUT to **Tina Bongiovanni** and **Johanne Golcher** for continuing to add to their Monday morning number of intakes as our new patient load continues to increase. These ladies work wonderfully together and help make our intake process user friendly!

A SHOUT OUT to **Brooke Curtis**, a new volunteer that helps make the clinic better with many special projects and ideas. Brooke recently developed a master calendar for the clinic that has already proven to be a very valuable tool.

A SHOUT OUT to **Carol Gelormino** for handling our evening shift and always finding ways to make the clinic better without any direction!

SHOUT OUT to **Therese Korey** for being a wonderful trainer for new nurse volunteers.



Dana Wheeler with Cassi Kilpatrick, Executive Director

Lastly, a **SPECIAL SHOUT OUT** to **Dana Wheeler** for being many things to the clinic: volunteer, board member, nursing program liaison, advocate, recruiter, on call resource, and recently gained the title of hostess!

Dana is a true Champion for the clinic and helped recruit several of our recent provider additions. We are very blessed to have her on our team!



*Thank you all
for what you do
for the Clinic every day!*

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