

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*Providing a medical home to uninsured, eligible adults
in our community.*



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STAFF & VOLUNTEER UPDATES

Good Neighbor added three new volunteers to the team! Please join us in welcoming **Liz Devoir** (Eligibility Team), **Pam Goldsmith** (Clinical Admin Team), and **Lori Sontag** (Development Support).

Brock Bettie (L) and **Thomas Mazzeo** (R) joined us as summer interns working to support all areas of the clinic.



Operations Director, **Sharon McElveen** was gifted flowers by a new patient who was overwhelmed by Sharon's willingness to go above and beyond to help her become a patient. This is exactly what being a Good Neighbor is all about! Keep up the great work Sharon!

Cassi Kilpatrick was honored by the **Sea Island Rotary** with the *Ethics in Business Award*. Cassi is seen here with Kathy Baxley, Jim Grimsley, and Dale Douthat.



CASSI'S CORNER

*Similar to the summer heat, GNMC has been in full force, inside and outside the clinic. GNMC's good work has been recognized by many organizations these past two months. As Executive Director, I had the privilege to be out in the community representing GNMC on many occasions ranging from education, grant recipient, and volunteer wall unveiling, to being awarded the **Ethics in Business Award** by the **Sea Island Rotary**.*

*Once again, we are growing our collaborations and taking full advantage of these relationships to better serve our patients. We utilized the **Lowcountry Outreach** facility while over 20 staff and volunteers completed training in SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) as we continue our journey in the fight to help those affected by opioid abuse. We also assisted the family of a patient in legal matters with a referral to one of our new partners, **Lowcountry Legal Volunteers**. The patient needed disability, but could not afford the legal support. The process became overwhelming and created a huge financial burden as his care needs increased. Family members wept while meeting to explain the services our new partner can provide. Patient experiences like this allow us to recognize more than ever the value of treating the whole patient.*

~ Cassi

★ GOOD NEIGHBOR GRANT NEWS ★

GNMC was honored to be chosen for a grant from the **Port Royal Community Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry**. Cassi Kilpatrick and Janie Lackman attended the award event at the Clubhouse in the Port Royal Community on Hilton Head. This was an great opportunity to meet our new supporters as well as connect with other non-profit organizations in the area. We hope to have some of the members visit the clinic to see their investment in action.

Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina awarded GNMC, for a second year, an immediate need grant for our Primary Care Medical Program. **The Whitehead Foundation** also made a generous gift to GNMC for a second year. We are grateful for the continuing support of these organizations.
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Congratulations to the Grantees of the Port Royal Community Charitable Fund!



GOOD NEIGHBOR VOLUNTEER WALL UNVEILED



The final project of the year with our friends at the **Beaufort Rotary** concluded with the installation and unveiling of the Volunteer Wall in the clinic. The wall celebrates our amazing volunteers and ALL they do to help accomplish our mission. We celebrated the Wall Reveal on June 26 with our friends from the **Beaufort Rotary, Alpha Graphics, The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce**, our staff, and volunteers. We are so thankful for the contributions from the Beaufort Rotary to all aspects of our work over the course of the year, which included a Health Fair, donation of diabetic supplies and blood pressure monitors, coordinating and funding our Volunteer Celebration Party, and our Volunteer Wall. It's amazing what can be accomplished with partnerships — WOW!



Executive Director, Cassi Kilpatrick, explains the theme of the wall, in memory of **Joanne and Alan Moses**, who left a legacy of giving.

“Ordinary people doing extraordinary things” is exactly what our volunteers are portraying daily at GNMC.



GNMC staff, volunteers, and Rotarian friends and families eagerly await the unveiling of The Volunteer Wall!

We appreciate the continued support from the Faith Community that includes recent grants from our friends at **St. Peter's Catholic Church, A Light for Beaufort Grant, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and The Link Church**. Do you want to get your church more involved in our mission? If so, contact Janie Lackman for ideas and details.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS



GNMC continues to reach out into the community to get the services needed to treat our patients. We could not serve our mission without our community partners.

As our connection with the **Healthy Church Consortium** grows, we had the honor of presenting to the group in June, alongside **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** Executive Director, Michelle Casey, about eligibility for our program. We enjoy working with this dynamic group and helping to spread the word about our services through their faith communities.



Pictured L-R: Pat Greene, Beth Campbell, Cassi Kilpatrick, Michelle Casey, Maxine Hudson Smalls.

GNMC is so grateful for the amazing, handcrafted quilts that are donated to us through both **The Sea Island Quilters Guild** and **St. John's Lutheran Church**.

St. John's Lutheran Church also donates hygiene kits to the clinic for us to distribute. What a blessing these gifts are for our patients!



Jersey Mike's supported GNMC by helping to provide lunch to volunteers participating in a training workshop!



Lowcountry Legal Volunteers help our patients with their mission to ensure that no resident of Beaufort, Jasper, or Hampton county is denied the right to equal justice because of income.



USCB and GNMC continue their partnership in creating internship placements. Our Summer Intern **Tracy Teems**, on the left, is a Human Services Major. Here she celebrates **Janie Lackman's** Second Anniversary as GNMC Development Director with Sharon McElveen, Julie Clemmer, and Sarah Smith.

SHOUT OUTS!



A **SHOUT OUT** to **Jeff Mason**, who in a few short months, quickly established himself as an integral member of our Team!

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Beth Campbell** for speaking at an outreach event.

A **SHOUT OUT** to one of our new additions, **Pam Goldsmith**, for catching up on the scanning backlog by her third shift!

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Dr. Folzenlogen** and **Dr. Cusumano** for adding extra hours.

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Kathlyn Gray** for creating digital files for all volunteers and staff in preparation of FTCA deeming requirements.

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Carol Gelormino**, at the Front Desk, and **Marta Rodriguez**, our Spanish Interpreter, whose great teamwork ensures that our patients' communication needs are met!

A **SHOUT OUT** to Board Members **Jim Grimsley**, **Alice Moss**, **Susie Roos**, **Lisa Wilt**, **Dana Wheeler** and **Fred Washington** for dedicating a Friday afternoon to a board development workshop, and a special thanks to Dana for arranging the space.

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Janie Lackman** as we celebrate all her hard work on her Second Anniversary as Development Director!



A **SHOUT OUT** to **Brock Bettie**, who did a great job as our summer intern. We also learned he is a fine culinary artist!

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Lisa Wilt** for accepting the Vice Chair role on the Board of Directors!



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