

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*Providing compassionate, skilled medical care
to those in need.*



October/December 2023

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STAFF & VOLUNTEER UPDATE



We are growing! GNMC welcomes **Vanessa Cortes** in our Volunteer Coordinator position, and **Jill Evans**, in our new Referral Specialist position.

Four new providers join our team:
**Dr. Patrick Meehan, Dr. Louis Wang,
Dr. David Baehren and Dr. Neal Shealy.**

Welcome back from the north “**Sookie**”
Weymouth, Nancy Hahn, and Linda

Volunteers and staff recently had some Halloween Fun! Many thanks for the wonderful cookies from **Susan Roos**! No tricks at the clinic on Halloween, but lots of treats!!



★ 2023 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN ★

GNMC's 2023 Annual Fund Campaign letter was sent out in October with the help of many. Special thanks to our partners **Susan DeLoach Photography** and **AlphaGraphics** for creating the materials, and to our friends at **Carteret Street United Methodist Church**, who helped prepare and send the mailing. The support from this critical campaign allows us to continue providing FREE care to our neighbors in need. Please consider a donation.



CASSI'S CORNER

Winter chill is in the air, and GNMC has been abuzz with holiday spirit! We have been celebrating together, and yet hard at work with many outreach events, such as interviews with Beaufort Lifestyle Magazine, WHHI as a guest of Furniture Warehouse and Design, and WSAV as a highlighted partner of the United Way of the Lowcountry. The Beaufort community has been embracing our work and we are thrilled and grateful.

With the support of the staff and Board of Directors, we passed the site visit and recertification by South Carolina Free Clinic Association (SCFCA) with flying colors. SCFCA continues to be impressed by our growth and the professional infrastructure we are building, and is even borrowing some of our processes to share with other clinics. We also obtained another year of free malpractice insurance through the Federal Torts Claims Act. I could not be prouder of the progress we continue to make and know it would not be possible without the efforts of our dedicated volunteers.

We launched our annual mailing campaign and are already seeing the impact of our generous donors. We welcome much-needed new staff and primary care providers to help support the continued growth in our patient population.

As we wrap up 2023, we see many accomplishments to celebrate, and will share them in the next Neighborhood News. I look ahead to 2024 with anticipation of more great things to come for the clinic and the patients we serve. Thank you all for your commitment to our mission “to provide a medical home to uninsured, eligible adults in our community.” Together we are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

~ Cassi

GRANT NEWS

Good Neighbor is honored to receive funding from our partners at **South Carolina Physicians Care Charity (SCPCC)** to assist with many upgrades in the clinic. Thank you so much for your continued support of our mission.



Cassi Kilpatrick &
Jeff McCormack, SCPCC Exec. Director

GOOD NEIGHBOR IN THE NEWS!

Good Neighbor was recently featured in the news media in several interviews. Our partner, **United Way of the Low-country**, hosted a media blitz with **WSAV News 3 On Your Side** in early October. Thank you to both United Way and WSAV News 3 for making this happen.

Also in October, Good Neighbor was featured in **Beaufort Lifestyle Magazine** with a wonderful illustrated article about our mission. We are thrilled to be able to share our story in this way with the community.

In November, Cassi Kilpatrick had the opportunity to be interviewed on **WHHI** with our friends from **Furniture Warehouse and Design (FWDG)**. Thank you for including Good Neighbor in your outreach.



!!! GNMC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE !!!

**Please note that Good Neighbor
will be closed
December 15 through January 2**



Reopening January 3, 2024

OUTREACH

In November, Good Neighbor attended two receptions where we had a wonderful time meeting and mingling with new partners and non-profit friends. The **Collins Group Realty** on Hilton Head celebrated their 100th home closing with grant awards. While we didn't receive grant funding this year, we enjoyed the chance to network. In Charleston, we joined our partner **Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of South Carolina** for a lovely opportunity to share how their gifts are making an impact on the work our clinic does for the Beaufort community.



October and November were busy months as we spread the word about our mission to many local organizations, including the **First Presbyterian Church Lunch & Learn**, **VFW Post 8760**, and the **Rotary Club of the Lowcountry - Beaufort, S.C. USA**, who invited Sarah Smith, our Clinical Director, to give a presentation.

Thank you to our friends at the **Technical College of The Lowcountry** for allowing us the opportunity to speak with the Cosmetology Students about our mission and patient eligibility criteria.



On November 8, Good Neighbor participated the *Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC) Health Fair* at the Waters on Ribaut Apartments with partners **Beaufort Memorial Hospital**, **Gullah Church Nurses Association**, **Beaufort Country Alcohol & Drug** and **Coastal Empire Mental Health**. GNMC provided information on eligibility for our services. Thank you to **Melanie Berding**, **Ramona Fantini**, and **Sharon McElveen** for helping to make this event a success! We look forward to future events with NOC in our community.

Do you have a group that you'd like us to visit to share our story?

If so contact, Janie Lackman at the clinic at 843-470-9088.



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.

Recently, Good Neighbor had a visit from our partners at the **South Carolina Free Clinic Association** for our bi-annual recertification. Thank you for taking the time to visit our clinic and for inspiring Good Neighbor to consistently hone our skills to help our clinic provide only the best care to our neighbors in need.

Thank you to our partner **Lowcountry Period Pixies** for their donation of period packs for our patients. We really appreciate the special delivery from Charleston to our clinic in Beaufort. It was wonderful to connect with the group and provide a tour of the clinic. THANK YOU!



Good Neighbor recently welcomed **USCB** Senior RN students, Allison, Hale, Adam, and Nadiyah for their clinical rotation in Community Health. We are pleased to work with these enthusiastic student nurses, who appreciate the chance to experience our outpatient setting. GNMC also provided a tour to **USCB Honors Nursing Students** with **Dr. Jo Kuehn**.



SHOUT OUTS!



A **SHOUT OUT** to **Kathlyn Gray** for her expertise in helping us obtain another year of free malpractice insurance from FTCA.

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Lisa Wilt** for gathering the data requested for our recertification by SCFCA.

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Bob and Betty Holt** for putting up bulletin boards.

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Melanie Berding** for always going above and beyond and attending the NOC event.

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Becky McCann** for continuously assisting patients in need of interpretation.

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Peggy Place and Dene McCain** for training new RNs.

A **SHOUT OUT** to **Marta Rodriguez** for going above and beyond to support a patient in need.

A **SHOUT OUT** to **All RNs** for supporting and training USCB students in Public Health.

A **SHOUT OUT** to **All RNs** for doing such a great job with SBIRT.

A **SHOUT OUT** to the **Love Beaufort Group from the Parish Church of St. Helena** for the planters.



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