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CLINIC VOLUNTEER IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE Changing lives by restoring the ability to hear

Conna is passionate about helping Good Samaritan's patients. "If a person cannot hear, they are likely to be diagnosed with depression or dementia; they get irritable, they become isolated and many times are not able to hold a job," says Conna. So, why does Conna volunteer her time and talents at Good Samaritan Clinic? Simply stated, "If I can restore their ability to hear, they may be able to become a functioning member of society."

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To learn more about the difference our volunteers are making, visit our website at <u>www.goodsamaritancullman.com</u>, and view the new clinic video on the homepage.



Conna Canada, certified audiologist, retired from 19 years of practice and has been volunteering at clinic since May 2004.

Many of you volunteer your services to benefit the patients of Good Samaritan....some come to the clinic, some see patients in your practice, and others provide in-kind services to the clinic. Regardless, you are all making a valuable difference in the lives of our patients. Thank you!

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DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON...

Please consider giving the gift of a donation so that those in need of care may continue to receive it. As a great way of honoring and memorializing that special someone, you may designate your donation In Honor Of or In Memory Of on the enclosed card.

For your convenience, a donation card and self-addressed envelope accompany this newsletter or you may make your donation online through our website at www.goodsamaritancullman.com by simply clicking on the donate button on the home page.

GLAD TIDINGS FROM OUR PATIENTS What our patients are saying because of people like you

We hope that you are never in a position to need the services of Good Samaritan, but there are people who are not as fortunate. For many, Good Samaritan Clinic is their only access to quality healthcare many so desperately need. That's why we need your support to continue our mission.

We hear testimonials from our patients each day that without Good Samaritan Clinic, they would have no place to turn for their ongoing healthcare needs. Here is what some of our patients are saying...

"This clinic has made a profoundly positive improvement in the quality of my life."

"I don't know what I would do without this clinic & staff."

"You guys are a blessing."

It's because of people like you that our patients and other uninsured residents in Cullman County have access to the healthcare and medications they need. Thank you for the positive impact you are having in the lives of our patients and in the community.

As a testimony of the impact your support is having in the lives of our patients, Rebecca K. took some time to share her story...

"My husband had been sick for 8 weeks before he finally went to the ER. He had fluid on his heart and his heart rate was over 300. He was dying. My husband is a diabetic, has high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and is on heart medicine. While we were



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at the hospital, we found out about GSC. We both filled out the paperwork to be a patient. I wasn't sick but went ahead and applied just in case. I'm glad I did. Last month, I got sick and was able to be seen in the Clinic right away. My husband is doing much better. He now comes regularly to Good Samaritan for visits and takes his medicine like he's supposed to. We are thankful for Good Samaritan because without them, we would not be able to

afford the medicines. Good Samaritan is a life saver, and I would recommend it to anyone who does not have insurance."



2nd Annual Caring for Cullman Benefit Concert...

(Pictured to the left) Dollywood entertainer, Paige Harbison and Triumphant Quartet bass singer, Eric Bennett return to their hometown of Cullman for clinic's 2nd annual benefit concert.

It was a great evening of entertainment and inspiration at the clinic's 2nd Annual Caring for Cullman Concert presented by Triumphant Quartet and Paige Harbison. Thanks to the overwhelming support of the Cullman community, funds were raised to provide care for 312 patient visits at Good Samaritan Clinic. We are grateful for your support!

Dr. Peinhardt retires as Medical Director of Good Samaritan Clinic.

During the evening's concert festivities, Dr. William F. Peinhardt was recognized for his many years of dedicated service as Medical Director of Good Samaritan Clinic. We are grateful for Dr. Peinhardt's leadership and insight which will positively impact the Cullman community for years.





Dr. William Peinhardt and Dr. Jeremy Stidham take a moment to pose for a picture at benefit concert.

Good Samaritan Clinic welcomes Dr. Jeremy Stidham as the new Medical Director.

Meet Dr. Stidham...

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Dr. Stidham is a physician at Cullman Internal Medicine and serves as collaborative physician for the clinic's nurse practitioner. He has also served on the clinic's Board of Directors for the past three years. In Dr. Stidham's experience, the patients at Good Samaritan Clinic are very appreciative of the care they receive. "They need the care, they know they need the care, and they appreciate what we can do for them."

Dr. Stidham credits the level of involvement from the Cullman community for the clinic's ability to meet the patients' needs. "It's not just a solo effort at the clinic. It's all of Cullman who participates. The patients at the clinic know that, and they appreciate what we do."

We gratefully acknowledge our supporters from January 2015 through March 2016

Good Samaritan Clinic is thankful for your generosity as we endeavor to meet the medical needs of the uninsured in our community. Whether you support us through monetary donations, volunteer service, or the donation of in-kind products/services, we appreciate the invaluable support each of you provide to the clinic.

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Anyone, regardless of current socioeconomic status, could one day be a patient of Good Samaritan Clinic.

Conna says of her experience at the clinic, "There are folks that for no reason of their own find themselves without medical care. There are many of our patients who once had very lucrative positions, had families that had healthcare coverage, they've lost their jobs and they lost everything."

Anyone, regardless of current socioeconomic status, could potentially be a patient of Good Samaritan Clinic. Early on as a volunteer, Conna saw a patient at Good Samaritan Clinic who once had a \$150,000/year job. He lost his job, and he lost everything. He said in his wildest dreams, he never thought he would ever need the services of Good Samaritan Clinic. But, he was thankful that when he did, Good Samaritan Clinic was able to provide him with the care he needed.

Conna encourages the community to continue to support the clinic. "These people need our support. The only way we can do this is through monetary donations from the public and volunteers giving of your time as well as your abilities."



For our patients needing hearing services, Conna does a complete audiological work-up just as she would do for patients in an ENT's practice. If a patient needs hearing aids, Conna works through the Hear Now program to get them what they need at no cost to the patient.



If you have personally needed the services of Good Samaritan Clinic, and you would be willing to share your story, please contact Jolanda Hutson, Executive Director, at jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com.



Randa Duke joins the clinic as Nurse Practitioner.

Welcome to Good Samaritan Clinic, Randa Duke, CRNP

Randa is a 2006 graduate of WSCC with an associate degree in nursing. She completed her undergraduate degree at Jacksonville State University and graduate degree at the University of Alabama – Huntsville in 2012. She has worked in healthcare in the Cullman community for over 10 years. She is married to Kelly Duke and has three children: Tanner, Tess, and Tate.

Randa says she is honored to be a part of Good Samaritan Clinic. She believes that as a community it's important that we take care of each other and she says that's exactly what we do here at Good Samaritan. "This is a humbling opportunity to serve and give back to the people in my hometown."

A fun fact about Randa... she was born in the "old" Cullman Hospital where the clinic is now located. She says, "It's like I have come 'full circle' so to speak."



We gratefully accept clinic and patient supply donations.

During the winter season, we provide many of our patients with Cold Kits. You can help supply these kits for our patients by donating the following items...most

can be purchased from a dollar store:

- Tissue packs (small individual packs)
- Over-the-counter cough medicine (example: 4 oz. Robitussin DM)
- Cough drops
- Small hand sanitizer
- Brown paper bags to hold items (lunch bag size works well)

On an ongoing basis, the clinic needs general items including:

- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- 30 gallon Trash Bags
- 13 gallon Kitchen Trash Bags
- Germ-X
- Hand Soap
- Cleaning Supplies

Items may be dropped off at clinic during normal Medical Clinic hours...Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8-4 and Thursday 8-12. Clinic is closed daily 12-1 for lunch. Thank you in advance for helping to supply these much needed items!

A complete listing of items needed on an ongoing basis can be found on our website at www.goodsamaritancullman.com/giving/give.html.

Special Ways You Can Support Good Samaritan's Mission:

1. Pray for our efforts – Pray that God would continue to supply the necessary resources for the clinic to continue its mission and that we would be a blessing to the patients we care for each day.

2. Spread the Word - If you know someone who may qualify for the clinic's services, please refer them our way. See www.goodsamaritancullman.com for patient eligibility requirements and application.

3. 2016 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) - If you are a Federal employee, you may select Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Cullman, Inc. to be the recipient of your payroll contributions. Good Samaritan Clinic is listed on the Local Part of the 2016 Combined Federal Campaign of the Tennessee Valley Charity List as well as on the on-line list for "Universal Giving." Good Samaritan's CFC Code is 98782.

4. Volunteer – If you are a Registered Pharmacy Technician, we would love to have you volunteer during our daily clinic hours...clinical or retail setting experience preferred. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who is, please contact Cindy Barnett, Clinic Administrator, at 256-255-5967.

5. Amazon Smile – Anytime throughout the year but particularly during the holiday season, shop through the Amazon Smile website (https://smile.amazon.com/) and select Good Samaritan Health

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