

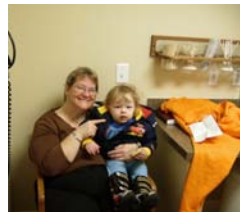
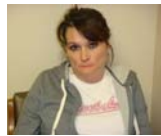


# Newsletter

## good samaritan clinic of Haywood County

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### Give a Mile of Hope



"How can I help?" When we turn on the TV or open the newspaper we see so many opportunities to help people in need. There seems to be suffering around every corner and it is hard to decide which charity to support. Here at GSC we have felt the crunch of the economic downturn. But we also understand that people who give have less money to give now than in years past. This is why we have started the **Mile of Pennies for your Neighbor** campaign in 2010. If you place pennies side by side it would take 84,480 pennies to make a mile. That same \$844.80 is equal to the average family of four's insurance premium for one month.



Here's how it works:



- Designate a jar or box for your spare change. Canning jars are great for this!
- Put the change holder in a place you are likely to use. The laundry room or the cup holder of your car is perfect!
- When the holder is full bring your Mile of Pennies to GSC and we will count it and roll it.

You will be amazed at how far your efforts will go to help people at the Good Samaritan Clinic.

#### 2009 Statistics

##### Primary Care

4,384 Patient Visits  
2,403 Unduplicated Patients  
Over \$475,338 in Medical Care

##### Mental Health Program

888 Patient Visits  
Over \$93,000 in Free Therapy Visits

### [www.gschatwood.org](http://www.gschatwood.org)

We are proud to announce the new Good Samaritan Clinic website is currently ready for viewing online. Working with local web designer George Ferguson of gfgraphics, we are excited to offer an informative website for patients, volunteers, and donors.

Be sure to visit the website regularly to get up-to-date news on grant awards, fundraising activities, and patient stories. New patient information and forms are available online and our volunteer application can be downloaded as well.

**Interested in helping us pray for our patients?** Visit the site to learn more about our **Prayer Ministry**.

#### Are you hosting VBS at your church this summer?

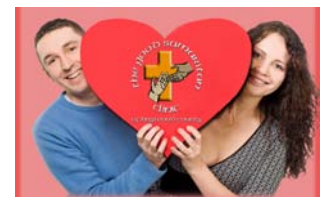
#### Do you lead a Girl Scout troop?

#### Maybe you are a Sunday school teacher.

Our Mile of Pennies Campaign is a great way to teach young people about giving back to the community. GSC has a 15 minute presentation that is great for groups of young people and will take feature group efforts in local newspapers, online, and in newsletters.

#### Valentine's Day Offering a Success for GSC

Over 13 area churches held a Valentine's Day offering during the month of February to benefit the clinic. Executive Director Donda Bennett explained, "We have put the clinic back in the hands of churches and individuals in our community. We have taken a leap of faith but God has seen us through over 10 years of service to Haywood County and he is helping to meet our needs." Proceeds from this year's fundraiser totaled over \$ 14,000.





## Transportation Program Helps GSC Patients and the Community

New Freedom is a transportation program offered through Haywood Public Transit that provides transportation for persons with physical disabilities or visual impairments to encourage their independence. This includes access to destinations that help enhance their lives, such as a friend's, home, shopping, and social activities.

Temporary disabilities following an injury or after surgery that require physical therapy may also benefit from our expanded services.

For more information about this program you may contact Mountain Projects at 452-1447 or go online at [www.mountainprojects.org](http://www.mountainprojects.org).



## We Love our Patients!

*"I'm glad these people are here to help me. I have been given the opportunity to take medication daily, that I have needed for years. Thank you guys so much."*  
Hope Smathers

*"The Good Samaritan Clinic is a God send to people who don't have insurance and can't afford doctor bills. If it were not for this clinic I would not be able to see a doctor. Urgent care and emergency room visits are too costly and do not provide ongoing care. May God bless all those who donate to the clinic."*  
Vicky Cunningham

*"If GSC did not exist I would have to travel outside of the county to see a doctor who takes Medicaid. The staff is excellent, friendly, and helpful."*  
Leesa Stevens



*"I wouldn't have anywhere to go for a doctor. If not for the Suboxone clinic I would either be in jail or dead. Without the clinic I might not have my son. Thank you to anyone who has helped. This clinic has literally given me and my family our lives back.*

*Dr. Teater is not only my doctor but he actually cares about me and my family and wants me to do good. Thank you Dr. Teater for being a friend, as well as a great doctor!"*

Christie Burnette



## RECESSION RESPONSE FUND HELPS GSC

Over the past year the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina has taken an active approach to help meet the needs of local nonprofits. In early 2009, The Community Foundation committed to raise \$1 million to help those most hurt by the downturn in the economy. Seeding the fund with \$250,000 and working with donors and partners such as the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and nine regional affiliates, the total raised has grown to \$1 million.

Every penny of that \$1 million is being distributed in 2009 to organizations providing food, shelter, medical care and creating new jobs. The Recession Response Fund has been deployed quickly and efficiently to organizations doing important work across the region.

The Good Samaritan Clinic is proud to be included in this partnership and has been the recipient of \$10,500 of the Recession Response funds. These funds were needed during pivotal times for the clinic in 2009 and were used for primary care and the continuation of the mental health program.

For more information about this and other CFWNC events please visit their website at [www.cfwnc.org](http://www.cfwnc.org).

Visit our new website [www.gschatwood.org](http://www.gschatwood.org) for more information about the clinic, to watch our [new video](#), or to make an online donation.

