



# Good Samaritan

HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

*Restoring Health. Saving Lives.*

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## Hands and Hearts



A newsletter for our volunteers

## 2013 Golf Tournament

### GOOD SAMARITAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

**April 24, 2013 at Big Canoe Golf Club.**

Looking for an excuse to play golf? The annual Good Samaritan Golf Tournament is looking for you. On Wednesday, April 24, you are invited to play golf at Big Canoe and in doing so help to raise funds to support Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center.

Registration details for the Tournament are available online, [www.goodsamhwc.org](http://www.goodsamhwc.org) / What's Happening. There will be four flights - Open Flight, Women, Senior Men and Senior Mixed - and trophies awarded for winners of each flight. Register as a team of four or contact Ed Delaney (770 -331-2274) and he may be able to place you on a team. There is no registration deadline but there is a limit on the number of teams, so gather your team and register today!

On April 24, sign-ups and putting contest are from 10:00 AM to 12 noon, followed by lunch and a 12:30 PM shot gun start for the tournament. On course refreshments are generously provided by Trouts Beverages of Jasper and Foothills IGA Market. The day will end with an awards dinner served in the Big Canoe Clubhouse.

The website gives details of sponsorship opportunities and player fees. You may want to add a *Bundle* to your registration. For \$25, each player will be entitled to 2 Mulligan's, 3 Raffle Tickets, the Pay it Forward Hole and Team Entry into the putting contest.

Good Samaritan is grateful to the companies and individuals who have willingly sponsored the tournament and to the members of the Golf Committee, who are working to make this day a great day of golf. Come play!

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**Good Sam will be closed**  
**Monday, May 27th**  
**Memorial Day**

Volunteers are needed for construction of our new building. If you are interested, please contact:

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## Matching Gift!

Did you retire from any of these companies or do you work there now? If so, please let our Development Director, Melinda Smith, know. You can call her at 706-253-2673 or email her at [development@goodsamhwc.org](mailto:development@goodsamhwc.org). Thanks!

List of the Top Companies in Atlanta, GA, that offer Matching Gift or Volunteer Grant Programs:

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| ◆ Adobe            | ◆ Boeing          | ◆ Houghton Mifflin | ◆ Norfolk Southern  |
| ◆ ADP              | ◆ Coca-Cola       | ◆ IBM              | ◆ Pfizer            |
| ◆ Aetna            | ◆ Deutsche Bank   | ◆ IHG              | ◆ Prudential        |
| ◆ American Express | ◆ Equifax         | ◆ Kimberly-Clark   | ◆ Regions Financial |
| ◆ AT&T             | ◆ GE              | ◆ Merck            | ◆ Suntrust          |
| ◆ Bank of America  | ◆ Hewlett Packard | ◆ Merrill Lynch    | ◆ Time Warner       |

## 2013 Second Quarter Calendar

### April 2013

Tuesday, April 16th

CTL Meeting - 1:30 pm

Monday, April 22nd

Groundbreaking Ceremony

### May 2013

Tuesday, May 21st

CTL Meeting - 1:30 pm

Thursday, May 23rd

Board of Directors Meeting - 6:00pm

**Monday, May 27th**

**Memorial Day Holiday - Good Samaritan Closed**

Early May

Volunteer Recognition - Look for Something Special!

### June 2013

Thursday, June 6th

Deadline for *Hands and Hearts* Newsletter

Tuesday, June 18th

CTL Meeting - 1:30 pm

**In Memoriam - Jayne Beske, a long-time volunteer at Good Samaritan, passed away last month**

## A Message from Carole Maddux

When I was a teenager in the disco 70s, I used to long for a movement bigger than myself that I could dedicate myself to. The hippies of the 60s were “old” to me. The huge political world struggles of the first half of the century were ancient history to be studied in my 5<sup>th</sup> period class. It seemed to me that there was nothing in our current shallow times worth pledging myself to. Yet I longed for something bigger.

Of course, most of that was just adolescent angst and romanticism and wanting to belong. There were plenty of worthy causes to work for then, just as there are now. And, thankfully, I know that I have found plenty of issues that are much bigger than me and that I can work toward.

Yet, I still hear today, on the radio, on television, in the newspapers and on the internet, a general bemoaning of how polarized our society has become. How our political or social stances have caused us to choose even our friends and neighbors by how closely they agree with our views. How, rather than working together toward something bigger than any one of us alone, we are separating ourselves and choosing to never listen to dissenting voices.

There is some truth to this view. How many of us have seen churches split rather than learn to respect and love the dissenter? How many of us have seen families choose to spend holidays apart rather than tolerate opposing views? How many of us have seen neighbors bullied or insults thrown in public forums?

We know that this is not the way to build community. That a nation built by rebels and original thinkers was never meant to eschew the nonconformist or require slavish adherence to dogma. We know that religious leaders from Gandhi to Jesus have said the way to peace is through love and respect for each of God’s children. We know that, in the words of the man assassinated by hate 45 years ago this month:

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.*

*Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.*

We know all that, but where I see us living it is right here at Good Samaritan. I have the privilege of seeing a very diverse group of people get together everyday for the betterment of our community. We have Republicans and Democrats, Tea-partiers and Libertarians, Catholics and Protestants, Transplants and Natives, Doctors and Patients, Northerners and Southerners, Rich and Poor, Old and Young, Men and Women, all coming together with respect to make our community healthier. For what we really know is that when our neighbor is hurt or sick or scared, we reach out.

The volunteer spirit of Good Samaritan is what truly builds community and allows us to do something so much bigger than ourselves. So much bigger than we can ever do by ourselves or with only those who think like us.

As we embark on another big endeavor, building a new and sturdy clinic to go forward in, we will keep those values inherent in our volunteer spirit. As much as possible, volunteers will be incorporated into the building. Volunteers from all over! For this is who we are, and our vision statement sums it up by reminding us that by helping others we “are renewed.”

Carole



**Romans 12:4-6a, 9-10** *For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: ...Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.*



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May we have the eyes to see those who are rendered  
invisible and excluded,  
open arms and hearts to reach out and  
include them,  
healing hands to touch their lives  
with love,  
and, as we do these things,  
may we ourselves be renewed.

