

# GIVING HOPE

 **Good Samaritan**  
HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER  
*Restoring Health. Saving Lives.*

A newsletter of Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center



# A Message from the Executive Director

Ten years ago an incredible feat happened. A group of volunteers did what should have been impossible. Without a deep pocket, without government help, without large corporate support, they put together and opened a free healthcare clinic for the poor of Pickens County, Georgia.

In this small, rural, Appalachian town, these volunteers had a vision of a community where *all* had access to quality healthcare. Where your insurance status and socio-economic status were not barriers to a quality of life. Where people with God-given talents and skill could use them to help others and, in the process, be renewed themselves. Where healthcare could be practiced for the pure love of it and of the people served.

Ten years ago, three trailers opened to patients for the first time and in fulfillment of that vision.

Today, that vision lives on as Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center. Lives and thrives with twice as many volunteers and more patients than we ever dreamed of. With more services than most private primary care offices can offer. And with more caring, love, and respect than most have received before.

Our volunteers are extremely loyal. We have many who have been with us since day one. I believe that they receive a deep satisfaction working here. They know that they are restoring life and health to so many.

Our patients, too, consider us their medical home. When they age into Medicare or qualify for Medicaid, they often do not want to leave. And it is with some reluctance that we say goodbye!

And, you, our supporters, have also been wonderfully loyal and generous. Thanks to you, those three trailers have grown into seven. Thanks to you, we have never had to stop taking new patients. Thanks to you, our services become more comprehensive every year and now include dental, vision, imaging, a full pharmacy, social services, lab, mental health and specialty clinics. These services are all fully supported with administrative, financial, IT, medical records, eligibility, appointments, childcare, materials management, janitorial, patient assistant, landscape and building repair volunteers and staff. None of this could happen without your support.

We look forward to our next ten years. We will grow in services, physical plant, and patients served. Our vision will expand to include neighboring communities and underserved Medicaid patients. Our hearts will expand to care for even more while continuing to provide quality care to all who already depend upon us for their very lives and health. I look forward to ten more years of smiles, of hope, of building community. I hope you will continue with us on this journey.

Gratefully,  
Carole Maddux  
Executive Director

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

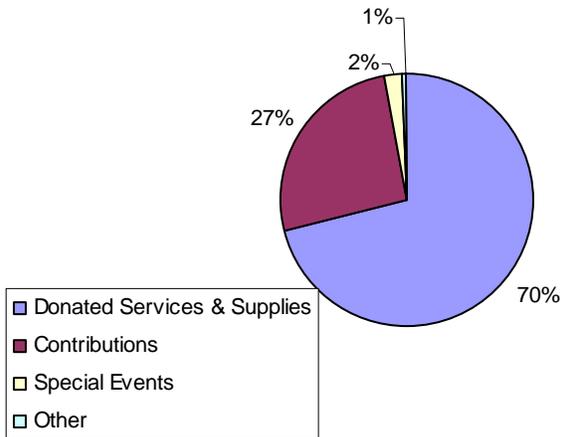
[Margaret Mead](#)

*US anthropologist & popularizer of anthropology (1901 - 1978)*

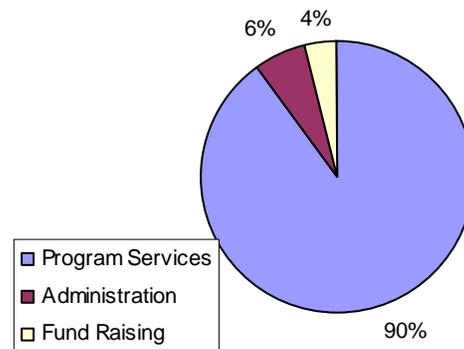


# 90 cents of every dollar goes to patient services

**Income Distribution  
Fiscal Year 2011**



**Expense Distribution  
Fiscal Year 2011**



## Good Samaritan Stats:

### Year 2011

Total Number of Patient Visits	14,383
Total Number of Prescriptions Filled	15,000+
Dollar Value of Prescriptions Filled	\$413,504
Volunteer Hours	41,100+
Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours	\$805,957

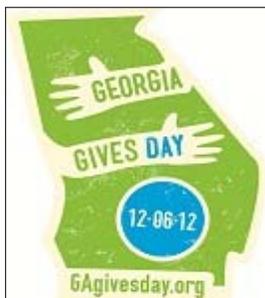
## **FEATURED VOLUNTEER**

Dr. Bradley Peters is a Board Certified Radiologist at Imaging Associates of Canton. Dr. Peters received his medical degree from State University of New York and completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at University of Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital. Dr. Peters opened Imaging Associates of Canton in May 2004. Some of the services offered at Imaging Associates of Canton include MRI's, Breast MRI's, CT Scans, Ultrasound's and DXA/Bone Densitometry.

Dr. Peters moved to Canton, Georgia because he liked the "small town charm" of Canton. Dr. Peters has been helping patients at Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center with medical imaging exams to uncover potential medical issues and

reporting back the results of the exams to the respective physician. Dr.

Peters belief is that everyone should have the chance to get good health care. He honestly enjoys helping out his community and applauds the work that Good Samaritan is doing for those less fortunate in our community. We, in turn, applaud Dr. Peters for his work in helping our patients. Thank you Dr. Peters for all you do for Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center. We appreciate your help in making a difference in the lives of the underserved and uninsured residents and workers of Pickens County.



### **GEORGIA GIVES DAY**

Georgia Gives Day is a new statewide initiative to inspire Georgians to "give where you live." The goal is to raise as much money as possible in a 24 hour period. Please visit the website, [www.gagivesday.org](http://www.gagivesday.org), on December 6, 2012 and help support Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center.

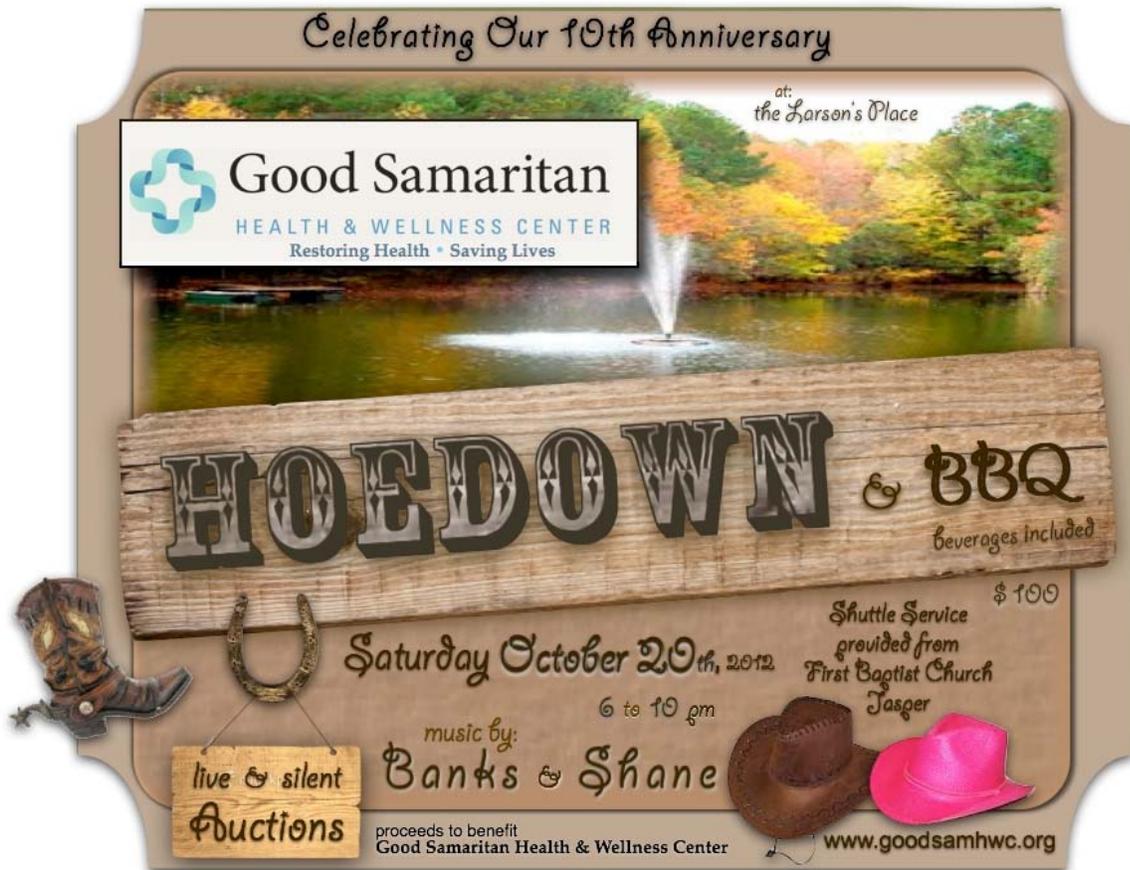
## A PATIENT'S TESTIMONIAL

Jackie Voyles had enjoyed a life-time career in law enforcement until the day he woke up feeling so bad that he knew he needed to get some medical attention. Mr. Voyles knees and legs hurt to the point where he could hardly walk. He had no insurance and no money coming in at the time. While at the Pickens Community Thrift Shop, he asked a clerk if she knew of any place he could go to get some help for his medical condition. She immediately referred him to Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center

The next day Mr. Voyles came to Good Samaritan where he met with the Eligibility staff to begin the process of qualifying as a new patient. Mr. Voyles then scheduled an appointment and was seen by Dr. Joe Wilber (deceased) who, after running several tests, diagnosed Jackie as a diabetic and also discovered that he had a thyroid disorder on top of high blood pressure. Dr. Wilber immediately took him off the medications he had been taking as they were not the right medications to treat his medical conditions and prescribed him with the proper medications. It was just a matter of time and several follow up appointments later before Mr. Voyles was feeling like a new person again.

“If it weren’t for Good Samaritan, I wouldn’t be here today” states Mr. Voyles. Mr. Voyles further states that “It was a blessing that I found Good Samaritan.” Mr. Voyles encourages everybody who qualifies and needs medical care to come to Good Samaritan. Five years later, Mr. Voyles is doing great and enjoys spending quality time with his family and his grandchildren.





SAVE THE DATE for the return of the HoeDown and help us celebrate Good Samaritan's 10th anniversary. Join us on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Sundowners Hideaway, the home of Craig and Terrie Larson, for great barbeque and beverages. Entertainment will be provided by Banks and Shane and there will also be live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased from any Good Samaritan board member, IGA Foothills, stop by the administrative office of Good Samaritan or send in the coupon below with your check. Call Good Samaritan at 706-253-4673 or visit our website at [www.goodsamhwc.org](http://www.goodsamhwc.org) and click on **What's Happening** to obtain a listing of our board members or to pay for your tickets through Network for Good. All proceeds from the event will benefit Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center.

### Request for Hoedown Tickets

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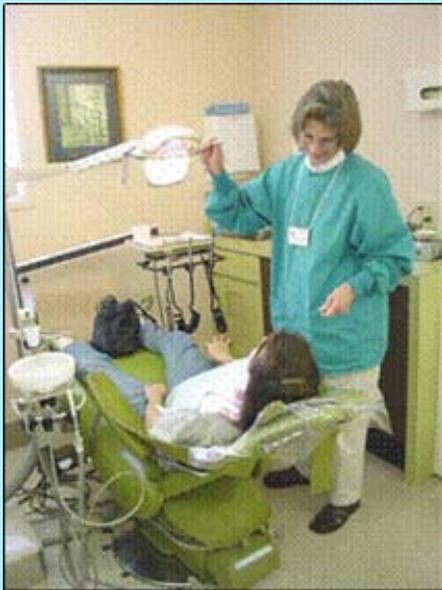
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets @ \$100 each \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Mission

*The mission of this not-for-profit health and wellness center is to provide the medically underserved in our community with compassionate and individualized health care and related services in an atmosphere of respect and dignity.*



## Our Vision

*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.*

## Our Goal

*To improve the health care status of Pickens County, ensure that current patients keep access to healthcare and further cultivate a strong collaboration with healthcare providers and the community.*



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