



Good Samaritan

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Hands and Hearts



A newsletter for our volunteers

Reception for Dr. John Spitznagel's Retirement

After many years of dedicated service to the people of Pickens County, Dr. John F. Spitznagel is moving with his wife Anne to Chapel Hill, NC. John and Anne were instrumental to the founding and running of Good Samaritan, both of them serving on the founding board. John also served as Chairman of the Board for the years 2004 & 2005.

We are sad to say good-bye to the Spitznagels but are so very grateful for all their work and dedication. To express some of our gratitude, we held a Farewell Reception in their honor June 22 at the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to the Chamber for donating their facilities, to the Community Bank of Pickens County for the refreshments, and to Kay Bruce for the lovely flowers. Thanks, too, to all who volunteered at the reception, especially Myrna Denson, Peggy Chapman, and Betty Wilkes who organized it.



Congratulations to Dr. John and Anne
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Good Sam will be closed
September 3rd
Labor Day

Restoring Health, Saving Lives

Summer 2012 Patient Comments

Good Samaritan is a blessing. I don't know what I would do without your care and I'm so appreciative. Thank you.

Mrs. Gail is most helpful.

Everyone here is always nice and caring.

Everyone was very nice but I was just here to pick up some medicine.

2012 Third Quarter Calendar

July 2012

Wednesday, July 4th

Tuesday, July 17th

Thursday, July 26th

Independence Day - Good Samaritan Closed

CTL Meeting - 1:30 pm

Board of Directors Meeting - 6:00pm

August 2012

Tuesday, August 21st

CTL Meeting - 1:30 pm

September 2012

Monday, September 3rd

Thursday, September 6th

Tuesday, September 18th

Thursday, September 27th

Labor Day - Good Samaritan Closed

Deadline for *Hands and Hearts* Newsletter

CTL Meeting - 1:30 pm

Board of Directors Meeting - 6:00pm

A Message from Carole Maddux

The other day in a Bible Study group I lead with the homeless in downtown Atlanta, we posed the question, "What's one thing about life that never changes?"

Several answers were put forth: the love of God, death and taxes, God's presence. But one answer that was both obvious and ironic is "change."

Life is always changing. Just when we think we've got ourselves settled or things worked out, things change again. Just as we get the house exactly like we want it, the job promotion comes through and we have to move. Just when we figure out how to deal with our child's current "stage," she moves into another one. Just when we get used to the current pastor, we get a new one.



There is always change lurking around the corner.

Change can be scary, challenging, exhilarating, annoying, exhausting, uplifting, and inspiring, to name only some of its attributes. Usually, it can be what we make it out to be. The one thing it always is, however, is constant.

After 10 years of serving the people of Pickens County, Good Samaritan has seen its share of change. We added volunteers and said good-bye to some. We've added services and ended a few. We've added and moved trailers and improved on the ones we have. All in all, the change has been good. We are bigger and better than ever and our founders are rightly filled with pride at what we have accomplished.

It is no time to rest, though.

In the upcoming months, we will be continuing our plans to change our model of care to one of a sliding scale clinic so that we can serve more and serve better. We will break ground on a building, right here on our current site, and invite hundreds of volunteers from all over Georgia to help us build. We will continue to expand our staff and volunteers to improve our care. We will change.

But in the midst of change, we know to hang onto the other things that do not change. (No, I don't mean death & taxes!) To navigate successfully all this change, we will remember our mission and who we are. That's why the first thing we did this year was to become clear on our brand, our mission, and our logo.

We are *Good Samaritan*. We stop and show compassion on our neighbor. We work together. We show the love of God acting in this community. **We restore health and save lives.**

That doesn't change.

Carole

A Gift from a Grateful Patient

Dear Ms. Maddux,

Your friend clearly saw the aching need for healthcare among the under-served in Pickens County. As clearly as she saw that need, she admired the dedicated service you provided to those who had nowhere else to turn. As an expression of that admiration and her desire to support you in your work, she left behind a gift for Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center. The bequest is given with no stipulations and no restrictions.

“It gives me great pleasure” has become an empty phrase, but in this case, truer words were never spoken. There was time in her life when she found herself turning to Good Samaritan for her own personal healthcare. She never forgot the care and encouragement she found there. And most of all, she deeply appreciated the attitude of genuine caring that shone from each of you. Because of that, she left Good Samaritan with health restored and - more importantly - her dignity intact.

That’s the mark of a true healer.

Golf Tournament Raises over \$24,000

Ed Delaney, committee chairman for the Good Samaritan Golf Tournament, presented a check for \$24,700 to Director Carole Maddux. New Platinum contributors, Walmart and Kiker Wealth Management, helped push the total to more than \$4,000 over 2011 contributions according to Delaney. Other Platinum sponsors included Callaway Golf, Royston LLC, Foothills IGA, Ron & Diane McGinty, Jasper Mountain Highlands Shopping Center, Chick-fil-A, Lawson Chevrolet and Trout’s Beverages.

More than 100 golfers representing 29 sponsoring teams participated in the golf tournament to help assure a successful fundraising event for Good Samaritan.

In its ten years of existence, the annual golf tournament has raised more than \$220,000!

Affordable Care Act Quiz*

As we approach 2014, with significant changes planned for healthcare in this country, are you prepared? See if you know the answers to these questions: (True or False)

1. By 2014, the law provides access to healthcare for all Americans.
2. By 2014, the law will require all Americans to have health insurance or pay a fine.
3. The law will prohibit insurance companies from using pre-existing conditions to determine insurability.
4. The law will cut some existing Medicare benefits for some Americans.
5. The law will allow undocumented immigrants to be eligible for some insurance programs.
6. The law will expand Medicaid benefits to low income Americans regardless of whether they have children.
7. The law will provide financial help to low or moderate income Americans to purchase insurance who do not receive insurance through their jobs.
8. The law creates a government insurance plan to compete with private insurance companies.
9. The law provides tax credits to small businesses (under 100 employees) that offer insurance coverage to their employees.
10. The law creates a government panel to make end of life decisions for those on Medicare.

See answers on Page 7, but no cheating!

*The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Health Reform Source

Healthreform.kff.org/quizzes/health.reform-quiz.aspx

A Prayer

Few things make us feel more helpless than the onset of sudden illness or medical need. It comes like a whirlwind, rising up, dark and menacing, scattering all before it, leaving you fragile and afraid. I have stood with others in the face of many such storms, holding the ground of hope, praying the fear to peace, driving back the evil winds of sickness and sorrow. And so once again, on the rock of all that I believe, I stretch out my faith against the gale, with any and all who need this prayer, and I cry comfort, healing and peace, until the wind subsides and the sky clears.

Bishop Steven Charleston

More Pictures from Dr. Spitznagel's Reception



Jobeth Yarbrough speaks to Dr. Anne Spitznagel



Carole holding a "Gone Fishing" bear from a thankful patient



Rev. Jimmy Lewis addresses the party



Dr. John speaks to a grateful family member of patients

Hoedown Saturday, October 20th

Please plan on attending the 10th anniversary Hoedown this year, planned for Saturday, October 20th! Tickets will be available for \$100/person. This includes entertainment by Banks & Shane, plentiful BBQ pork, food, beverages, and two drink tickets for beer or wine. Bus service will be provided from First Baptist Church of Jasper to Sundowners Hideaway, the location for this year's event. Polish your boots and join us to support Good Samaritan!



This Campaign Season

Please remember that while you are at Good Samaritan, you cannot endorse or campaign in elections. Please leave your political views at home and do not wear any buttons, hats, etc., endorsing a candidate or party. Good Samaritan must remain non-partisan and above the fray of the campaign season.

Answers to Affordable Care Act Quiz

1. F, 2 T, 3. T, 4. F, 5. F, 6. T, 7. T, 8. F, 9. T, 10. F

If you want to learn more about this change in law and how it may affect you and your family, please visit www.HealthCare.gov.



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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.

