



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GRETCHEN SMITH

As I begin my second year here at Smith I am still incredibly touched by the generous spirit of this community. Anne Faul told me when I first arrived, “Don’t worry, somehow everything always works out for us to serve our patients”. She couldn’t have been more right! Over and over, I have witnessed an outpouring of kindness for our mission and patients. This Newsletter's patient story (on the next page) is a perfect example of this, we had help for Robert within hours of asking! It is our intention in the coming year to give supporters the ability to be more hands on with the clinic no matter their skill set. The first opportunity to participate is our new partnership with the Period Project providing menstrual products for women at both clinics, as well as the Holy Cross Blessing Box. We will be having a packing party on October 25th from 1-3pm. All are welcome to join or to drop off individually wrapped products. More information is available on page 3.

I am thrilled to tell you all that we have two new volunteer physicians who have agreed to see patients on Thursday evenings in Georgetown. I believe this is going to be instrumental to meeting our patients' needs closer to home and look forward to introducing these great Docs in next newsletter.

Now that fall is upon us, we want to offer the opportunity to get your Flu and Covid Vaccines. We have both the new influenza and Moderna Bivalent Covid booster in house and will be giving shots to community members Mon, Tues, Wens 12-2, please feel free to come by during those times!

Welcome Nurse Manager, Shauna Shea

I am so happy to be a part of the Smith Clinic! I officially took over as the nurse manager at the end of April after spending some time with Lissa (former manager) and trying to learn the ins and outs of clinic life. Lissa is a great resource and inspiration for me, she definitely made the job look easier than it is. The past few months have flown by. I've been focusing on getting to know our providers and volunteers, and women's health. We partnered with The Period Project and now have free menstrual products available at each location for our clients. The response has been overwhelmingly positive with many expressing thanks. We are also working on partnering with Choose Well SC to expand contraceptive access and options for our clients. We are entering in to Flu season very soon and that will keep the clinic (and me) busy! I would like to share a little of my background. I was born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. I moved to the southeastern USA in 1994 and settled in South Carolina in 2001. I've been a nurse for 29 years working medical, ICU and pre/post op surgical. My husband's job brought us to the grand strand in December 2019. He's an Infectious Disease MD at Grand Strand Medical Center. We also have 4 wonderful kids (ages 11-28)! I appreciate all the support of staff, volunteers and the community that contribute to the success of Smith Clinic.



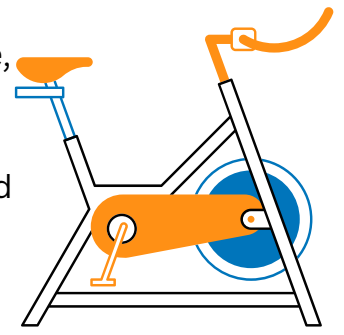
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Patient Spotlight: Robert

This isn't just a Patient Spotlight; it is a spotlight on our Smith Clinic Family and how amazingly caring it is. In June, Robert, one of our Georgetown patients, was seen and had gained a great deal of weight. The weight gain was partly due to medication, but also due to the fact he could not leave his house to exercise since becoming the sole caretaker of his mother with dementia. He was diagnosed with prediabetes as well as fatty liver disease.



The provider asked if I could send out a request for a small recumbent bike so that he could exercise at home. We sent out a call to the Smith Clinic Ambassadors Facebook group, and within a day we had two offers of bikes as well as an offer of a truck to deliver the bike. That alone would be a good story; but even better when the patient was seen in September, he had lost 20 pounds and his liver tests were back to normal! We could attribute the improvement to his ability to exercise, but I think the caring actions of Robert's physician, as well as the community members' acts of kindness contributed just as much to his improvement. That is one of the greatest strengths of SMC. We let our patients know we care, give them the tools to improve their health, and the encouragement to do the necessary work.

HURRICANE IAN UPDATE



We were lucky at both the Pawleys and Georgetown clinics with no loss of power or significant damage. Thanks to Holy Cross and their lawn service, the clinic looked perfect for Monday's patients. We appreciate everyone's concern.

YOU CAN HELP PATIENTS LIKE ROBERT

Since 1985, people who want to have a direct impact on the quality of life in our community have supported Smith Clinic. To give you a direct link to the work of the clinic, we established Patient Partners, an annual giving program. This program has become the foundation for the clinic's ability to provide the best medical care possible for our neighbors.

Through the Patient Partner program, a \$250 donation provides complete medical care for a patient for an entire year. As a Patient Partner, your donation will have a direct impact on people's lives and their ability to care for themselves and their families. All patient partners are recognized on the donor wall at the clinic and in our newsletters.

**BECOME A
Patient
Partner**

If you haven't already, we hope you will become a Patient Partner.

More information on this program is on the
enclosed donation envelope.
Become a Patient Partner today!

We have 29 Patients who have signed up for Veggie RX!!



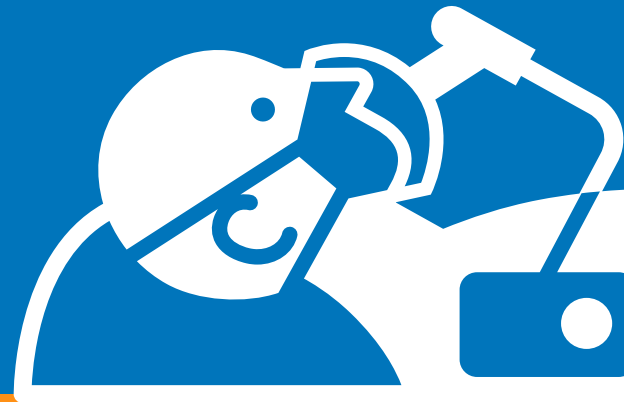
Veggie RX has partnered with FoodShare SC so our patients can receive 6 months of free fresh food boxes bi-weekly filled with healthy fruits and vegetables.

Special Thank You to Saferack for a generous donation of \$25,000 while visiting the Pawleys clinic to learn more about what we do.



DO YOU HAVE A GENTLY USED CPAP MACHINE?

**IF SO OUR PATIENTS NEED IT!
PLEASE BRING IT BY THE CLINIC!
REFURBISHED IT COULD BE USED
TO HELP A PATIENT IN NEED.**



You are invited to our Period Project Packing Party on Tuesday, October 25th from 1-3pm.



Stop by the Pawleys Island clinic to drop off menstrual supplies and/or help us pack bags for patients. For more information on the type of supplies needed most, or if you have any questions; email Shauna at sshea@smithfreeclinic.org

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\$250-\$1000

Patient Partner The foundation for Smith Clinic's continuing ability to provide medical care for our vulnerable neighbors, the **Patient Partner** annual giving program directly links donors to clients by funding the care of a single patient, or that of a family for one year.



\$1001-\$4999

Program Partner A new option added in 2021, the **Program Partner** assists in eliminating barriers to receiving medical care that many of our clients face on a daily basis by giving donors the option to support our programs directly. Some programs of note include: **Uber and Lyft, Diabetic education and monitoring, mobile phone and tablet programs** This partnership is key to unlocking innovation for the future of the clinic and its patients.



\$5000-\$9999

Clinic Partner The cost to provide medical care to our low-income Georgetown County neighbors was approximately \$3000 per (working) day. The **Clinic Partner** provides the vital function of enabling the day-to-day operations of running both the Pawleys Island and Georgetown clinics. This enables Smith Clinic to provide 12,000 patient visits annually: at a cost of \$60 per visit including all tests, labs, prescriptions, provider and nursing consultations.



\$10,000 +

Smith Founders Circle In 1985, Dr. Cathcart Smith and his wife, Nancy recognized the lack of medical care for vital members of our community and utilizing an 8-foot-wide trailer and medical supplies from his office practice began the clinic. The **Smith Founders Circle** designates major gifts given in the generous spirit of the Smiths more than 35 years ago and continuing to this day.



Volunteer Partner Smith Clinic could not survive without our volunteers and donors. The **Volunteer Partner** program recognizes those who contribute to Smith Clinic; their time, talent and money.

2022 MID YEAR STATS

NEW PATIENTS

251

COVID VACCINES

194

30 DAY PRESCRIPTIONS
FILLED ONSITE

VOLUNTEER HOURS

6,530

PATIENT VISITS

5417

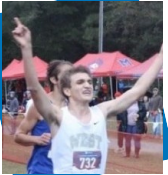
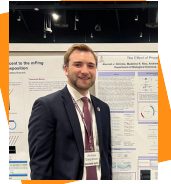
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Meet our Super Summer Interns



Sydney is a Junior at Anderson University where she is a biochemistry major in the honors program. She hopes to attend medical school after undergrad to become a physician!

Andrew is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, is currently applying to medical school, and is working at Tideland Health.



Evan Castellano is currently a student at the University of Georgia and intends to major in exercise and sports science.

Meet our New Board Members



Ashley McCray is currently a medical social worker for McLeod Hospice Loris/Seacoast. She is a licensed independent social worker - clinic practitioner and graduated from Winthrop University with a Master's degree in social work in 2014.

Al Joseph is a Georgetown native, spent 3 years in political consulting in DC, 10 years with an environmental company in N. and S. Carolina, 7 years Georgetown City Council, and is currently Executive Director for Main Street for the City of Georgetown. Married (Lauren) with 3 children and three granddaughters. Al enjoys golf, tennis, the beach, reading, spending time with friends and family.



Dr. John Hungerford is from Greenville SC. He married his college sweetheart Shannon and together they have two children Little Shannon (10) and Bert (8). Dr. Hungerford is a Neuroradiologist with Georgetown Radiology, loves his job and is grateful to work at Tideland. He developed his aspiration to become a doctor while serving during a mission trip at a clinic in Haiti. John is an avid fisherman and a proud Christian.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND MORE, WE NEED THE HELP OF VOLUNTEERS!

Please contact Dina Wells at dwells@smithfreeclinic.org



After 17 years at SMC Carol Ann is retiring! If you have spent any time here you know she is an institution! In the years she has been here and she says she has worked with wonderful administrators, staff, providers and volunteers who care deeply about the uninsured in Georgetown County. We will be celebrating Carol Ann and her time at the clinic on Thursday, October 27, from 9 - 11AM.

Please drop in to wish her well!

Give the gift of a medical home



Happy Holidays
from all of us to you!



While shopping for gifts this holiday season, please keep Smith Medical Clinic cards in mind. There are people on your list who may prefer a donation to a gift. This is an especially meaningful option during this time when healthcare has been impacted like no other in recent history.

Here's how it works

1. Choose friends and family on your holiday shopping list who would prefer a donation in their honor to a physical gift.
2. Select the number of cards/donation amount.
3. Give us the names and addresses where you would like the cards sent
4. SMC will send a card to your loved ones to let them know how your gift is helping neighbors in need of healthcare at this special time of year.

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

How you would like your card signed _____

Donation Amount:

\$10 \$50 \$100 Other _____

Holiday Card Recipients

Please send list in the following format

First Name	Last Name	Address	City	State	Zipcode
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