



# THE HEART BEAT

GSPHS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT **GEORGE FORCIER**

GSPHS is dependent on volunteers to fulfill our mission. All our volunteers have one thing in common. They are compassionate and dedicated people who give of their time to help uninsured financially needy members of our community. In this newsletter, I want to focus on a group of eight volunteers who have one additional thing in common. These eight volunteers are all high school students who range from sophomores to seniors in area high schools. These students serve as advocates at our Wednesday evening medical clinic and on Monday afternoons. They are all fast learners and are easily trained with excellent computer skills. They interact directly with patients, as well as with older volunteers that include medical professionals. Since these volunteers often have an interest in a future career in health care, this exposure to health care professionals is beneficial. They are also exposed to patients who may be going through an unfortunate period of hardship in their lives, which is also educational. The lives of our less fortunate neighbors are being positively impacted by the work of these students and we are grateful to have them as volunteer workers. Thank you all.

Missing from the photos are Zach Hudson and Aarna Shah.



Edward Shen, Gabrielle Cannon, Kai Sprunger



Audrey Van Osdol, Asha Sallapudi and Addison Stewart

## Community Support

100 ladies braved the cold and rain to support the annual Ladies Charity Tournament at the Venetian Golf Club, benefitting Good Samaritan Pharmacy & Health Services. Participants made generous donations, many taking advantage of the Louis and Gloria Flanzer Trust to double the amount! Local businesses and golf courses in Venice and companies working within the VGRC community were extremely strong supporters of the event. Ed Howard Lincoln Mazda and Tri-County Air Conditioning each sponsored a prize. The event raised \$16,645.00.



Pictured (left to right): Pat Tvenstrup, Linda Mulligan, Joy Wolf and Mary Margaret Freedman

## Did You Know?

GSPHS is grateful to have received generous grants from the following organizations which enable us to continue providing services to the community:

- United Way of South Sarasota County**
- Heron Creek Golf & Country Club**
- Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation**
- Venice Golf & Country Club**
- Women's Resource Center**
- Venice Yacht Club**

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- Volunteers are required to be vaccinated.
- Masks are required
- Curbside services are continuing.
- Clinic visits by appointment. Walk-ins during clinic night based on availability.

**3:1 Matching funds still available:  
Flanzer Foundation and Anonymous Donor**



## Our Volunteers

**MATT HAAS**

Over my 4+ years of volunteering with this great organization, I have grown from being a new, eager volunteer who is just learning the ropes to a knowledgeable and effective member of the team. I was able to see all aspects of the business from being an advocate, to a pharmacy intern, to a member of the Board of Directors. These experiences were critical in my ability to reach my goals and to make a positive impact on all that I come in contact with. It is with a bittersweetness that I will be leaving Good Sam in a few months to pursue post graduate education at the VA in Salt Lake City, Utah. The patients, volunteers, and providers that I have met and who have had an impact on my life will never be forgotten. I will be forever grateful to everyone at Good Sam who has taken me under their wing and provided me with priceless knowledge, laughs, and family that I would've never gotten elsewhere. This is not a goodbye, but a see you later.

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