



# THE HEART BEAT

GSPHS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT **GEORGE FORCIER**

The Good Samaritan Pharmacy and Health Services (GSPHS) provides free comprehensive medical care to uninsured financially needy members of our community. These services include primary medical care, prescription medication, diagnostic testing and access to medical specialists. Primary care services and prescription medications are provided to our patients by our many volunteers and two part time employees at our facility in Nokomis. These volunteers include physicians, pharmacists, nurses, pharmacy technicians and patient advocates. Free diagnostic testing and access to medical specialists is made available through our partnership with the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic (SMHSC). Diagnostic testing provided to our patients has included blood tests, mammograms, colonoscopies, X-rays and MRIs. Without access to diagnostic testing, diagnosis is often impossible. Based on diagnostic testing, our treatment may be modified and if our primary care physicians determine that patients require care by medical specialists, these patients receive such care by those volunteer medical specialists associated with the SMHSC. The medical care provided by specialists may range from a simple office visit to surgery in some cases.

Without our working partners, it would not be possible to offer such comprehensive and effective treatment. It should be emphasized that all of these services are provided at no cost to our patients and we are grateful for this working partnership.



## A FESTIVE & FOND FAREWELL TO CLINIC VOLUNTEERS

The GSPHS Wednesday walk-in clinic said a grateful goodbye to four young volunteers heading off to further their careers. We celebrated with a great meal, goodie bags and a commemorative GSPHS key ring. Their service is very much appreciated and they will be missed. Their stories follow:



**ZACH HUDSON:** "I'm going to Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers and I will be majoring in biology. I miss you guys so much on Wednesday nights, I wish I could be there!"

**EDWARD SHEN:** "I'm attending Brown as part of their program in Liberal Medical Education (PLME). It's an eight-year BS/MD program. I'm majoring in neuroscience and English."

**MATT HAAS:** "LECOM: I am starting a PGY1 residency at the Salt Lake City VA (George E. Wahlen VA) on June 21st. It is a 1 year post graduate residency."

**HALLIE ZAGROCKI:** "I started with Publix in Feb. of 2022 as a p4 intern. On June 11 I was promoted to graduate intern and relocated returning to train as a pharmacist under the tutelage of one of my APPE rotation preceptors, Dr. Josh Jackson... also a LECOM graduate. Upon successful completion of my board exams within the next 16 weeks I will start my pharmacist career with Publix as 40 hour floater in the Bradenton area."

Although these grants are an important part of our fundraising efforts, individual donations are equally important, especially when combined with the Flanzer Foundation and anonymous donor matching opportunities.

### We thank all these organizations for their support:

- United Way of South Sarasota County
- Venice Golf & Country Club
- William G. & Marie Selby Foundation
- Plantation Community Foundation
- Venice Yacht Club Charitable Foundation
- Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation
- Baycross Christian Family Foundation
- MSC Foundation
- Heron Creek Community Foundation
- Church of the Redeemer
- Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc.

### VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

Position now available

**TUESDAYS 9:00AM - 12:00PM - FRONT DESK**

**CONTACT LULDES @ 941-445-5687 FOR DETAILS**

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