



A MESSAGE

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT **GEORGE FORCIER**

When GSPHS moved to our current location in Nokomis in 2012, that facility provided additional floor space that was needed to operate a free walk-in medical clinic, advocacy services and a dispensing pharmacy. In addition, thanks to the generosity of our landlord, it was also available at a very favorable rental price. Although it was not ideally suited for its' intended use, our staff and volunteers made it work. I am happy to report that, thanks to a grant from the William & Marie Selby Foundation, the facility has been modified to make it more appropriate for our use. The modifications made more efficient use of available space and increased our ability to maintain patient privacy.

The efficient use of these grant funds was made possible due to the cooperation of our contractors who made the modifications. There were three key contractors who were generous with their products and installation charges. The construction changes involved creation of more office and storage space, redesigning the pharmacy dispensing area and adding physical barriers in the waiting area to insure privacy of patient information. Without their collaboration, we would not have been able to make the needed modification within our budget constraints. LSJ Construction, Inc. was always receptive to last minute changes that improved the design and contributed solutions on how to improve the design. In addition, LSJ provided upgraded material not included in our budget. Jack Dean Flooring offered us a significant discount on the flooring material and made a substantial donation to our cause. Finally, Designer Sounds LLC donated security cameras and installed them at no cost to GSPHS. All contractors worked around our operating hours so as to not interrupt medical and pharmacy services that we provide. In addition, we appreciate that Vern Nelson, our landlord, has always been receptive to any building modification that improve our effectiveness.

Finally, thanks to the organizational skills of our Executive Director and Pharmacy Manger, plus the flexibility of all our volunteers, services to our patients were never impacted. I am proud of everyone who played a role in making this renovation a success.

Fundraiser



Good Samaritan Pharmacy & Health Services is selected as non-profit for a month of giving at the Chick-fil-A restaurant in Pelican Plaza on Rte. 41 in Sarasota. We will receive a portion of all Chick-fil-A 30 nugget sales during the month of April!

Eat more chicken and help us help others

Did You Know. . . in Sarasota County

- 15.8% of those under age 65 have no health insurance.
- 9.7% live in poverty.
- 19.5% of employed adults ages 19-64 have no health insurance.
- Approximately **1,700 individuals are homeless** in Sarasota County, estimated to be **twice** the national average.

(Sources provided upon request.)

**MATCHING FUNDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE
FROM THE FLANZER FOUNDATION**

Recent Events

Thank you!

100 WOMEN WHO CARE GREATER SARASOTA

On March 15, 100 Women Who Care Greater Sarasota held their 11th voting meeting. The organization, established in 2018, meets twice a year to choose a local nonprofit to give their membership donation of \$100 per member. We currently have 222 members. A



member puts the charity they would like to represent into a hat. Three charities are randomly drawn and those charities pitch their charity either by the member or non-profit representative. Good Samaritan Pharmacy and Health Services was drawn from the hat, and thanks to Kim Baigert, a volunteer for 5 years who made a moving presentation, Good Samaritan was the chosen charity.