



THE HEART BEAT

GSPHS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT **GEORGE FORCIER**

One question I am often asked is why GSPHS is not located in the more populated centers of Sarasota County, such as the cities of Sarasota or Venice. GSPHS is located in Nokomis, approximately half way between the two extremes of Sarasota County on Tamiami Trail, the most traveled road in the county except for the interstate highway. This location is also located at a bus stop. Although Sarasota County does offer health services (on a sliding payment scale) for uninsured financially needy members of our community, their facilities are located at the two ends of Sarasota County in the cities of Sarasota and in North Port. These locations are not very convenient to patients living in the center of the county, and consequently, patients in the center of the county may neglect their health care due to these travel requirements.

In addition, the site of our location is also dictated by its' affordability. GSPHS has approximately 3,000 square feet of working space. Although it is not ideally suited for use as a pharmacy and physician exam rooms, it is extremely affordable thanks to our landlord, who pays a significant portion of our monthly rental cost because he believes in our mission. Any savings from the monthly rent payment is better used for providing health care services. Recently, GSPHS has obtained a generous grant from the William G. & Marie Selby Foundation and is in the process of modifying the facility to more suitably meet our needs.

Finally, GSPHS is blessed to have volunteers, who are among the very best and have a "can do" attitude. Therefore, even if the GSPHS facility may not be ideally suited for our use, our volunteers have always found a way to make it work. Due to the flexibility of our volunteers, patient services were not interrupted during the reconstruction period.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Are you or someone you know looking for a way to give back to the community in a way that makes an impact and leaves you feeling like you have brightened someone's day?

GSPHS is the place.

We are looking for a multitasker to help in our Nokomis office. . . answer the phone, process paperwork, pre-screen new clients, along with a variety of other administrative tasks.

Tuesdays 9AM to 12PM

Contact Luldes @ 941-445-5687

Other times may also be available.

Thanks to the support from the William G. & Marie Selby Foundation, LSJ Construction Inc. has begun reconstruction. Work is almost completed in the pharmacy and they have begun working in the advocate office area. Once the new flooring is finished the countertops in both areas will be installed.

Recent Events



Good Samaritan was a featured non-profit on Sunday, Oct 30th at the Cars and Candy event in Nokomis, hosted by the Osprey Nokomis Chamber of Commerce. **Kelly Scolaro** (Pharm. Manager) in orange shirt, with the help of **Brooke McMahon** (LECOM P4) in striped shirt and **Elaine Trentacoste** (Pharm. Tech) in Halloween shirt, set up at 10AM and the event wrapped up around 2:30pm. A portion of the money raised was donated back to Good Samaritan. A huge thank you to all who helped.

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