



Fall 2013



Dr. John English

Putting the puzzle together

Do you remember when you were young and putting together a puzzle? If you are like me, you started with your corner pieces, filled in the rest by sections, and it wasn't until the final piece was in place that you saw the entire picture. In our first ten years, our work at Bethesda has been much like putting together a puzzle.

The early risk-takers, individuals and organizations who were willing to take a chance on a new idea, helped form the corners of the clinic's puzzle. Their prayer, planning and preparation helped Bethesda open its doors, and through the years, the generosity of many others in our community has helped fill in so many other pieces.

Just like the puzzle in which one well-placed piece can make it clear where other pieces may go, we have had so many key volunteers and donors come forward to allow the clinic to expand in areas we couldn't envision when we first started. The impact of some of these programs can be seen in the life-changing stories included in this newsletter.

Now that Bethesda has been serving for 10 years, we can begin to see the puzzle taking a very clear shape. However, the final picture won't be totally clear for years. We believe there are still key pieces from our community who will join us as we continue to fulfill our mission of making healthcare affordable for those in need.

Are you one of those pieces? Is your congregation? We hope you will join us as we work together to meet the challenge before us in Bethesda's next decade of service.

Event Calendar

10 YEAR CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

November 5, 2013
Willow Brook Country Club
11:30 to 1:00

BETHESDA ALLIANCE

November 19, 2013
COLE & CO
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

BETHESDA ALLIANCE

December 17, 2013
The Potpourri House
11:30 to 1:00

BETHESDA ALLIANCE

January 21, 2014
The Potpourri House
11:30 to 1:00

BETHESDA ALLIANCE

February 18, 2014
The Potpourri House
11:30 to 1:00

DOCTOR LUKE SOCIETY BANQUET

February 22, 2014
Willow Brook Country Club
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

MISSION OF MERCY DENTAL CLINIC

February 28, March 1, 2014
Bethesda Clinic

FRESH 15 RUN

March 1, 2014
FRESH by Brookshire's
6:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

BETHESDA ALLIANCE

March 18, 2014
Spring Salad Luncheon, TBA
11:30 to 1:00

BETHESDA ALLIANCE

April 15, 2014
The Potpourri House
11:30 to 1:00



Celebrating 10 Years!



Thank you!

*Stories from the lives
Bethesda has touched*



Farine Moore

The thing is, Farine Moore loves chicken and dumplings, creamed potatoes, and potato pies and cheesecake. But a lifetime of eating her beloved starchy foods made her overweight, and

then diabetic. "I told Ms. Connie (Connie Sanchez, RN, Bethesda Case Manager), I've lived on potatoes all my life," and she said "Ms. Moore, it's time to come off of it".

"So I followed the directions they wanted me to do," said Farine, changing her diet and eating small amounts. Now she's a size "medium", her blood sugar and high blood pressure are under control and she has more energy for the things she enjoys most, her church and her family.

"I can tell anybody, that Bethesda has really helped me out, and I appreciate it. With the help of the Lord as the source of my strength, I appreciate it. With the help of the Lord as the source of my healing, I appreciate Dr. English, Connie and everyone who participated with me. They are some awesome people."

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Melanie Crebbs

A smile can make a big difference, and Melanie Crebbs couldn't smile. Bethesda's dental services changed all that.

"Before I came to the Bethesda Clinic,

I did not like myself very much. I did not smile a lot. I didn't like my teeth. But once I came and started getting my dental work done, I enjoy my mouth now, I like my teeth. I mean, they've changed my life!" says Melanie.

Melanie is grateful to the dental staff. "They were really kind, really generous. If I had any questions, they were very hospitable to me. I just really, really liked them".

"Now that I've had my teeth repaired I am no longer self-conscious. I love talking to people. I love smiling. I just enjoy life a whole lot better.", says Melanie, her gratitude to the clinic and its staff overflowing. "So I have to give a big hand to the Bethesda Clinic for helping me... and if Dr. Heaton was sitting over here I would get up and give him a big hug and tell him "Thank you very much for my teeth!"



Rita Marie Brooks

Rita Marie Brooks is 'to-the-point' when talking about Bethesda. "They have saved my life", she asserts.

"Becoming middle-aged and beginning to have a lot of

health issues, if it wasn't for their help, I don't know where I would be today. I really don't know."

Health issues toppled like dominoes for Ms. Brooks and Bethesda was there alongside her for each one. "Bethesda helped me by treating my high blood pressure at first, and then I learned I was a diabetic, and then they assisted me in learning about the disease and helping me to get it under control. They've helped me with my arthritis. They've helped me with classes, with instruction, with a fabulous doctor."

"Dr. Grace" (Dr. Grace English) has been a special blessing for Ms. Brooks. "Dr. English has worked alongside me. She'll call when she hasn't heard from me. She'll call our advocate, Donnie, and have Donnie get on me and find out what's going on. She reaches out to me and won't let me go too long without having an appointment... She has encouraged me to keep going.. she's had some serious talks with me because I needed it. I needed that kick to get moving. But she has always stood by me and got me back here when I took too long to come back to see her."

"This is remarkable, what they've accomplished", says Ms. Brooks, describing the growth of the clinic she has seen in her eight years as a patient. "Bethesda Clinic has not only addressed physical issues, but they have also addressed my spiritual issues as well. If others would just take notice as to how this has come about and how this has grown, and how this is through many volunteers coming together, it would solve a lot of healthcare issues in our country today."



Enriqueta Gutierrez

Enriqueta Gutierrez worked for nineteen years at a good factory job and had health insurance, but when the factory closed, that good job and the health

insurance went away.

She found another job, but not one with health insurance.

"Oh, it's wonderful," Ms. Gutierrez says "it's helped me, really helped me. The doctors and the nurses and all the people have helped me."

Ms. Gutierrez has been a patient at Bethesda for almost ten years. "I know it's God that helped me, and helped the people here at Bethesda too, because I see that Bethesda has helped many people."

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Loving Longevity

Bethesda Health Clinic may be celebrating ten years of service in 2013, but Beverly Castleberry is celebrating eleven years of service as a Bethesda volunteer!

She remembers very well her first call to Bethesda eleven years ago. "I read an article in the newspaper...just a small little clipping about a new clinic opening, needing volunteers, and I called. They asked me, 'did I know how to use a computer?' and I said 'yes'. They said, 'when can you start?' and I said, 'how about tomorrow?' I've been here ever since!

Beverly has done some of everything at Bethesda, phone work, computer work, patient advocate work, not to mention a great deal of manual labor, people pushing and general propping up of everyone and everything. She's such a fixture at the clinic that there's a plaque with her name on it, simply indicating that the space is "Beverly's Room."

Beverly's stories about lives changed at Bethesda are countless. "I remember one lady who came in, so sick. She was living in a van with her five children, one child 'challenged' and she had no job. She would go to the filling station and make the kids brush their teeth, wash their faces, get them cleaned up and ready and she would drive them to school. She moved the van around every night because she knew it could be repossessed. The world had just beaten her down, and she came to Bethesda and told us her story, and we were so touched by the fact that this mother with nothing was taking care of these children. We got her well,

and we went to work on all the other things."

"To make a long story short, our patient advocate helped her get a job. She got a place to live, a very small little place. The kids slept on pallets on the floor, but they weren't in a van. They were able to go to school. They had water, their own water. They didn't have to go to the filling station. She came back one day, and she was not the same person. She came in and she hugged everybody. She hugged us and kissed us and said, 'You'll never know what a change Bethesda has made in my life.'"

Stories like these affirm Beverly's faith that God works through Bethesda. "I know that the Lord Jesus reigns here and that every day miracles are done in this little building," Beverly asserts.

"Bethesda has affected my life in a way that I can't explain," Beverly says. "When I first started volunteering here, my husband was still alive, but he was ill, and sometimes I couldn't leave him to come to Bethesda. He knew that this place was my passion, this was my love.



And before he died he said, 'Honey, when you bury me, when you get through, you get in your car and you go to Bethesda and you work as much as you want.' I think about that. I know that what I've done at Bethesda has helped others, but it's helped me too. My husband knew how much it meant to me."

"I come here to volunteer, and I would absolutely pay them to let me work here. I really would. Because Bethesda treats you body, soul and spirit. You get a hug, you get a kiss, you get loved. You know you're loved. From the biggest man down to the smallest. People need that. Everyone needs that."



Joy from Within



Anyone who has spent more than half a minute with Darla Bennett feels her joy: it shines from her big beautiful eyes, and it sparkles in every word she says. Darla's joy comes from her deep faith, and she feels its fullness when she is

able to share that faith with others.

"When I woke up this morning, I thought, 'I have a joy, joy, joy, down in my heart!'", Darla exclaimed. "It's just such a joy in my heart to give back some of the blessings that I have been given."

Darla has found a way to 'give back' her blessings through her contributions to Bethesda Health Clinic. "I love Bethesda because I love their walk in the spirit, the attributes shown through this place of love, joy, happiness, patience, kindness. They are all a part of this great place."

"My heart is so compassionate for those who need the Lord, who need healing, perhaps more than physically, spiritually. It's such a joy to know that I can be a part of that in some small way, to share with each person that walks through the door to know that they are loved, cared for, and that they have received the love of the Lord because of Bethesda."

Darla is especially grateful for her association with the Bethesda Alliance. "The ladies, their hearts are so open. They are so diligent. They give so much to each and every event, raising money and participating in the community so we have the funds to help the clinic."

Darla sees in Bethesda a model that she wishes could be replicated. "I just hope that the people of Smith County realize how very fortunate they are in having this kind of care and love in downtown Tyler, that perhaps is not given anywhere else in the nation. People are welcomed, welcomed with open arms, regardless of their situation in life. Their journey may be rough, the walk may be hard but God is behind them all the way, and it will be shown here when the doors are open at the Bethesda Clinic."

Health, Hope



Michael and Lisa Lujan

Patrick Willis winning the Rolex, Reverend David Luckenbach and Marilyn Abegg Glass



Bette King



Judy and John Soules



Rev. Pike Wisner lighting his 10 Year Celebration cake



Joseph Ornelas, Mary Dale Thomas, Lou Ornelas



Sheriff J.B. Smith, Dr. Pat Thomas, Suzie Rippy

& Happenings



Mollianna Redding Scates



Dr. Jennifer Holman and Cindy Dykes



Barry and Kay Jones



Rod and Merle Mabry



Shannon Dacus with Ed and Sandra King



Sheriff Larry Smith, Dr. Jennifer Holman, John Soules, Mollianna Scates, Rev. Pike Wisner, Dr. Rod Mabry, Suzie Rippey, Rev. David Luckenbach, Shannon Dacus

Celebrating 10 Years!

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew, Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids, blind, lame and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

— John 5: 1–9 New Revised Standard Version



Dr. Grace English and Lisa Goodale see a patient the first clinic day on September 6, 2003

The history of Bethesda Health Clinic is the story of God at work in the world. It is a story of miracles, a story of faith, a story shaped by prayer and patience and determination.

It is a story of remarkable achievement, made possible by a caring community of faith, generous givers and dogged determination.

It is the story of men and women open to God's call and His challenge to bring healing and life and wholeness to the community.

Join the Bethesda Health Clinic as we celebrate this important milestone!

The Bethesda Health Clinic Alliance and The Bethesda Health Clinic Foundation
invite you to join us in

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of
BETHESDA HEALTH CLINIC

Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Willow Brook Country Club

Honoring the founding board of directors, supporters, staff and volunteers
whose vision and commitment created Bethesda Health Clinic

Guest Speaker: Dr. Mike Massar
11:30 – Luncheon
12:00 noon – Program begins
Tickets: \$30

For more information contact Diane Thomason at 903.521.6185 or dthomason@bethesdaclinic.org

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Christian Volunteer Builders



Rev. Pat Mallory, Larry Ivy, Linda Ivy, Dr. Todd Raabe, and Jerry Caddy at the Bethesda Health Clinic Ribbon Cutting



Drs. Todd Raabe, Grace and John English

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- Jewel Price*
- Todd and Vicki Raabe
- Porter Skidmore family

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- Jack Clark*
- Marvin Ellis* and the Tyler Morning Telegraph
- Potter Minton
- Ramey & Flock
- Volunteer Christian Builders

* Deceased

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Time to Plan...

A ten year anniversary is an important milestone.

Only ten years ago, Bethesda Health Clinic was nothing more than ideas, hopes and prayers... BIG ideas, hopes and prayers, but ideas, hopes and prayers nonetheless.

Ten years later, Bethesda sits on much more solid ground, literally and figuratively. Its ministry is mission-focused, its funding base is broad and deep. Bethesda's leadership is respected and visionary and its reputation for excellence and integrity has few peers in the nonprofit community.

Now is the time to plan for Bethesda's future.

A planned gift to Bethesda Health Clinic is the ultimate gift. For many donors, gifts made through their wills are significant expressions of love and respect for the people and charities they care most about. For Bethesda, gifts planned for today can be a part of Bethesda's solid financial future.

If the ministry of Bethesda Health Clinic has touched your heart, we hope you will consider a planned gift.

A bequest made through a will is one of the simplest ways to provide for Bethesda.

You may make a bequest to Bethesda by preparing a new will or adding a codicil to your present will. You may choose to give a specific dollar amount, or a percentage of your estate, or you may choose to give specific assets such as securities, real estate, or tangible personal property.

If you are considering a gift to Bethesda, please consult your professional advisor for advice on what type of gift best meets your needs, your family's needs and Bethesda's needs. For more information, contact Diane Thomas, Director of Development.

The Jewel Society is named in memory of Jewel Price, a beloved donor who made the first planned gift to Bethesda Health Clinic. The Jewel Society recognizes those generous friends who have included Bethesda Health Clinic in their estate plans. If you have made such plans, we would love to know so that we can recognize and thank you.



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A new venture for Bethesda Health Clinic...

Hangers of Hope

“Adaptability” is one of Bethesda Health Clinic’s core values. Since its inception, Bethesda has constantly ‘adapted’ to new opportunities, new opportunities to serve, new opportunities to involve volunteers, new opportunities to raise funds in support of our critical mission.

“Adaptability” has now led Bethesda to the creation of “Hangers of Hope” a new resale shop which will add an earned income stream to the funding mix that supports Bethesda’s work.

“Bethesda has been blessed with very generous donors and supporters of our special events and other fundraising efforts,” said Diane Thomason, Director of Development. “We thought the time had come to diversify our fundraising efforts, giving the community another way to support our work.”

Research into the concept of a resale shop

began almost a year ago with the work of a dedicated task force. With the Bethesda board’s approval, the project is nearing completion and the store projected to open November 14 in the Olde English Village on South Broadway.

As they have done so often for other Clinic projects, the Bethesda Alliance has jumped in to support the resale shop. Over the hot summer months, members and other helpers worked tirelessly to receive and sort donated goods in warehouse space generously loaned by John Soules. “Our Alliance members were so excited about the idea of a store as a way to support Bethesda’s mission and are so pleased to be involved as it comes to fruition,” said Joyce Lynn Arrington. “God has blessed this endeavor in so many ways, and He should be given all the glory.”



Alliance volunteers accepting donations at Hangers of Hope.

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