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Dr. Good Shepherd says.....

Thank you, Morrow City Council, for graciously agreeing to sponsor the **eighth annual Tomato Sandwich Party** at the Morrow Center, on Saturday, August 7, 2010. This location is the new convention center at Southlake Mall in Morrow, Ga.

The eighth annual Tomato Sandwich Party is a family reunion of our supporters who come together in support of the Good Shepherd Clinic. Reunions are a part of our culture and are highlights in the ministry of the Clinic. This is an opportunity to greet old friends and make new acquaintances while enjoying a time of fellowship, good food and entertainment.

I can just picture a table with large slices of "large" **red tomatoes** and all the trimmings for a sandwich, along with deviled eggs, fruit trays, plates of homemade cookies and cool beverages of your choice. In addition, there is always special family entertainment for everyone.

The eighth annual Tomato Sandwich Party can be an unforgettable event for you!

The volunteers and clinic staff invite everyone to become part of the Good Shepherd Family of supporters. We hope to meet you there on Saturday, August 7 between 5-8 p.m.

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New Location for Tomato Sandwich Party

By Mike Mead

The Good Shepherd Clinic's eighth annual Tomato Sandwich Party fundraiser in August will be moving to a new location for 2010. L.C. Thomas, Board of Directors Chairman for the Clinic, recently announced that the City of Morrow has offered to sponsor this year's TSP at its new Morrow Center location at Southlake Mall.

The Morrow Center, Georgia's newest IACC and Marriott Level Center,

opened late last year in the old Macy's location at Southlake Mall. The 28,000 square-foot facility features a 4,300 square-foot ballroom and various size meeting rooms, as well as plenty of free parking.

"We are extremely grateful to the City of Morrow in allowing us full access to their brand new facility," said Thomas. "The Morrow Center will give us ample space to hold our Tomato Sandwich Party **continued on Page 3, See "Morrow Center"**

Church Deeds Property to Good Shepherd Clinic

(Note: The following article appeared in the March 2, 2010 *Clayton News Daily* and is reprinted with their permission.)

By Joel Hall

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With a few cash donations, a home donated to First Baptist Church of Morrow, and a few dedicated doctors, the Good Shepherd Clinic began operating in 2000 as one of the first local organizations to provide free, primary health care to Clayton County's poor and uninsured.

Since 2000, however, the clinic's board of directors has never owned the house in which it operates. On Monday, First Baptist Church of Morrow deeded the home and the land around it to the clinic, giving the clinic full ownership of the property for the first time.

On Monday evening, during a special ceremony on the porch of the clinic, First Baptist Church of Morrow Pastor Thomas Quisenberry gave Good Shepherd Clinic Board of Directors Chairman L.C. Thomas the deed to the clinic, as well as a large, wooden key signifying the exchange.

Thomas said the clinic, which sits adjacent to the church, will continue to use the church's parking lot, and draw

from the church for its volunteers. Having the deed to the house, however, gives the clinic's board of directors greater freedom to determine the clinic's path, he said.



First Baptist Church of Morrow Pastor Thomas Quisenberry presents Good Shepherd Clinic Board of Directors Chairman L.C. Thomas with a large, wooden key signifying the recent deed transfer. (Photo by Arnold Curtis)

"It [the deed passing] gives us total independence to make decisions that affect the clinic," Thomas said. In the past, "we would always have to get permission, which always delayed things. [Now] if you want to **continued on Page 2, See "Deed Transfer"**

Please Pardon Our Progress

By Lisa Page,
Clinic Administrator

Thanks to the benevolence of others and major grant funding. During the next few months the Clinic will continue to undergo change. We have been in a period of transition for the past couple of years with the addition to the Clinic facility and all that it entails. And now we are looking forward to the addition of a new state-of-the-art telephone system and computer network.

The telephone system will help organize and expedite the flow of incoming telephone calls into the Clinic. We will be moving away from an old, outdated basic answering machine and bringing on board a new reception console with voice mail capabilities. The addition of the phone system should help ease telephone congestion and provide better communication for our patients and volunteers alike.

The computer network which has been designed by a professional systems engineer will also bring the Good Shepherd Clinic into current times. We have been part of a pilot program, in collaboration with the Georgia Free Clinic Network, for the past several months that will enable us to create and maintain electronic health records for all of our patients. Until now, we have been unable to move the pilot program forward due to lack of equipment and professional guidance to start and maintain such a network. We will be installing all the computer equipment and setting up the network just as soon as we receive a component that is presently on back order.

As with all change there will be some confusion. The Clinic volunteers will have a learning curve, as will our patients. There will also be the inevitable change in procedures,

processes, locations, etc. Hopefully, we will be able to steady the course during the transition and we ask your patience and prayers as we move further forward into the electronic age. So, please pardon our progress!

Deed Transfer

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make a decision as a board, you can just do it.

"We will never do anything that is not in the light of the church next door, because we are a faith-based organization," he continued. However, "in order to grow, you really need to own your own property. I think the church is really generous and gracious to give it to us. It really shows their commitment." "missions."

In 2008, the Good Shepherd Clinic completed a 1,200-square-foot expansion, more than doubling the clinic's space and allowing for a greater patient load. Quisenberry said that with the deed to the property, the clinic's staff will be able to apply for larger grants to support the clinic's growth.

"They have just blossomed," Quisenberry said. "With the economy being tighter and people losing their jobs, the need for those services has become even greater. A lot of the grant agencies may say, 'We don't want to give money to somebody who can be kicked out.' That was never a threat to the clinic ... but for grant purposes, they need some proof. This was a way to grow their ministry. With the clinic owning it, the possibility for good to be done is endless."

Quisenberry said the goals of the church and clinic are "intertwined" and that the deed passing will not change the church's close relationship to the clinic.

"The average person will not see a change," Quisenberry said. "We're going to do what we have always been [doing] ... to be the best of neighbors. The goal of our church has always been for the community to have what it needs. One of those best resources is the Good Shepherd Clinic."

Cleaning up the basement at GSC

By Alan Bergmann

On the chilly morning of February 27, several members of the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro, along with members of the Youth Group, combined together to clean up the basement under the new addition to the Good Shepherd Clinic.

The Clinic is one of the main, on-going service projects for the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro and its youth group wanted to do something for the Clinic. In addition to building shelves, the basement was swept and items were moved against the exterior walls.

Many thanks to Walt, Kevin and Andrew Taylor, Bob Stevens, Will DeLair, Katie Trebendis, and Nathan Turner.



Photo by Alan Bergmann

Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro and its youth group build a shelf during a service work day at the Good Shepherd Clinic in February.

The Good Shepherd Clinic Spring 2010

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Volunteer Spotlight: Carol Hawkins

By Thomas Quisenberry

Since the doors of the Good Shepherd Clinic have been open, Carol Hawkins has been hard at work. Many Monday nights you will find her van as one of the last to leave the parking lot. On Wednesday mornings, you will find that same van being one of the first arrivals.

Carol's dedication to the mission of the Good Shepherd Clinic seemingly knows no end. While there, she manages the Medicine Room and says that her greatest joy comes in serving others.

She came to volunteer in the clinic hoping to affect the lives of those in need here in Clayton County. But through time, she has found that more often than not, she is the one who receives the greatest blessing from her time at the Clinic.

And while the Clinic depends on her for her management, they are maybe most indebted to her for her caring spirit. All she has, she gives. Would you like to give of yourself like Carol? Do you have time to volunteer at the Clinic? If so, please contact the Clinic by phone or e-mail.

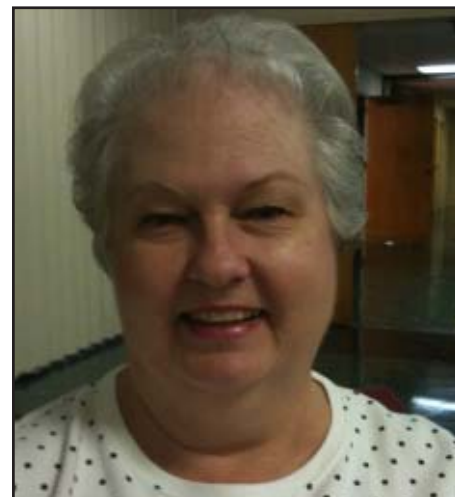


Photo by Thomas Quisenberry



Pictured is the 4,300 square-foot ballroom at the Morrow Center at Southlake Mall, site of the 2010 Tomato Sandwich Party. The eighth annual event is the major fund raising campaign for the Good Shepherd Clinic. (Photo courtesy of the Morrow Center).

Morrow Center

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as we will also be celebrating the Clinic's 10th anniversary."

The annual Clinic fund raiser originated eight years ago in the back yard of Jim and Martha Wood's home. Four years ago, the Tomato Sandwich Party moved to a larger space at the First Baptist Church of Morrow.

"Attendees to this year's Tomato Sandwich Party will have plenty of

space to enjoy their tomato sandwiches as well as the local entertainment," said Thomas. "This will also give folks who have not been to the Morrow Center the opportunity to experience this grand facility."

This year's Tomato Sandwich Party is scheduled for Saturday, August 7 from 5-8 p.m. If you would like to make a food donation, or volunteer to work the vent, please contact the Clinic.

Welcome!

The Clinic would like to welcome Michelle Purron as its first part-time Phlebotomist and Patient Care Technician. Michelle worked as a volunteer for several months before joining the staff in April.

The Good Shepherd Clinic 2010 Directors

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Clinic 2010 Wish List

The following items are welcomed as a donation to keep the operating costs of the Clinic lower so that more dollar donations can go to our patients' care.

- Cotton Balls
- 8-1/2"x 11" White Copier Paper
- AA Batteries
- Scotch Tape
- Kleenex
- Clorox Wipes
- Small 4 oz. Dixie Cups
- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic Silverware
- Napkins
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Medium Exam Gloves
- Extra Strength Tylenol Tablets
- Handi Wipes
- Staples
- Alcohol Wipes (Not in the bottle)
- Hand Sanitizer

About the Clinic

The Good Shepherd Clinic is a non-profit 501(c)(3) that offers free primary medical care for residents of Clayton County, who are not covered by an insurance program.

What Services Does The Clinic Provide?

- Primary medical care
- Patient health Education
- EKG's
- Laboratory Tests
- Selected surgical skin procedures
- Psychological counseling
- Evaluation by selected specialist
- Sample medications
- Pharmaceutical patient assistance program registration

If you would like to make a donation to the Clinic, please make your check payable to *Good Shepherd Clinic, Inc.* and mail it to the address below.

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