



Quarter  
Notes

6392 Murphy Drive - Morrow, Georgia 30260

(770) 968 - 1310

<http://godshp.org>

2010 Summer Issue

### Dr. Good Shepherd says.....

Volunteers are important to the service and success of the Good Shepherd Clinic. Without volunteers, the Clinic could not operate.

A very crucial need is for medical volunteers, specifically doctors and nurses. Our beloved Medical Director, Dr. Charles Johnson, recently suffered a stroke. He's doing much better, but his absence is greatly felt.

For the Good Shepherd Clinic to continue to serve the growing patient needs of Clayton County, we need doctors and nurses who will freely volunteer their time and expertise.

It would be wonderful to have a general practitioner donate his or her time once a week. However, we realize people have busy lives. But what about once a month, or at least once a quarter?

Until you have volunteered at the Clinic, you do not know the immense satisfaction of serving a fellow neighbor in need.

Lives have been changed and lives have been saved through the volunteers at the Good Shepherd Clinic!

Will you be the one to answer the call?

# Another Success!

## 8th Tomato Sandwich Party nets \$41,255

### By Mike Mead

The eighth annual Tomato Sandwich Party on Saturday, August 7 to benefit the Good Shepherd Clinic was another success!

With a new location, at the Morrow Center at Southlake Mall, the event raised over \$41,000 for the Clinic's mission and continues to grow.

Good food, good fellowship and great entertainment were enjoyed by all who attended. Perhaps the highlight of the evening was a solo singing performance by Clayton County Commission Chairman Eldrin Bell.

Plans will begin soon for the 2011 event for August 6.



Guests and supports of the Good Shepherd Clinic partake in food and fellowship at the 2010 Tomato Sandwich Party at the Morrow Center at Southlake Mall on August 7. (Photo by Mike Mead)

## 5K Fun Run/Walk set for October 30

### By Mike Mead

The second annual Good Shepherd Clinic 5K Fun Run/Walk will take place again at Clayton County International Park on Saturday, October 30.

The run/walk is a non-competitive event to promote good health while

raising awareness of the Clinic's mission within the community.

The run/walk will start at 9 a.m. and all are welcome to participate or be a sponsor. For complete details, visit the Clinic's web site. On-line registration is available at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

### In This Issue

- "Resource Development"
- "Bill for a Pill" program
- Volunteer Spotlight
- TSP Supporters

# Clinic Resource Development Opportunities

**By Jane Enniss,  
Assistant Clinic Administrator**

First of all we want to thank you for your support of The Good Shepherd Clinic. Without your support our uninsured neighbors of Clayton County would have very few or no options to take care of their health challenges. Thank you for being there for all of us!

When we think of resource development, we include financial gifts, in-kind donations, volunteerism, and ways of identifying collaborations with other organizations that have missions that are in line with The Good Shepherd Clinic.

Let's start with the financial gifts. This year, the Clinic became a member of the Combined Federal Campaign. This campaign allows employees of all federal agencies to designate their payroll deduction gifts to specific charities of their choice.

The State of Georgia has a similar program. This campaign is conducted during the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta Campaign; however,

designated funds are specifically directed to agencies at the discretion of the donor.

In our first year we realized over \$700 in pledges. If you are employed with a federal or state agency, we ask that you consider the Clinic when you make your contribution.

Additionally please remind your friends who work for federal or state, agencies to designate their gifts to the Good Shepherd Clinic.

Within the work place setting, many companies will match your employee gifts to a charitable organization. This could be another way of giving to the patients of the Clinic. Contact your personnel office to find out if this is an option for your company.

In the area of in-kind gifts, we were blessed in May with major in-kind gifts from one of Clayton County's renowned retiring physician. His donations will enable the Clinic to provide high quality assessment of patients with heart disease and other health issues. Please consider asking

your doctor to support the Clinic in this manner.

On a final note, please share information about the Clinic with your personal physicians and ask that they consider volunteering with the Clinic.

We are currently responding to 2,500 patient visits per year, but the demand is far greater. It is estimated that approximately 38,000 Clayton County residents are uninsured and unable to pay for their medical care.

Thank you for caring for the residents of Clayton County.

## Jonesboro Kiwanis begins 'Bill for Pill' program

**By Mike Mead**

What began as a simple idea to support the Clinic and raise awareness may be catching on. After a visit this summer from Board Chairman L.C. Thomas, the Kiwanis Club of Jonesboro began a simple



fundraising effort called, "Bill for a Pill."

For many years now, the Clinic has collected used medicine

bottles from supporters and friends. The bottles arrive clean with all labels removed.

The Jonesboro club expanded the effort by putting small amounts of cash in each bottle and turned in nearly 100 bottles in August.

David Knowles, member of the club hopes the program will spread to other civic clubs in Clayton County.

If you would like to join the efforts of the 'Bill for Pill' program, please contact the Clinic for details on how your organization can participate.



James Crissey, Vice President of Southern Regional Health Systems, presents a check for \$5,100 to L.C. Thomas, chairman of the Board of Directors for the Good Shepherd Clinic, as part of the contributions collected at the 2010 Tomato Sandwich Party on August 7. (Photo by Mike Mead)

# Volunteer Spotlight: Linda McElroy

By Thomas Quisenberry

If you go to the Good Shepherd Clinic in need of care, one to the first faces you might meet would be Linda McElroy. Linda's has been with the clinic since the beginning. As she neared retirement from teaching children with special needs in the public school system, Linda was searching. While many look towards retirement as chance to take life slow, Linda was searching for a new way to give of her time, attention, and heart. At her church, Jonesboro Presbyterian, she heard a fellow member talk about a new clinic he was helping to establish. Dr. Tom Kelly told Linda about the wonderful opportunity of service she would have if she was



Photo by Thomas Quisenberry

willing to volunteer her time at the free clinic. In the beginning, Linda was a part of the office staff. But today, she helps assess patient's eligibility for services and determines whether or not they comply with state standards for free medical care. While Linda first went looking for a place to serve, she ultimately found, in her words, her passion. "I just love it here. I love getting to know and help all our patients." She told me, "This has just felt like God's plan all along." Are you looking for a way to serve others? Do you feel a tug within your heart to care for, love, and tend to those in our community who are in need? If so, contact the clinic for ways you might also be able to find your passion.

## 2010 Tomato Sandwich Party Contributors

The Directors, Staff and Clinic Volunteers appreciate the loyalty and support of our community of our 8th annual event.

Baker, Janna	Eason, James	LAVFW 5080	Schley, Joan
Ballard, R.W.	Ellis, Carol	Lord, Linda C.	Segner, Randolph L.
Ballew, Michael	Ennis, David & Jane	Luetkemeyer, FW	Select Trucks of Atlanta
Ballew, Nancy	Fincher, Denmark & Williams, LLC	Matheson, Deborah	Sellers, Frances
Barfield, Elizabeth	Fincher, Wanda P.	Maxwell, Annelie C.	Sharma, Chandler B.
Barnes, Gertrude	Folds, Hiram	Maxwell, Theodore G.	Singleton, Sonna
Barnette, Barbara	Folds, Jan	McCannon, Carolyn	Southern Regional Medical Center
Baskin, Terry L.	Foles, Willie & Bobbie	McCullough, Carol	Sparks, Charles
Bell, J. Ed	Forest Park Tractor & Trailer	McDonald, Jennie	Springfield, Victor & Jeannie
Eloise Belle Isle, Eloise	Foster & Foster, P.C.	McGlaun, Michelle	Stewart, Carol J.
Belle Isle, Karl D.	Foster, Betty	McQueen, Gwen	Stone Mountain Pecan Co
Binns, Mary	Francis, Carol	Mead, Mike & Alison	Susan Walsh
Bishop, Benjamin & Suzanne	Friends to Elect Mike Glanton	Mike Frost Trucking	Swofford, Joyce & Ron
Bower, Anna T.	Gee, Georgia	Mitch Taylor	Tankersley, William
Boyer, Carol	General Produce	Mobilized Fuels	Taylor, Mitch
Braswell, Morris E.	Georgia Free Clinic Network	Moen, Mary Joyce	Teater, Paul & Kim
Bridges, Mary	Gibby, Lydia	Mondy, Janie	Telecom Pioneers
Brown, Joy W.	Gilbert, James	Morgan, Raymond	Thacker, Winnie
Bryant, Ann	Goolsbee, John	Morgan, Stephen	Thames, W.C.
Buchanan, Pauline	Gordon, Amelia	Moriles, Romea & Mary	Thomas L Scroggs Funeral Directors
Buckner, Gail	Goss, Henry	Moulder, Wes & Jackie	Thornton Trailer Sales, Inc
Bush, Elizabeth J.	Graham, James	Moulton & Torrer LLC	TNT Parts, Inc.
Cambridge Farms, Inc.	Grant, Virginia	Murphy, Ruth	Tri Campbell
Cannon, Kathy	Greeson, Jerry	Nesmith, Charles	Vanapalli, Tulas
Capell, Peggy	Harden, James A.	Office of Superior Court Clayton Co.	Waldron, Clyde
Carberry, Jim & Evelyn	Hatfield, Carol W.	Page, D.L. & L.W.	Walker, Francine
Cargile, Pauline	Hawkins, Tom & Carol	Page, Lena Sue	Wallace, Albert B.
Chadwick, Inez	Henderson, James & Patricia	Pearce, Harold & Dorothy	Watkins, Bert.
Chapman, John	Hill Tire Company	Phillips, James & Nancy	Welch, Larry
Coastline Nature's Wave	Houston, Genie	Phillips, Larry	Westlake Miller LLC
Cobb, Joy	Innovative Janitorial Services, Inc	Pitts, Georgia	White, Mary Ruth
Cochran, Larry	Johnson, Dr. Charles	Presbyterian Women	White, Ruby
Consolidated Farms Inc.	Kellum, Andrea	Produce Pro, Inc	White, Traci G.
Cooper, Mary	Kemper, Nancy	Purmort, Joseph	Withers, Sarah
Crisp, Cherie	Kendall, Wayne & Brenda	Purmort, Sarah	Worthy, Charles & Carolyn
Dawson, Elinor & Irvin	Kent Ross	Quisenberry, Thomas & Maggie	Wright, H.C.
Duffey, Elizabeth	Kilgore, Jean	Robertson, Pat	Young, Brent
Dunaway, Demester	Lacy, Bill & Mary Ruth	Rohrbach, Jennifer	Young, Jane M.
Dunn, Jennifer	Lanier, WS & Sara	Rowell, Gid E.	Yusuifii, Feroze

## 2010 Tomato Sandwich Party

\*\*\*\*In-Kind Contributors and Services\*\*\*\*

City of Morrow, GA  
 Jerry Greeson; Smyrna, GA  
 Boy Scout Troop 260; McDonough, GA  
 Kroger; Lake City, GA  
 Morrow Police Department  
 Sam Jamison; East Point, GA  
 Waffle House; Peachtree City, GA  
 First Baptist Church of Morrow  
 Morrow First United Methodist Church  
 Philadelphia Presbyterian Church; Forest Park, GA  
 First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro; Jonesboro, GA

We would also like to thank the entertainment who shared their talents at the Tomato Sandwich Party:

- \*Paul Aday \*Commissioner Eldrin Bell
- \*Christopher Davis \*Faculty Grass
- \*The Jonesmen \*Hugh Waddy

### 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.

### The Good Shepherd Clinic Staff

Dr. Charles G. Johnson, Medical Director  
 Lisa Page, Clinic Administrator  
 Jane Enniss, Assistant Administrator  
 Chelsea Folds, Administrative Assistant  
 Millie Jones, Front Office Manager

## The Good Shepherd Clinic

P.O. Box 6  
 Morrow, Georgia 30260



NONPROFIT ORG  
 US POSTAGE PAID  
 ATLANTA, GA  
 PERMIT NO. 7050

**Phone:** (770) 968-1310  
**E-mail:** [godshep@bellsouth.net](mailto:godshep@bellsouth.net)  
**Fax:** (770) 968-2701  
**Web:** <http://godshep.org>