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NEWSLETTER

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May the Holy Family at Bethlehem gladden your heart and your home this Christmas and always!

GRANTS: On September 20, 2017, St Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA, selected the GFC to receive the Brother Dennis & Associates Program Micro Grant for \$1,800, to assist the GFC. On November 6, 2017, the Fidelity Charitable Grant, donated \$5,000 to the Clinic. We are grateful for the generosity of these two grant makers.

STAFF CHANGES: On August 9, 2017, the Clinic was able to begin opening for 4-5 patient appointments on two Wednesdays a month due to the generosity of Dr. Jancy Pottanat. We also have a new part-time volunteer pharmacist – Tom Fish. Tom is actively searching for more volunteer pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. Volunteer recruitment has been very successful with the parish bulletin announcements. We had over 10 new volunteers join the Clinic in September and October.

GFC Pharmacy Technician Training Program: Two of our three pharmaceutical technician students have passed the licensing exam. The third student will take the exam in December 2017. Once the students complete the training program they will serve as GFC volunteers two days a month over the next two years. The Pharm Tech Training program continues to grow and add significant value to the Clinic's pharmacy. We plan to have four new "pharm tech" students starting a new training program in March 2018.

Volunteer Support: On October 28, 2017, Father Stephen Schultz, Chaplain at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, VA, brought 13 young ladies to do volunteer work for the Clinic. They did a great job weeding the flower beds around the Clinic and organizing storage items. A few assisted our receptionist with Spanish translations. They found the clinic volunteer work very rewarding and hope to bring another group of students in Spring, 2018.

FOURTH ANNUAL GFC GOLF CLASSIC: On August 7, 2017. The 4th annual GFC golf classic was held at the Augustine Golf Course in Stafford, VA. Over 20 teams and 80 golfers braved the stormy forecast and got in 5-6 holes before the heavens broke open. The event was a huge success and surpassed the last golf classic. We thank Mylene Sixon, our outgoing tournament director, for her leadership and we welcome Patrick and Jovonna Hanlon as our new leadership team in 2018.

SAVE THE DATE: The 3rd annual GFC Winter Gala, entitled, the "*Roses of Castile Gala*", is scheduled for February 3, 2018. It will be held at the Old Hickory Golf Club in Woodbridge, VA. See our website for details.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST ON THE CLINIC: <http://guadalupefreeclinic.org> and check out the short Clinic documentaries on the homepage under "The Clinic's Story" and "A Day in the Life of the Clinic", produced by Emily Guercio. Explore how you can donate funds to the Clinic with your everyday shopping, at no additional cost, using *GFC Scrip Fundraising* at: <http://guadalupefreeclinic.org/scrip>.

OUR NEEDS:

*Your prayers and donations

**pharmacists, pharmacist technicians, bi-lingual interpreters, doctors and nurses are especially needed!* Contact Lance Carrington at lcarrington@guadalupefreeclinic.org.

We are happy to provide charitable contribution end of the year statements for your tax purposes. Please make checks payable to: GFC OF CB, Inc.