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ADVENT ALMSGIVING: Please consider a donation to the GFC in the spirit of almsgiving, one of three traditional spiritual practices of the Advent season. **It's also a wonderful way to maximize your end of the year tax deductible donations!**

GRANTS: The GFC is pleased to announce receipt of a bridge grant from the Community Benefit Fund of Mary Washington Hospital (MWH). This grant will be used to defray operating costs and purchase medications for Clinic patients for the period of 1 July 2018 through 31 Dec 2018. The bridge grant was issued due to MWH changing their grant cycle from a fiscal year to a calendar year. The Clinic also submitted a grant proposal to the Arlington Diocese's Annual Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program.

THE CLINIC BY THE NUMBERS: Since 2005, the Clinic has provided more than \$16 million in free health care to the medically-uninsured and indigent residents of Colonial Beach and Westmoreland County, Virginia! In the last fiscal year (2017-2018), volunteers logged a total of 6,751 volunteer hours (3,626 medical and 3,126 non-medical). The Clinic served 222 patients, 61 of whom were first-time patients. Our Clinic staff also conducted 1,895 patient visits/appointments last year. Finally, the value of services we provided exceeded \$1.44M on expenditures of only \$252,163. On average, every \$1,000 donated to the Clinic generated nearly \$11,000 in free healthcare.

STAFF CHANGES: Our Assistant Medical Director, Beth Cao-Nguyen, resigned in October after almost 10 years of service. However, she continues to volunteer and will assist transitioning her replacement. Our Pharmacist in Charge, Jeannie Sadler, announced she will be resigning at the end of Dec 2018. We are currently searching for a new Clinic Medical Coordinator and Pharmacist in Charge. We'll miss you both and are grateful for your dedicated service!

GFC PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM: The Pharmacy Technician Training program continues to grow and add significant value to the Clinic's pharmacy operations. We now have 3 students who have graduated and also passed their national certification exams. They continue to volunteer regularly at the Clinic as Certified Pharmacy Technicians. Joe Keenan, one of the recent graduates has taken on the responsibility of acting Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (PAP) Coordinator. Thanks Joe for stepping up!

FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC: The Classic was held on August 3 at Augustine Golf Club in Stafford, VA. Jovanna and Patrick Hanlon, our new Chairpersons, did a phenomenal job in their new roles running the Golf Classic. We also had great volunteer support from the KOC Fredericksburg Council, GFC Board Members, and GFC Gala volunteers. The event went off without a hitch and the weather held up. The final net proceeds exceeded \$35k. Special thanks to all who sponsored, participated and volunteered. We look forward to another great GFC Golf Classic in 2019.

SAVE THE DATE: Fourth Annual GFC 2019 Roses of Castile Gala – 9 Feb 2019: The 2019 Gala will be held at the Old Hickory Golf Club in Woodbridge, Virginia. Our new Chairpersons, Marguerite Thompson and Stacy Melancon, and their team of volunteers, are working hard to make the event a success. Ticket Sales are now open and the price of ticket includes access to the open bar, buffet dinner, a silent and live auction along with dancing to live music provided by swing band, King Teddy. Tickets can be purchased thru a link on the GFC Website (<http://guadalupefreeclinic.org>). Email Marguerite at gfcgala@gmail.com, or call her at 540-226-0949 if you have any questions.

OUR NEEDS: Your prayers, your donations, and medical and non-medical staff (*pharmacists, pharmacist technicians, bi-lingual interpreters, eligibility coordinators, doctors and nurses*) are especially needed! Contact Lance Carrington at the clinic (804) 224-0571 or via email 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.