

Go and Tell John

NEWS FROM
CHRIST COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES AUGUSTA, GA
INTERNAL MEDICINE AND PEDIATRICS

Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.

-Jesus
Matthew 11:2-3

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WIDOWS HOME GROUNDBREAKING!



(Left to right) Commissioner Matt Aitken, Dr. Grant Scarborough, Congressman John Barrow, Mrs. Ann Boardman, Mr. Clay Boardman, Mayor Deke Copenhavor, CCHSA Executive Director Jeff Drake, CCHSA Nurse Manager Karen Hobbs, Dr. Robert Campbell and Georgia House of Representatives Member/CCHSA Board Member Ernie Smith break ground for the Widows Home renovation.

Almost 250 CCHSA friends and family members were on hand Wednesday, August 11 as we officially broke ground on the Widows Home renovation.

The first phase of construction is expected to take about seven months and includes the first floor (all 12 exam rooms, the patient waiting room, nurses' station, lab and administrator's office) and roughing in the second floor.

Thanks to everyone who helped us get to this point. We look forward to our Open House next spring.

CCHSA Calendar

September

- 8 Clinic Bible Study Begins
- 11 New Life Ministry Hispanic Outreach
- 15 Clinic Bible Study
- 22 Clinic Bible Study
- 29 Clinic Bible Study

October

- 6 Augusta State Health Fair
- 6 Clinic Bible Study
- 13 Clinic Bible Study
- 20 Clinic Bible Study
- 27 Clinic Bible Study

November

- 1 CCHSA Fundraiser
- 11 Augusta Housing Authority Health Screenings



In the beginning...Dr. Scarborough, Nurse Karen Hobbs and Dr. Campbell were here the day CCHSA opened its doors almost three years ago!



Dig it: The CCHSA staff knows what a groundbreaking is all about!



Full house: The Widows Home front yard was packed for the groundbreaking.

Widows Home Groundbreaking DVD

A 27-minute DVD of the Widows Home groundbreaking ceremony is available for a \$15 suggested donation to the Widows Home campaign. Use the enclosed donation envelope to order yours today.



Under construction!

August 11 was a landmark day in the life of Christ Community Health Services. Almost 250 hardy friends and family members braved the summer heat to join us for the Widows Home groundbreaking. It was incredible to look over the crowd and see so many familiar faces.

The Lord truly blessed our ceremony. His Spirit was clearly present throughout the morning.

I want to extend special thanks to Congressman John Barrow, Georgia State Representative [and CCHSA Board Member] Ernie Smith, Augusta Mayor Deke Copenhaver, and Augusta/Richmond County Commissioner Matt Aitken for their encouraging remarks.

There are two very special people I want to recognize who played a significant role in what we celebrated at the groundbreaking.

Before we even saw our first patient, Clay Boardman

believed so much in Robert and Grant's vision that he donated the Widows Home to Christ Community. He has been a tremendous encourager and supporter.

I also want to recognize his mother, Ann Boardman, and thank her for instilling such a generous spirit in her children and for her support of CCHSA.



Thanks to everyone who has supported CCHSA over the past three years. We would not be where we are without you. We are working hard to bring in the full \$2.5 million needed for the Widows Home renovation. Your contributions now will help us reach that goal.

We will provide regular construction updates in this newsletter and on our website as the project progresses. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Widows Home Open House in the spring of 2011.

(International) House Call

Our mission at Christ Community Health Services is to demonstrate the love of Christ by providing affordable quality primary health care to the underserved in the Augusta area. But our outreach goes beyond the Augusta city limits. Several of our team members recently traveled to various parts of the world to carry the gospel message. Here are some of their comments:

Jenn Davis – Costa Rica

I have been to Costa Rica several times on short-term mission trips.

In 2006, I moved there for two months to be a full-time missionary. Joy Sheradon (the lady I lived and served with) and I reached out to a young girl named Julianna. She was in high school and dating a 40-year old man, which is quite common there.

After I came back, Julianna got pregnant. Over the years, we have kept in touch. Several months ago, I got an email from Julie describing how discouraged she was. I decided to go see her for a weekend (I am a full-time student and could not go longer). I was told that my trip was "ridiculous." However, it allowed me to encourage



Julie and her family and regain that connection. I continue to communicate with Julianna weekly and am discipling her long-distance.

"I believe that God has an amazing plan for Julianna and her son; but she needs encouragement, prayer, and guidance like any other Christian."

Melvin Lord – Guatemala

Phlebotomist Melvin Lord led a group from True North Church in North Augusta, SC to Guatemala City in May. They ran a medical clinic for the prostitutes who work "the line" – an area where two railroad lines run through the city. The women rent rooms in motels on both sides of the line and pay protection money to the local gangs.

One story particularly showed the Lord at work: One of the women was saved on a Sunday. One year's rent on her motel room was due on Tuesday.

On Wednesday a former first lady of the country contacted the day care where this woman left her children and asked to have lunch with one of the mothers. The new believer was picked to have lunch with the former first lady. She told the first lady her story. On Friday her debt was paid by the former first lady and she got a job at the day care. She will pay back the loan as she can. What a remarkable picture of how our Lord paid a debt that we could not have paid – only we don't have to pay it back.



"To get to know these ladies touched me more than anything. For many of them this was the only way they could provide for their family. They were very respectful and want to be treated like any normal human being."



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CCHSA Staff – Piedras Negras, Mexico

In May, a group from CCHSA headed south of the border to Piedras Negras, Mexico. Dr. Grant Scarborough, Nurses Karen Hobbs and Kristin McLaughlin, Nurse Practitioner Becky Lyle, Patient Assistant Richard Deas and volunteer Jenn Eckert made up the team.

One objective of the trip was to test the waters for sending out teams from CCHSA on a regular basis. They conducted health screenings at two

orphanages and provided health care in a deportee center, and a prison.

Looking back on the trip, Richard commented, “It was amazing how starting the day with prayer, worship, and meditation led to a tangible presence of God, opportunities for ministry, and great fellowship with my team.”

“I was moved the most by the time that I spent with those who were incarcerated as I once was. God



reminded me how great a work He has done in my life and I am compelled to share that good news with others.”

Hello's

Welcome to the newest members of the CCHSA Family:



DR. RUSS AYERS
Family Medicine

Dr. Ayers is a 2007 graduate of the Medical College of Georgia and completed his Family Medicine residency at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood, SC.



KASEY BANDY
Front office assistant



KATIE JOHNSON
Registered Nurse



LAURA SCHNETZLER
CMA – Patient Care Administrator



RICHARD DEAS
Patient Care Administrator



LINDA LONG
Front office assistant



CHALIISA WASHINGTON
Front office assistant

... and Goodbye's.

Several long term members of our team are moving on to the next chapter of their lives:

Congratulations to **Lauren Brown** who was accepted at the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Lauren was our Front Office Manager and Assistant Practice Manager. We're looking forward to the day when "Dr." Brown comes back to CCHSA for a rotation!

We first met **Jennifer Davis** when she volunteered to help paint the walls. She has worked in the front office since 2008. Jennifer is leaving CCHSA to focus full time on her studies in Middle Grades Education at Augusta State University.

Kevin Figgins has accepted a call from The Well, a church in downtown Augusta where he is the Pastor of Community Life. Kevin coordinated our community outreach programs and was our clinic chaplain.

Front Office Assistant **Davis Ware** and Anna Feero were married in May. The newly wed Mr. and Mrs. Ware are headed to Colorado State University where Davis will be a graduate student in Engineering.

We wish each of these special people God's blessings and thank them for their ministry to our patients while they were here.



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Widows Home Update



Groundbreaking for the Widows Home was August 11. See page 1 for the full story.

Christ Community Health Services Augusta exists to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and to demonstrate His love by providing affordable quality primary healthcare to the underserved of Augusta.

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