

of the lack of services available after regular business hours. They can't take time away from work to seek primary and preventative services, he says.

### Looking Toward the Future

Christ Community Health Services may have come from humble beginnings, but the organization's future looks bright. A fundraising campaign is underway to raise \$2.5 million for the renovation of the Widow's Home on Greene Street, donated to the organization by Clay Boardman. So far, more than \$1.6 million has been raised.

Area churches have been a vital part of the effort. Scarborough says they've seen support across denominational lines from numerous churches. Volunteers from area churches as well as other organizations worked to gut the Widows Home to get it ready for the renovations.

All the permits have been secured and plans drawn up. When they

reach the \$1.8 million mark, says Skenes, contractor R.W. Allen and Associates will begin work on the first floor of the building.

Skenes says it's fitting that the Widows Home be used in the future as a medical center for those in need. The first City Hospital for the "sick poor" and Georgia's first medical school once occupied the site. The Widows Home was completed in 1887 and served women in need until 2003.

The first floor will have 12 exam rooms, an electronic medical records system, a laboratory, waiting room and capacity for six physicians.

The second floor will contain a pediatric physical therapy suite as well as counseling, classroom and office space.

Scarborough says they are interested in meeting the needs of the whole person not just the person's physical ailments.

"There is a strong need for counseling," he says. "I deal with a lot of people with different problems such as

depression and bipolar. Some people have asked for marriage counseling."

The duo is interested in providing continuing education as well.

Many people are diagnosed with chronic illnesses such as diabetes and high blood pressure, but they don't know about those conditions or how to care for themselves.

Scarborough and Campbell see the Widows Home location as a hub for many of the neighborhoods in downtown Augusta and believe it will be an integral part of the community.

Scarborough says he'd like to see fun events at the new site as well to give back to those who live there. He envisions an Independence Day event or a Halloween activity such as trunk or treat. "I think it will be a community beacon," he says. \*

*Christ Community Health Services is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday. Patients pay on a sliding scale beginning at \$25 a visit. For more information, call 706-922-0600.*

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Monday, Wednesday and Thursday;  
8 a.m. to noon and 2 to 8 p.m.,  
Tuesday; 8 a.m. to noon Friday.

- **Miracle Making Ministries**

Druid Park Community Health Center  
1127 Druid Park Ave.

Offers primary care, immunizations and gynecological services.

- **Wesley United Methodist Church**

Faith Care Clinic meets at the  
Evans Outpatient Surgical Center,  
635 Ronald Reagan Dr.

Free clinic ministry meeting  
every other Thursday at 6 p.m.

>> Dates in May and June are May 12  
and 26 and June 9 and 23. \*

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