

## **The Good Samaritan Health Center**

The Good Samaritan Health Center (GSHC) was founded in 1998 by Dr. William Warren, a pediatrician who envisioned a clinic that would provide quality medical care to Atlanta's indigent populations. The clinic is located near Olympic Centennial Park in downtown Atlanta and provides an extensive array of services, including medical, dental, social, health education, and counseling.

The GSHC cares for a diverse group of patients, consisting of recent immigrants, the working poor, the homeless, and many others. Although the clinic operates on a sliding fee scale model, only 20% of its expenses are paid through patient fees. Even if patients cannot pay, they are still provided care. Up to 80% of its operating expenses are raised through private donations and volunteer work by physicians, PAs, NPs, dentists, and other volunteers.

To learn more about the Good Samaritan Health Center, please visit:

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## **Why an extended-hours clinic on Saturdays?**

Since 1998, the GSHC has built a reputation for providing high quality medical care. The clinic's growing popularity has created a steady increase in demand for its services. In 1999, the clinic provided care for 6,682 patients. In 2002, it had served 14,461 patients and in 2003, 17,000. Demands for clinic appointments currently exceed the GSHC's capacity. Therefore, a collaboration with the Emory University Physician Assistant (PA) Program is in progress to establish an extended hours clinic on Saturdays to expand patient medical care services as well as provide students with opportunities to learn medicine, cultural awareness, and social responsibility. These Saturday sessions will be staffed by a variety of volunteers, and students will see patients under the supervision of physicians.

The main goal of this project, envisioned by the Emory PA Class of 2003, is to provide high quality accessible healthcare to the medically underserved and, at the same time, valuable and meaningful learning experiences for PA students, medical students, and all who volunteer.

The Good Samaritan Health Center is a faith-based clinic. Nevertheless, patients and volunteers come from many different religions, denominations, and backgrounds.

## **The Emory PA Program**

The Emory Physician Assistant (PA) Program is a highly respected, 28-month program within the Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Family and Preventive Medicine. Each year, 50 students matriculate into the Program. After finishing their didactic course work at the Atlanta campus, students complete clinical rotations throughout Georgia. They return to Atlanta for an advanced didactic semester and graduate with a Master of Medical Science degree. The PA Program has a successful mission to train Physician Assistants to work in rural areas and with medically underserved populations.

### **Why we choose to be involved**

The number of individuals in the United States without health insurance is on the rise. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that 43.6 million people were uninsured in 2002, a 2.4 million increase from 2001. In Georgia alone, an estimated 2.3 million people are uninsured. The combination of poverty and lack of health insurance has significantly limited healthcare access for many of these individuals. Through this partnership between the Emory PA Program and the Good Samaritan Health Center, we hope to address these important needs.

## How Can You Help?

The Good Samaritan Health Center is a non-profit clinic relying on the generous support of volunteers, local communities, and business sponsors.

Please join us!

- Volunteer as a precepting physician, guiding and teaching PA and medical students in the evaluation and treatment of patients
- Volunteer as a Spanish medical interpreter
- Become a member of our referral database, accepting as few or as many referred patients from our clinic as you choose
- Become a financial sponsor
- Donate pharmaceutical samples or medical and office supplies
- Provide patient education presentations or materials in your area of expertise

## For More Information

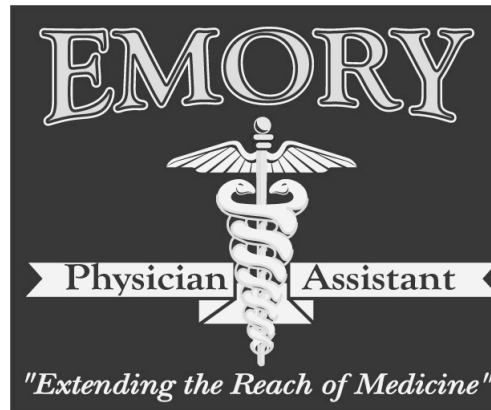
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### *Extending Clinic Hours with A Saturday Clinic*

*A Collaborative Project with  
the Emory University Physician  
Assistant Program*

Good Samaritan  
Health Center



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Hours of Operation:  
Saturdays 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.