

Your News From Gloucester Mathews Care Clinic

Winter 2024

In The Clinic -- 2023 Highlights

- We celebrated our 25th anniversary!
- We cared for 467 patients in 2023. That's an increase of 11% from the prior year.
- We began offering lab services in the Clinic thanks to a partnership with LabCorp. Our patients no longer need to travel to Newport News or farther to get bloodwork.
- We welcomed Bob Cross, MD, Andrea Crawford, MD, Chris White, and Peg Poole, NP to the GMCC Board of Directors. New members for 2024 are Steve and Cher Gingues and Roxane Yarina.
- We updated our mission statement to reflect a growing awareness of the needs of our community, and our desire to help our patients reach successful outcomes across all barriers:

Our mission at the Gloucester Mathews Care Clinic is to provide comprehensive healthcare services addressing the unmet needs of our community.

Volunteer Spotlight-- Pete Foster, DDS

Dr. Pete Foster volunteers every month at the GMCC dental clinic. He credits his alma mater, MCV/VCU School of Dentistry, for inspiring him to serve others. "(My) best memories of junior and senior years included traveling around the state, doing charity dentistry at various public health clinics and MOM (Mission of Mercy) projects," Dr. Foster shared.

About his relationship with GMCC, Dr. Foster said, "After purchasing my dental practice in Gloucester in 2013, I was asked by Dr. Chuck Harris (GMCC's



dental director) to help at the Clinic. I began to do so in 2014, and usually spend one afternoon a month there. We provide basic general dentistry: cleanings, exams, fillings and extractions.

It is satisfying to see how grateful people are when they are able to get needed dental care they were unable to afford. Knowing that people are means- tested at the clinic means I am giving to people who can't pay, not to people who don't want to pay.... that's an important distinction."

CHP Spotlight-- Ware Episcopal Church

Community Health Partners (CHPs) are annual sponsors whose enduring financial support for the Clinic contributes over 10% of our operating budget. CHPs are businesses, organizations and individuals who share the values of GMCC and work with the Clinic year-round to promote our services.

We are honored to add Ware Episcopal Church to this philanthropic group!

CHPs enjoy promotional opportunities and group tickets for GMCC events. For more information on the CHP program, please visit https://www.gmcareclinic.com/our-community-health-partners or contact mcrone@gmcareclinic.com

Mark Your Calendar! 2024 Special Events

We're excited about the coming year... and the big fun we have planned as we raise funds and awareness for GMCC! Please mark your calendar for the following events:

- <u>Saturday, May 4</u> The 2nd annual <u>Derby de Mayo</u> gala is at Abingdon Ruritan Club. To sponsor or get your tickets, please visit <u>gmcareclinic.com/events</u>
- <u>Friday, August 16</u> GMCC's 14th Annual Golf Classic at Piankatank River Golf Course
- <u>Sunday, October 6</u>Oktoberfest at Ware River Yacht Club



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are essential at GMCC! Thanks to volunteers, GMCC is able to provide onsite specialty care in the areas of orthopedic medicine, cardiology, behavioral health, dentistry, and more.

We are in great need of more volunteers. Please help us by spreading the word! Consider donating your time to caring for others at the Clinic.

Immediate needs are:

- Dentists and hygienists
- Nurses
- Special event volunteers (planning, procurement and day-of)

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please call (804)210-1368 or email igomez@gmcareclinic.com

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