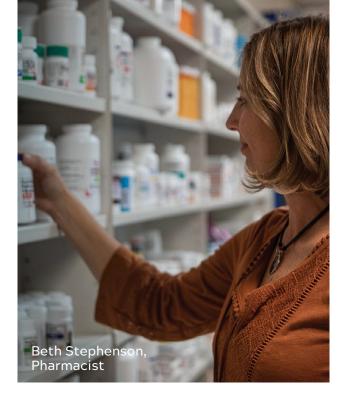


# Moved by Compassion

2019 Annual Report







### **Our Mission:**

### To spread the love of Christ by providing quality healthcare to those in need.

After 14 years of serving our community with quality healthcare, Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb remains committed to our founding purpose—to spread the love of Christ and to provide a primary medical and dental healthcare home to the uninsured and underinsured, working poor, and needy in our community. Since our doors opened in 2006, Good Samaritan Cobb has grown from providing 4,050 patient visits each year with medical and dental care, to now providing nearly 33,000 patient visits each year with medical, dental, behavioral health, health education, and diagnostic services.

We are grateful for the past year in the life of this ministry. We began our renovations in the administrative building, known as the old QuikTrip, and they should be completed by the end of May. This renovated space will house our Behavioral Health services, allowing us to better care for the 'whole person' by tending to their behavioral health needs in addition to their physical and spiritual needs. We are overwhelmed by the faithfulness of our Lord and the generosity of our partners that allow us to make a lasting difference in our patient's lives.

In Luke 10:30-35, we see the Good Samaritan caring for the needs of a man who was beaten by robbers. Overwhelmed by compassion, the Samaritan man immediately took action to care for the beaten man, whatever his needs may be. Christ encourages His followers to go and do likewise...*to be moved by compassion, to stand in the gap, and care for the 'whole person'.* 

Cyrl Kitchens, CEO



...we are standing in the gap. 1 Timothy 2:1-3 In March, Maria was rushed to the local emergency room for injuries sustained in a car accident. While caring for those injuries, the emergency room staff found a mass on Maria's liver and informed her it was most likely cancer. The hospital staff informed her they were unable to proceed further with treatment of the mass because she didn't have insurance. Maria, unable to pay for the care she needed for the unexpected discovery, left the emergency room brokenhearted and scared.

Six months after the mass was discovered, Maria heard about Good Sam Cobb through a friend. She made an appointment with one of our physicians, Dr. Adrienne Polite, followed by several WellStar Health System medical specialists who diagnosed the mass as liver cancer. Maria needed a partial hepatectomy along with chemotherapy. Because of the Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb's strategic partnership with the WellStar Health System, Dr. Sartaj Sanghera agreed to do the surgery and Dr. Raul Oyola would oversee Maria's chemotherapy.

Nearly a year later, Maria finished her chemotherapy with Dr. Oyola. During a follow-up visit at Good Sam Cobb, Maria revealed she still hadn't received a bill for the care she received. Dr. Polite informed Maria she wasn't going to see a bill. Today Maria is cancer-free because she received the type of care she needed when she needed it.

This is Good Sam.



The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the ca





aptives, and release from darkness for the prisoners.



## We love our volunteers!

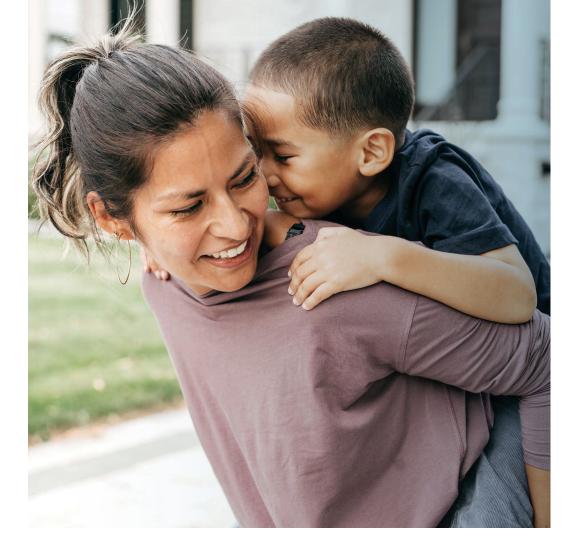
168 Volunteers

**12,229** Volunteer Hours

\$407,316 Value of Volunteer Services

Natalie Ali, Nurse Practitioner

"I volunteer at Good Sam because I believe God has called me to focus on serving those who might otherwise have difficulty accessing healthcare. The mission of Good Sam aligns with my desire to follow Jesus in bringing healing to the whole person: physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually."

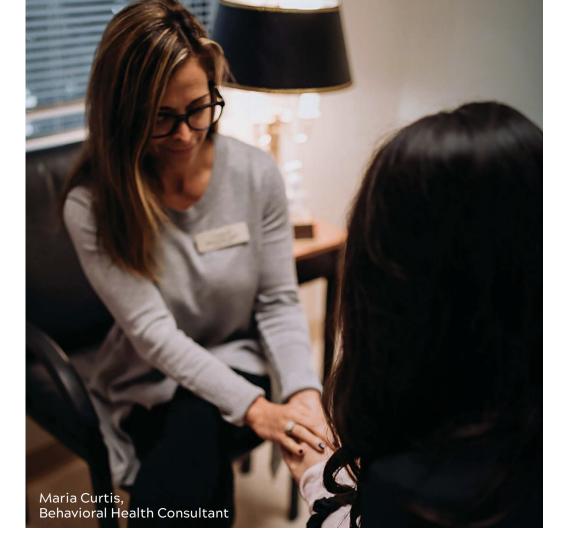


Carmen, a single mother of five children, had experienced a long history of abuse and domestic violence. During one of her visits to Good Sam Cobb, her provider identified severe anxiety and depression stemming from a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder. Through our new Integrated Behavioral Health Program, Carmen's medical provider and our behavioral health therapist worked together to create a care plan best suited for Carmen. During a therapy session, Carmen expressed that she had no support system and often felt hopeless. She indicated that it was only her faith in God that kept her going even when she felt alone and overwhelmed. Good Samaritan's staff prayed with her and encouraged her to lean heavily on God and His provision as she struggled with the stress of being a single mother along with depression and anxiety. Carmen shared that she left her therapy session feeling hopeful. She said, "I came in today with a strong urge to cry, and I am leaving with a desire to laugh!"

This is Good Sam.

...and caring for the whole person.

-Natalie Ali, NP



"My heart has always been filled with a deep passion to serve God and to share Christ's love with my fellow brothers and sisters. I am incredibly blessed to have been given the opportunity as a therapist to fulfill my heart's desire while applying my clinical knowledge to help those in search of hope through faith-based counseling."

-Maria Curtis, LAMFT

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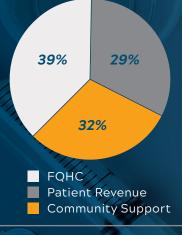
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### Our 2019 Impact

2019 Revenue & Support Total: \$3,494,611



2019 Expenditures Total: \$3,256,031

86%

Program Costs Fundraising Costs Management & General Costs

5%

9%

12,203 Medical Patient Visits

5,943 Dental Patient Visits

**14,751** Dispensary Patient Visits

**25,931** Medications Dispensed

**\$1,627,505** Value of Medication Dispensed

**\$14,160,000** Total Value of Services Provided

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

> Sandra came to her first dental appointment at the Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb in late 2019. Upon her oral examination, Dr. Stephen Hansard and his dental assistant, Juneia, discovered a large lesion in the back of her mouth—a textbook marker for Squamous Cell Carcinoma—Oral Cancer. Dr. Hansard consoled Sandra as he informed her of the suspicious lesion, and Patti, our hygienist, captured images of the lesion.

After receiving the news, she immediately called her church prayer group and asked them for their support and prayers. Dr. Hansard also requested the clinic staff to pray. A few davs later. Sandra returned to the clinic after a referral specialist requested updated pictures of the lesion. When Patti went to take the updated photographs, the lesion had uncharacteristically disappeared. In the same spot where three people, Dr. Hansard, Juneia, and Patti, saw the lesion during Sandra's first appointment, there was no evidence the lesion had existed. The area was absent of scarring and residual markings. The three people who saw the lesion now confirmed it was gone.

Praise be to God!



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