

WALKING IN FAITH

2021 ANNUAL REPORT







A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Over this past year, many of us decided to simply move forward with faith in Christ and His goodness even as the pandemic continues to linger. We began 2021 hoping this would be the year that life returned to "normal," only to experience the consequences of additional infection surges. With the second anniversary of those first reported U.S. cases of COVID-19 having now passed, we have all begun persevering and determining how we will live our lives in this new environment. Kids returned to school, churches are again meeting for in-person services, and our communities have returned to get back to work as businesses steadily reopen. However, even as these positive developments occur, the lingering epidemiological, geopolitical, and economic uncertainties continue driving a surge in the daily demand for our services. Good Sam has therefore responded by continuing to expand our care and support for this community, and we remain incredibly grateful for the faithful partners who have faithfully sustained this ministry for these past 16 years.

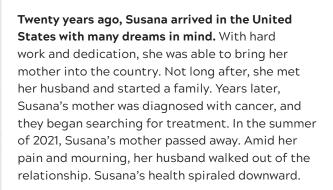
Having grown steadily each year since the doors opened in 2006, the clinic's impact on the community increased once more during 2021 as we provided over \$13 million in care to 3,430 individual patients. We also began implementing the next phase of an updated five-year master plan and will again further increase our annual patient capacity in 2022. With this next stage in our planned growth, the clinic will add approximately 5,000 square feet to our campus and this additional space will be utilized to house 11 new clinical exam and waiting rooms. We are concurrently also adding at least three new clinical provider teams to the staff, and this combination will significantly increase our ability to serve this community's growing health care needs.

Instead of simply wandering in a wilderness of uncertainty or confusion, our leaders and partners have therefore challenged us from the 10th chapter of Hebrews to utilize His enduring faithfulness over these past two decades as a springboard "to stimulate one another" on towards an even greater level of love and care for our community in the name of Christ...most especially as we "see the day drawing near."

Cyrl Kitchens, CEO

Our Mission:

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



"At the time, my only motive to keep living was my daughter, Valerie," Susana shared.

She came to know us at Good Samaritan and got connected. During her first visit, her medical provider attended to her physical needs but also noticed an emotional and spiritual one. She was referred to both our Spiritual Health Director and the Behavioral Health Team.

She maintained consistency with her weekly sessions and opened her heart, allowing God to do the work no man can do. A heart once filled with anger is being filled by love beyond explanation, and the depression that captured her daily life is just a memory of the past. She connected to a church through our chaplain, which her daughter loves, and will soon begin one-on-one discipleship at the clinic.

This is Good Samaritan.

"As I sit in sessions with my patients every day, I witness the life-changing impact of the behavioral health services we provide at Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb on the people we serve. Patients whose lives have been controlled by their dysfunction for years are learning effective tools that help them live according to their potential, their hopes, and their dreams. Working in collaboration with the medical team, we are able to offer integrated care that is having an everlasting impact not just with our patients, but with their families and our community as well." -Johanna Jordan, MA, LAPC

> **11,444** Medical Patient Visits

11,717 Dispensary Patient Visits

6,242 Dental Patient Visits

26,280 Medications Dispensed **\$13,285,442** Total Value of Services Provided

\$4,015,249 Total Value of Medications Dispensed

Adriana came to Good Samaritan's dispensary in desperate need last fall. Her husband had lost his job, leaving them in a financial struggle they were not prepared for. Both being patients of Good Sam for years and having elevated A1c's with other medical conditions, they were worried they wouldn't be able to obtain their much-needed prescriptions. Thanks to the support from our donors, their prescriptions were covered for a period, until Adriana and her husband were back on their feet financially. "The high costs of prescription medications can be a serious barrier to treating illness and staying healthy. Without Good Sam, many patients would not receive the essential medications that they need to live. I am thankful to be a part of Good Samaritan's team and to help provide excellent patient care, spiritual support, and affordable medications to those whom we serve." –Beth Stephenson, RPh

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"Although we live in a world of rapid changes, God continues being the same. We saw His provision and protection with Good Sam throughout 2021 and know He will continue doing so. We are thankful for our staff who, amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic, continue providing excellent service with the love of Christ to our patients."

> - Pastor David Santander, Spiritual Health Director

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another...

John 13:34



We love our volunteers!

69 Volunteers

3,862 Volunteer Hours

\$206,804 Value of Volunteer Services



God was preparing me and Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb for the coronavirus pandemic before it existed.

I began working at Good Samaritan Cobb just shy of a year before the pandemic reached the United States. Good Samaritan Cobb wasn't actively looking for another dentist when I was hired, but I was brought on staff anyway. I spent several months training with dental director Dr. Stephen Hansard, learning the clinic's operations.

When the pandemic hit, my hiring immediately proved to be a blessing as I felt comfortable coming to the clinic in the early days of the pandemic, but Dr. Hansard chose to begin quarantining at home. God prepared our clinic – and me – for the historic medical emergency before we even recognized the need. He knew Good Samaritan Cobb needed another dentist on staff and I needed time to train before the pandemic intensified.

When the country began shutting down in March 2020, we closed the dental clinic to routine visits according to ADA and CDC guidelines. Even with the new limitations and precautions, I saw patients almost every single day because of frequent emergencies and urgent care needs.

The number of patients we were seeing for emergency care only was eye-opening for me. One patient who came into the clinic during this time had the largest abscess I've seen in my career on the roof of her mouth. She said it had been there for a while, but she had avoided searching for medical care because she didn't want to visit the emergency room during the early days of the pandemic. The pain, however, had become unbearable. She was scared and sought out Good Samaritan Cobb. I felt fortunate to be able to help her during such a confusing and fearful time. I was able to determine the abscess was from an infected tooth, which I was easily able to treat. While most dental offices were closed and an emergency room would have likely prescribed antibiotics that wouldn't heal the issue, God gave us the privilege of perfectly meeting this patient's need.

The past two years have proved to me and Good Samaritan Cobb that God was preparing us for the pandemic even before we knew it was coming. We're thankful for His provision as we continue to provide healing and hope for our community.

- Dr. Grace Park, DMD

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On average, patients pay **\$30 for \$303 worth of care**. For every **\$100 donated**, GSC is able to provide **\$1,197 worth of care**.

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Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did

Matthew 25:40

me.

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