

The Promise of a New Day

GCCM MINISTRIES:

- * Food Pantry
- * Free Medical Clinic
- * Homeless Outreach
- * Spiritual Counseling

GCCM services are offered free to the community and are made possible through donations from individuals, churches

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Putting our Mission to Work

Every day, GCCM works to alleviate the nutritional, physical and spiritual needs of impoverished people who live on the Mississippi Coast.

A mission is only words until actions make it real and make it work.

We “activate our mission’s words” through the Ministry’s four programs.

Our food pantry offers non-perishable and available fresh food items to 100 people each week. Year-to-date, we have provided food to more than 5,500 people.

Our Free Clinic offers healthcare to uninsured men and women during five clinics each month. Year-to-date, volunteer physicians and nurses have treated 359 people.

Year-to-date, we’ve offered food, hygiene products, clothing and support to 396 men and women who are homeless.

Volunteers Bring Their Hearts and Hands

GCCM is blessed to have the dedicated commitment of men and women who volunteer for front-line service. Their steadfast resolve to put their faith into action makes our mission possible.

Year-to-date, our volunteer workforce has logged more than 3,950 hours.

This service represents an in-kind donation of an estimated \$87,500 according to the Independent Sector, a national volunteer research & resource center.

Our volunteers come from our active network of more than twenty area businesses, churches & civic groups. We provide weekly orientation and work to ensure the best volunteer fit for talents, skills and available volunteer time.

For information about volunteering, call 868-8202. Our website, gulfcoast-ministry.net has a list of our volunteer needs.

Where Do Sick, Un- insured People Go?

Our State has a number of chronic, critical health concerns that impact our economy, our workforce and our productivity.

Diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease and obesity are conditions that are now familiar “poster children” in far too many Mississippi homes.

Where do people who have no insurance go for care when they don’t qualify for other, federally funded programs?

Our Free Clinic is a resource for people who suffer from these diseases and many other conditions. The clinic is the only Free Clinic in Gulfport. It is one of only three such clinics in the three southernmost counties.



Youth Leaders are Working the Mission

Young people from the MS Gulf Coast Community College Youth Leadership Center volunteered with GCCM this summer! This great group organized the food pantry, sorted & bagged donated shoes for our special collection project and helped with Ministry housekeeping.

These young leaders made a donation to GCCM services. Their gift made it possible for us to purchase 2,000 doses of anti-hypertension medicine for the Free Clinic!

We were delighted to have these outstanding kids who will be starting that all-important final high school year at Biloxi HS and at St. Patrick’s this fall. You’re an



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Here's What's Happening at GCCM!



Northwood Church Stocks our Pantry!

Earlier this year, Anthony, Nick & Micah delivered a bountiful food donation from Northwood Church! These Northwood staff helped sort their gifts, prepare bags & helped greet clients today.

We are blessed with their generous gifts that will help so many clients who use our food pantry. GCCM helped more than 1,900 people from January through March.

Northwood Church, a Gulfport congregation, is one of GCCM's steadfast church partners. God bless you, Northwood staff & congregation! You're awesome servants of our God.

Clinic Volunteers Are Needed Now

GCCM has five Free Clinics each month. Medical services are provided by volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and pharmacists. The Clinic needs additional doctors and nurses. We also need men and women who can counsel clients who ask for spiritual guidance or prayer. In 2013, the Free Clinic provided primary basic healthcare to 565 uninsured men and women. At GCCM, they found people who took time to listen to their individual life stories, pray with them and offer comfort. Those resources are as healing as any medicine.

If you have time & interest in volunteering, please call 868-8202 for more information about our Free Clinic schedule and opportunities to make a difference in our community's health and well-being.

What GCCM Volunteers Say: 2014 Survey Results

In a recent survey, our volunteers rated their service experience at GCCM. They were asked to respond to 10 questions about the Ministry & their experiences at GCCM.

Our surveyed volunteers range in age from 15 to 80 years. They cross generations, too, from Gen X to Baby Boomers. 55 percent have worked at GCCM for two years or longer. One-third of the surveyed workers have been with GCCM 6 to 12 months. More than 70% are women.

100% said they would recommend GCCM to their family or friends as a community program. These volunteers are energetic, asking to be cross-trained so they can have first-hand experience in other GCCM services.

All our volunteers bring a wealth of life skills to the Ministry and to their work! Year-to-date, GCCM volunteers have served 1,932 hours in our food pantry, Free Clinic and outreach for people who are homeless.

GCCM thanks all its volunteers! You make it possible to reach thousands of families and individuals each year. You show God's love and grace through active, caring service.