



ALLIANCE MEDICAL MINISTRY

THE VISION

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Cervical Cancer Screening

reaches 158 uninsured women

On January 31st, Alliance, in partnership with Rex Cancer Center, hosted its annual Cervical Cancer Screening for uninsured women in Wake County. The screening reached out to English and Spanish speaking women by offering bilingual services as well as a bilingual marketing program. 158 women who otherwise may have gone without this recommended screening attended the event, the largest number of women reached since the screenings began. Important education on reducing risk factors and prevention of disease were available for all participating patients. Special thanks to the volunteer providers, staff from Rex Cancer Center and support staff.



2009 Outreach Programs

at Alliance Medical Ministry

January 31, 2009 — Annual Cervical Cancer Screening at Alliance.

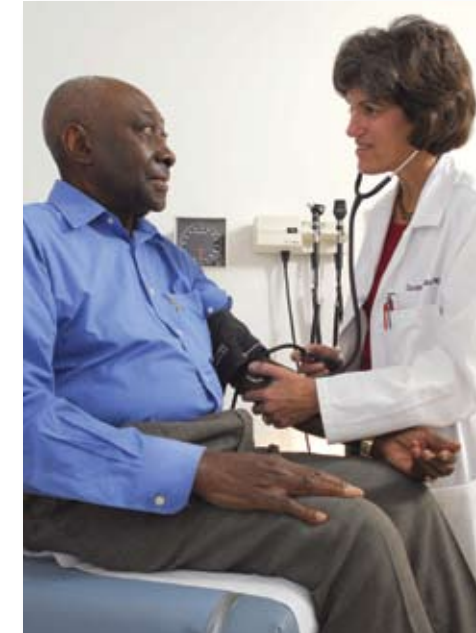
March 19, 2009 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm — Nutrition and Wellness Forum at Alliance Sanctuary. Open to patients and community.

April 4, 2009 — Annual Diabetes Education Day. Last year over 85 adults and families attended

May 2, 2009 from 8:30 to 11:30 am — Hispanic Men's Health Screening at Alliance

October 3, 2009 from 8:30 to 11:30 am — Annual Breast Cancer Screening at Alliance. This event includes free mammography for age appropriate patients

October 17, 2009 — Annual Community Health Fair with North Raleigh Rotary and El Pueblo. Held at the Hope and Healing Wellness Center



Susan Weaver joins

Senior Management Team

at Wake Med

After 7 successful years serving as executive director at Alliance Medical Ministry, Dr. Susan Tucker Weaver announced she is stepping down following her appointment as Senior Vice President at WakeMed Health and Hospitals.

Under her direction, Alliance Medical Ministry grew from an idea to an operating clinic with 6,500 active patients and 13,000 patient visits each year. Last year, Alliance moved to a newly expanded clinic in the renovated Hope Fellowship Baptist Church, now known as the Grace Clinic. She has attracted significant philanthropic support that has fueled the growth of Alliance and created a real health care solution for the working poor in our community. Dr. Weaver leaves Alliance with an exceptionally bright future, a strong

economic position and with an exceptional staff that is prepared to carry on the mission of Alliance.

Dr. Weaver's work at Alliance combined her unique medical experience with patient care and a strong personal faith that gave her the energy to commit countless time and energy to Alliance and the plight of the uninsured. She was recognized for her advocacy toward the uninsured with numerous awards including, the News and Observer's Tarheel of the Week, featured in the 2009 BlueCross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation Annual Report, Triangle Business Journal's Health-care Hero Award and many other community service awards.

At a staff farewell, it was only appropriate that a patient's catering company, All Year Round Catering, provided the food for the celebratory lunch.

At the request of the AMM Board of Directors, Dr. Weaver will remain on the Board of Directors at Alliance and will serve as Chair of the Development Committee. She will also continue her commitment to medical care of the uninsured by volunteering weekly as a provider at the clinic.



2009 Love Thy Neighbor Campaign:

Each Spring, Alliance Medical Ministry launches its Love Thy Neighbor Campaign to raise the needed unrestricted funds to provide high-quality medical care to the working uninsured of Wake County. This year, the challenging economy means significantly more patients are in need of our services, and you can help. In November and December 2008, Alliance experienced a 50% increase in the number of patients requesting our services and with your help we can increase our services to meet this need.

Please give generously as a part of the 2009 Love Thy Neighbor Campaign. Expect your personalized solicitation in March 2009. The Love Thy Neighbor Campaign will last through June 2009.

Please contact Lilly Skok Bunch or Sean Harrison to make an early gift as a part of the Love Thy Neighbor Campaign or to help introduce Alliance to friends in the community. 919.250.9254.

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Support Alliance Medical Ministry through the Combined Federal Campaign.

 Supporters can now support the work of Alliance Medical Ministry and help provide quality medical care for the working uninsured by making a gift through the Research Triangle Area Combined Federal Campaign.

 Designate your gift to Alliance Medical Ministry: our code is 89394

If you or someone you love has diabetes, don't miss our free

diabetes

 community health fair

Saturday, April 4 • 9 – 11 am

Alliance Medical Ministry


 101 Donald Ross Drive, just past WakeMed off New Bern Avenue

Free and open to the community! Look for the purple & white balloons!

The morning will include community health experts and information on how to take better care of yourself and your diabetes through diet, exercise, and other helpful tips and resources.

A goodie bag, healthy snacks (along with special door prizes) will be included at this fun-filled, educational event for adults.

Diabetes is something you CAN live with and manage in a healthy way – every day!



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Mission of Alliance Medical Ministry

Alliance Medical Ministry is a faith-led medical ministry serving the uninsured working poor in need of affordable primary medical care.

Alliance is a registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit charitable corporation that relies on donations from individuals, corporations, the faith-based community, and foundations to serve the uninsured working people of Wake County.

Special Thanks

to our many volunteer providers who volunteer throughout the week as well as at the Saturday Clinic and in off-site clinics.

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To find out more about how you or your practice can become involved at Alliance Medical Ministry, please contact Michele Miles at 919.250.3320 extension 405



Welcome AMM Founder Sean Harrison as New Executive Director

After cofounding Alliance Medical Ministry and serving as an active member of the board of directors, Sean H. Harrison was appointed Executive Director and began his service on February 2009. Sean has a diverse background with over 15 years of management experience in entrepreneurial start-ups and Fortune 500 organizations and served as chair of the Alliance

Board of Directors from 2000-2005 and from 2007 until his appointment as Executive Director.

Sean's passion for health care and the working uninsured began nearly 10 years ago when he and three members from First United Methodist Church, Cary, NC envisioned a ministry to fill the health care gap faced by the working uninsured. Sean, along with Dr. Charles Mann, Jack Stone and David Wilson worked earnestly along with many volunteers and early staff, including Dr. Susan Weaver, to make their dream a reality. In January 2003, the Alliance Medical Ministry was opened on New Bern Avenue.

Sean graduated with a BS in Computer Science from the University of Maryland and relocated to Raleigh to work at IBM. After earning his MBA from Duke, Sean founded and was CEO of Netstation which was acquired by Nortel Networks. His second entrepreneurial venture was WindWire, a wireless software and service company that was acquired in 2003. Prior to his appointment at Alliance, he was COO of BrightDoor, a real-estate software and services company.

Sean and his wife Karen have three children ages 6-12. They remain active members of First United Methodist Church where he and Karen lead the Junior Fellowship Program.

Saturday Clinic Expands Services for the Working Insured

Thanks to funding from Duke Raleigh Hospital, Alliance has significantly expanded its programs for patients by offering weekly Saturday Clinic hours from 9am to Noon. The Saturday Clinic is managed by AMM staff members and Saturday Clinic Coordinator Robin Schroder, RN and Bertha Mercado, CNA who alternate Saturdays managing the clinic. For working uninsured patients, the Saturday Clinic provides a much needed opportunity to seek medical care outside of traditional working hours, Monday - Friday. The Saturday Clinic also provides volunteer providers, nurses, and other support staff an opportunity to volunteer on weekends.

The Saturday Clinic is not a walk-in clinic and is only available for established Alliance patients. Every Saturday, the clinic sees between 9-18 patients, depending on the available volunteer providers.

To become a Saturday Clinic volunteer, please call Regina Heroux at 919.250.3320 x 422. Special thanks to Boylan Internal Medicine, Carolina Family Practice and Sports Medicine, Dr. Jose Agoncillo, Dr. Debra Baskett, Dr. Ben Fischer, PA Nancy Register and Rebecca Forbes who volunteer regularly at the Saturday Clinic.

Cecilia Thompson Named AMM Volunteer Angel

Few at Alliance can remember a time when Wednesday afternoons didn't begin with the arrival of Cecilia Thompson at Alliance. Wednesday's always seem to go more smoothly: Cecilia answers the phones, makes patient appointments, registers patients at the front desk, makes important patient reminder calls and provides any support that is needed. But most importantly, Cecilia makes the weekly trip to "Wendy's" at lunch time to insure that all the staff stops and takes a break at lunch.

Cecilia is a member of Millbrook United Methodist Church and is involved in a number of community organizations including the Soup Kitchen where she volunteers weekly.



Tara Burnett-Lewis Named Medical Director at Alliance

In December 2008, Dr. Tara Burnett-Lewis was appointed Medical Director at AMM. Dr. Burnett-Lewis joined the staff as full-time physician in September 2007. She completed her undergraduate degree from Vassar College, her medical degree at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN and her residency in Family Medicine and Obstetrics at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Lewis believes she was called to medical ministry at an early age, and specifically to North Carolina to focus on the underserved populations in urban and rural areas. She has a passion for teaching patients about the importance of living healthy, whole and spiritually fulfilled lives.

Dr. Lewis is a Diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice. In March 2007 she was named "One of America's Best Family Doctors" by the Consumer's Research Council of America. She is an active member of Wake Chapel Church along with her husband Tony and their daughter Tyler.



Mike Watson Returns to AMM

When Alliance first opened the clinic doors, patients could count on seeing Dr. Mike Watson among the dedicated volunteer physicians seeing patients at the clinic. After 2 years, Dr. Watson left Alliance after assuming a full-time position in Moncure, NC.

In December 2008, Dr. Watson came to Alliance for a tour of the new Grace Clinic. During his visit, the staff tempted him into returning to Alliance. In January 2009, their effort paid off as Dr. Watson began working at Alliance 2 mornings per week. The patients and staff are thrilled to have Dr. Watson back at the clinic.

Alliance Welcomes Interns Amanda Bradley and Elizabeth Thompson

Amanda Bradley is an RN-FNP student enrolled in the MSN School of Nursing at UNC-Chapel Hill and conducting her community health rotation at Alliance Medical Ministry with Regina Heroux RN, MS, OCN, Director of Programs and Outreach. Amanda is originally from the Triangle and will complete her training as nurse practitioner in 2010. During her time at Alliance, she will gain valuable clinical experience to enhance her training and understanding of clinic work by assisting Regina with special outreach programs and working with patients.

Along with Amanda, Elizabeth Thompson, also an RN enrolled in the Family Nurse Practitioner program at UNC-Chapel Hill is conducting her 300+ hour internship with Dr. Tara Burnett-Lewis, Alliance Medical Ministry's Medical Director. Elizabeth is originally from Greensboro, NC and will graduate in May 2009.



Patient Feature: Peter Williams

One of the first patients at Alliance was Peter Williams. Like many patients at Alliance, he remains a patient today. But what's extra special about Peter is the way in which he integrates himself into the life of the clinic: as a past volunteer, a patient, and a regular contributor to the Alliance Angel Fund which helps patients who periodically need help with their co-pay, bus fare, or other important incidentals.

Whether it's flowers that one day show up in the planters outside the front door or other special surprises that happen around the clinic, the staff at Alliance know that Peter's likely behind the anonymous gifts that make a difference for staff and patients.

On behalf of all Alliance patients and the clinic staff, special thanks to Peter Williams.

Alliance provides a home to fledgling congregations in the Curtis Chapel



Thanks to generous funding from the Curtis Foundation and Barbara and Don Curtis, the Sanctuary at the Grace Clinic is available for congregations and others looking for a place to worship and gather for events.

The following churches meet each week in the Grace Clinic Chapel:

Good News Gospel Fellowship Church

Praise Him Fellowship

Straight Gate Apostolic Church

The Well Church

For more information about renting the sanctuary space, contact Sean R. Harrison at 919.250.3394

