



The Vision

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“Compassionate Medical Care for Our Working Neighbors”

Alliance and Rex Healthcare Partner for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Alliance Medical Ministry, in partnership with Rex Healthcare, hosted its third community-wide, free breast cancer screening clinic on Saturday, October 13, 2007. With the help of many volunteers from the community, 87 women received a clinical breast exam, education on self-examination, and an opportunity to ask questions of their providers. The community response was positive and the women attending were extremely grateful for the opportunity to receive this free service. More than half of the participants reported having no physician of record and 29 women were assigned to Alliance as their new primary care provider. Of those screened, 37 were scheduled for screening mammograms and 17 for diagnostic mammograms. Two of the women were breast cancer survivors who had not had a mammogram in the past five years; one had no insurance and the other, only limited insurance. All these women left the screening with the reassurance that someone cares about their health. Alliance offers special thanks to all those who helped make this free screening possible.

Average age of participants: 45

Percentage without health insurance: 87

Ethnicity of participants:

African-American 40%

Caucasian 14%

Latino 33%

Other 13%

AMM Wants Your FAVORITE Recipes!

Alliance plans to produce *“A Helping Hand”* for the *Kitchen* cookbook this coming spring and we need your help. We are asking all volunteers, donors, staff, and patients to please send us two or three of their favorite recipes, each from a different food category, to include in the book. We hope to produce a special community collaboration that can be shared among friends and enjoyed in the kitchen! Please e-mail your special recipes to Loree Idol at loree.idol@alliancemedicalministry.org or mail them to her at 2610 New Bern Ave., Raleigh, NC 27610. THANKS!



Alliance Fundraiser at Hasentree a Success!

Hasentree, a beautiful new golf community in Wake Forest showcasing multi-million dollar homes, provided Alliance with a fun opportunity to raise money and awareness for the clinic and its services. During all three weekends of “The Parade of Homes,” volunteers sold snacks and drinks in the development, with all proceeds benefiting Alliance patients. The fundraiser was a huge success and Alliance would like to thank volunteers from Edenton Street United Methodist Church, Enloe High School’s Beta Club, Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Millbrook United Methodist Church, Providence Baptist Church, Westwood Baptist Church, White Memorial Presbyterian Church, and many others for all their help.



2007 Love Thy Neighbor Campaign

The 2007 Love Thy Neighbor Annual Fund Campaign is underway to raise operational support for the clinic. In 2006, AMM provided care for 11,104 patient visits. This year, with 5,500 patients on record, Alliance anticipates providing care for 13,000 patient visits.

Help Alliance continue to care for the working uninsured in our community by making your Love Thy Neighbor gift now. If you have already made your annual fund contribution this year,
THANK YOU!

Call Loree Idol at 919.250.9254 or Susan Weaver at 919.250.3394 with any questions or to complete a stock transfer, or visit our website at www.alliancemedicalministry.org to donate online.

Letter From The Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The holiday season has always been special to me. This wonderful time places special emphasis on faith and family. It is full of exciting activities and the promise of the New Year. As Alliance heads into this holiday season, we do so with an incredible amount of exciting growth and the promise of an even more exciting new year. There are changes in all aspects of our practice in order to increase access to care for the uninsured.

In order to better serve this patient population, track quality measures, and improve communication with other medical care providers, Alliance is transitioning to an electronic health record. Due to a generous donation from Allscripts/A4 EMR and a grant from The Duke Endowment, Alliance will be able to better serve our growing population of uninsured patients. AMM is currently using Allscripts' Nterprise patient management system and will go live with the EHR in February.

The promise of the New Year will bring our much-anticipated move into the new Alliance facility. The renovation is well underway with construction on schedule for an anticipated move in early spring. Since opening in January 2003, Alliance has provided high-quality, cost-effective primary medical care for more than 41,000 patient visits. Currently, more than 5,500 uninsured patients have a medical home at Alliance. Our ability to increase the number of patients served is limited by the number of exam rooms and waiting room space in the existing clinic; however, the new facility has endless possibilities. There will be 22 exam rooms, expanded waiting room space, a patient library, a conference room, and a large education hall. Over the next few years, this new space will allow Alliance to provide care for more than 40,000 patient visits annually.

Perhaps most excitingly, Alliance will have the space to greatly expand the community partnerships that are the hallmark of our programs. It is these community collaborations and your ongoing support that lead Alliance into the new year with amazing growth and the promise of increased services. Please consider a gift to Alliance this holiday season, a gift of hope and healing for thousands of our uninsured neighbors.

With gratitude,



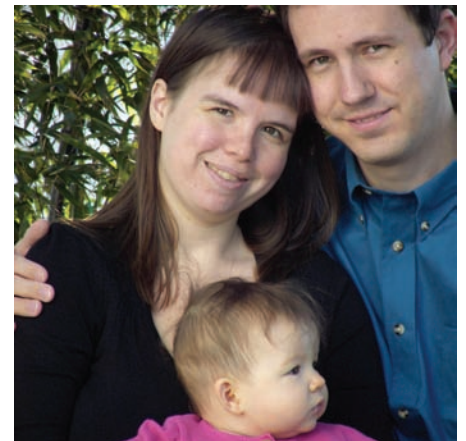
Susan T. Weaver, M.D.



The "studs" have arrived!



The new AMM entrance begins to take shape.



Josh, Jenny and Jordan Patterson

AMM Volunteer Angel

Josh Patterson first learned about Alliance Medical Ministry from a presentation at his church, Wesley Memorial Church, in 2002. At that time, he says, "I had been looking for a way to use computer talents to glorify God." He asked about ways he could be of help to Alliance. Initially, he set up and maintained all the computers. He then created a web-based patient scheduling system and database that allowed patient visits to be scheduled and medical information to be tracked. Since then, he continually tweaks the system and runs reports. After that fateful day when the AMM scheduling system server hard drives crashed, Josh rebuilt that server so that Alliance had as little downtime as possible, considering the circumstance. Most recently, he has helped the clinic transition to Allscripts' electronic health record system. He is truly an Alliance volunteer extraordinaire.

Josh lives in Southern Wake County with his wife, Jenny, who is also a big supporter of Alliance. They both take great pleasure in spending time with their daughter, Jordan, who was born in August of 2006. Aside from spending time with his family, Josh loves to worship God, read, program computers, and, when he can find the time, do a little backpacking and rock climbing. Everyone knows the importance of computers these days and Alliance couldn't be more grateful for this wonderful angel's help.

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

For more information on how you can help by making a financial gift in support of Alliance Medical Ministry, contact Susan T. Weaver, M.D., Executive Director at 919.250.3394 or e-mail susan.weaver@alliancemedicalministry.org.

New Staff Arrivals at AMM

Alliance is excited to announce three new additions to the clinic staff: Dr. Tara Burnett-Lewis, Nicole Emswiler, and Regina Heroux.

Tara Burnett-Lewis, M.D.

Alliance welcomed full-time physician, Dr. Tara Burnett-Lewis, to the AMM staff on September 5th. Feeling called to medicine at a young age, Dr. Lewis is passionate about teaching her patients the importance of living healthy, whole, spiritually fulfilled lives. She says the position at Alliance "just seemed to fit with what my mission is," focusing on underserved communities. She received her undergraduate degree from Vassar College, her medical degree from Meharry Medical College, and completed her Family Medicine and Obstetrics residency at Wright State University. She and her husband, Tony, are the proud parents of a five-year-old daughter, Tyler. The staff and patients of Alliance love Dr. Lewis' compassionate nature and big smile and are thrilled to have her on our mission team.



Tara Burnett-Lewis, M.D.



Nicole Emswiler, PharmD.

Nicole Emswiler joins the Alliance staff as manager of pharmacy services, overseeing pharmaceutical services for the clinic, providing drug and diabetic education for patients, and working closely with the doctors regarding medicine management and follow-up. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Campbell University School of Pharmacy. Prior to coming to AMM, she was on the faculty at Campbell University as Director of Experiential Programs. Nicole loves working with the underserved patient population and feels the work of Alliance meets a huge need in our community. She and her husband, David, live in Apex and are members of Providence Baptist Church.

Nicole Emswiler, PharmD.

Regina Heroux, RN, MS, OCN

Regina Heroux joins Alliance as Director of Educational Programming and Community Outreach. Before coming to Alliance, Regina worked at Rex Healthcare as manager of patient support programs and outreach for their cancer center. She first learned about Alliance when Rex partnered with AMM for our first breast cancer screening clinic in 2005. Regina has been a nurse for more than 20 years with a special focus in oncology. She and her husband, John, live in Wake Forest with their teenage son, Jacob. They also have a daughter, Jenna, at Marquette University. Regina has a passion for community outreach and hopes that she can help Alliance increase health awareness, education, and prevention among the working underserved.



Regina Heroux, RN, MS, OCN

AMM New Board Members

Alliance welcomes two new members, Chip McGuirt and Dana Simpson, to the AMM Board of Directors. Both men will add their individual expertise and corporate diversity to the current board's strength and dedication.

Chip McGuirt has been a true wind-fall for Alliance Medical Ministry. This spring he took early retirement from GlaxoSmithKline after working for 30 years in oncology drug development. Chip received both his undergraduate and master degrees from NCSU. He and his wife, Debbie, are long-time resi-



Chip McGuirt

dents of Raleigh and founding members of Providence Baptist Church. They have two grown, married daughters and will soon become proud grandparents. Fortunately for Alliance, Chip has decided to spend some of his "retirement" time volunteering at AMM. Aside from joining the board, Chip has taken on the job of overseeing the renovation of the new facility, working closely with Bobbitt Design and their contractors.



Dana Simpson, J.D.

Dana Simpson, a healthcare attorney with Smith Anderson law firm, brings to the board his experience as corporate and regulatory counsel for healthcare providers and their professional associations. He also represents healthcare organizations before state agencies and the NC General Assembly. He received both his B.A. and law degrees from UNC and is an avid Tar Heel fan. He and his wife, Stephanie, are the proud parents of eleven-month-old twins, David and Lauren, and are members of Church of the Apostles in Raleigh. With small children, his free time is rather limited, so we welcome and appreciate his commitment to Alliance.

Third and Fourth Quarter 2007 — In Kind Donations and Services

Alliance is grateful to the following donors for their in-kind gifts of services and/or supplies for the clinic:

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Alliance Wish List

Adult over-the-counter medication: <i>(generic okay — small sizes/bottles)</i> Artificial Tears / lubricating eye drops Zantac OTC Prilosec OTC Mucinex, plain or DM Aspirin 81mg and 325mg Ibuprofen 200mg Aleve Multivitamin, no iron Ferrous Sulfate 325mg Citracal 500mg with Vitamin D Caltrate 500mg with Vitamin D Lotrimin cream Monistat 3 or 7-day	41-cent stamps Refillable liquid hand soap Drinking cups Black pens Large paper clips Copy paper Pastel paper and colored card stock Dell 720 printer cartridges, b/w and color Zip-lock bags – sandwich size 3-tab file folders Tables <i>(large round or rectangular tables, end tables)</i>
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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I would personally like to take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude and satisfaction as well as that of my wife Edna for the excellent treatment we have both constantly received from all the staff of Alliance Medical Ministry from June 2004 to date. All of you have always been kind and helpful to each of us beyond our wildest expectations.

I particularly wish to express our sincere thanks to both Dr. Weaver and Dr. Joyner for their dedication and through whose professional services and assistance Edna and I were each able to get excellent medical treatment. We also thank them for their kind assistance that has enabled us to be supplied few of our expensive medications either free of charge or at greatly reduced prices through the Patient Assistance Program of Pfizer and Boehringer Ingelheim.

We find it particularly difficult to point out any individual staff who has made us comfortable. Nevertheless we would particularly like to express great appreciation to Kim whose ready smiles as well as her constant cheerfulness have helped to brighten our days whenever we were at Alliance Medical Ministry.

We are very sorry that we have no option but to leave your organization since we are now covered by Medicaid and Medicare and have also obtained health insurance. Nevertheless we shall both keep in touch and we shall always remember Alliance Medical Ministry for its benevolence to us when we had no health insurance nor covered by Medicaid or Medicare.

May God bless all of you and may Alliance Medical Ministry continue in its altruistic activities to deserving people. We shall also keep you in our prayers.

Lastly, since our appointment with Rock Quarry Road Family Medicine is on Friday, October 19th, I will get in touch with you later on to find out whether you will send our medical records direct to Dr. Debra at Rock Quarry Road Family Medicine or I will have to collect them from you for delivery to Dr. Baskett.

Once more, thanks for all your combined contributions to enhance the health of both Edna and myself.

Sincerely,
Ezekiel
Ezekiel



Front Desk Manager Kim Petersen with AMM patient Ezekiel Coker.

Federal Employees: Support Alliance Through the Combined Federal Campaign

You 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.

The Combined Federal Campaign is an annual workplace charity campaign to promote and support philanthropy among federal employees. Pledges may be made by federal civil, postal, and military donors during the campaign season of September 1st through December 15th. Anyone interested in workplace giving may designate a gift to Alliance Medical Ministry using our **CFC code 89394**.