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WakeMed's Judy O'Neil Joins Alliance Board

Judy O'Neil, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs and Chief of Staff, Office of the President of WakeMed Health & Hospitals, joins the Board of Directors of Alliance Medical Ministry. Judy brings significant health care and non-profit administrative experience to her role with Alliance.

WakeMed Health & Hospitals is North Carolina's fourth largest health care system and its trauma, cardiac, neonatal, high risk-maternal, physical rehabilitation and adult intensive care programs extend its services to a fast-growing urban and rural population.

Ms. O'Neil's presentation of a new, more inclusive approach to strategic planning was met by recognition of excellence by the WakeMed Board. Alliance looks forward to being the recipient of those same gifts. Her ability to strengthen relationships with elected officials, business, education and community leaders, as well as, maintaining strong media support are also of benefit to Alliance.

WakeMed and Alliance continue a strong partnership that includes referrals of uninsured patients from the Emergency Department to the Alliance Clinic quickly after their Emergency Department visit. Alliance is grateful for the significant support from WakeMed since it's founding.



Plaque of the waiting room

This room is given in gratitude
to God for the commitment
to community ministry of
**WHITE MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AND ITS PASTOR ART ROSS**

White Memorial Presbyterian Church Exceeds Goal of Major Mission

Last December, White Memorial Presbyterian Church chose Alliance Medical Ministry's Hope and Healing Campaign for their annual Major Mission Project. The selection is a significant honor and challenge! The goal set by the White Memorial Captains was an aggressive \$250,000. Shortly after the campaign kicked off, an anonymous member of White Memorial became so captivated by the mission of Alliance that he presented a challenge that would match the \$250,000 goal dollar for dollar when the goal was reached. The goal was reached; the match will be made and over \$500,000 will support the new clinic expansion at Alliance!

Each year, the White Memorial Major Mission Project is designed to fund bricks and mortar projects rather than operational giving at non-profit organizations selected by members of the congregation. Last year, a committee from the congregants reviewed all nominees and Alliance was chosen because of involvement, dedication and contributions already being made to Alliance by significant numbers of White Memorial members. White Memorial members Megg Rader, Jack and Mary Clayton, and Don Comer volunteered to be captains of the Major Mission Project when Alliance was chosen because of their longtime commitment to Alliance.

"Participation in this funding project has been a joy," states chairperson, Megg Rader, "and we are especially grateful to the White Memorial members who made receiving the anonymous match possible."

As a part of the White Memorial Major Mission, the second floor waiting room was named in honor of the community ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church and Senior Pastor Art Ross. Alliance is grateful for the significant partnership role that members of White Memorial Presbyterian Church have played in the success of Alliance.

Meditation Garden at Alliance Medical Ministry is a Place of Retreat

A meditation garden at Alliance Medical Ministry is on track to be a quiet place of prayer and meditation for staff, patients and the community. The beautiful garden, made possible by a grant from The Fenwick Foundation and Stuart and Tricia Phoenix, pictured to the left. The garden would not be possible without the generous help of Jimmy Thiem of HagerSmith Design, Sigmon Construction, Frank Liggett of Liggett Design Group and Bland Landscaping. In the busyness of the day, this garden will provide space for sitting, sunning, walking and praying. We give thanks for the donors who have made this garden possible.

The path to the garden is a brick walk made of pavers which can still be named in memorial or in honor of special people you might wish to recognize. Please call Rev. Brenda Peterson at 919-250-9254 for details.





Becky Hawkins, R.N. Named Volunteer Angel of the Month

Becky Hawkins, R.N. in the WakeMed heart failure program has been volunteering at Alliance for eighteen months during which she generally does triage in the clinic. A Raleigh native, Becky was among the last graduating class of Rex Hospital School of Nursing. Becky feels that she was divinely directed into nursing because she was graduating from high school and had not made a professional decision on her own.

Becky indicates that her primary reason for volunteering at Alliance is to give back to the community because she has been richly blessed. She also states that the secondary reason is that the staff at Alliance is a delight to work with.

Becky is married to Skip Hawkins and they have a daughter, Amber. In her spare time, she is a collector of rabbits.



Joe Bryan, Chair of the Wake County Commissioners presents the Proclamation.
Rev. Brenda Peterson, Director of Development for Alliance Medical Ministry
is to the right of Ms. Koonce.

Have you hugged your favorite non-profit today?

Wake County Board of Commissioners proclaimed November to be North Carolina Non-Profit Month. Non-Profits in North Carolina are a \$29 million industry. Spend a few minutes thinking about what life in our state would be like if all those non-profits had to close their doors tomorrow. Then pick up your check book and donate to your favorite. Hint. Hint. Alliance Medical Ministry can be your favorite!

Executive Director's Letter



Dear Friends,

As we approach Thanksgiving and the end of our 6th year of service, I want to take this opportunity to share my thankfulness for the many blessings at Alliance.

Alliance moved into a beautiful new facility in February of this year. Our new space sits on 4.1 acres of pastoral land in southeast Raleigh. The Grace Clinic has more than 3 times the space of our old leased facility including 22 exam rooms for patient care. Equally meaningful, the clinic has expanded space for patient education including a well-stocked patient library and an education hall with a state of the art kitchen. Alliance also now has a full gym facility, the beginning of our wellness and health prevention programs. Later this month, we will break ground on our much anticipated meditation garden. This special space, complete with a water feature, will be open to patients, staff, and the community at all times.

In addition to the new facility, this year Alliance has been able to reach out to more uninsured patients with the same high-quality, cost-effective medical care that has become our hallmark. AMM now serves as a medical home to more than 6400 patients. Our volunteer core has expanded greatly to help us meet the needs of our growing patient population. Alliance has added new staff and board members with special areas of expertise. We have reached the uninsured and the insured with our many free community health screenings held throughout the year and throughout our county. Alliance also implemented an electronic health record to improve productivity and quality of care to all those we serve. These areas of growth represent tremendous blessings.

While working with one of my patients recently, I was humbly reminded of the special programs that you, our donors and supporters, have helped create. This particular patient came to Alliance as part of our Katrina clinic a few years ago after losing her home, her job, and her insurance in Louisiana. Despite the extreme hardships she had faced with her relocation, she offered frequent prayers of thanksgiving for Alliance and our services that kept her healthy while she rebuilt her life. Access to affordable primary healthcare is indeed a blessing and a gift to those who otherwise would go without it.

On behalf of our more than 6400 uninsured patients, the Alliance board and staff, thank you for helping us provide the gift of basic medical care to so many of our neighbors in need. This year has been one of remarkable growth and incredible blessings. Thank you for your continued support!

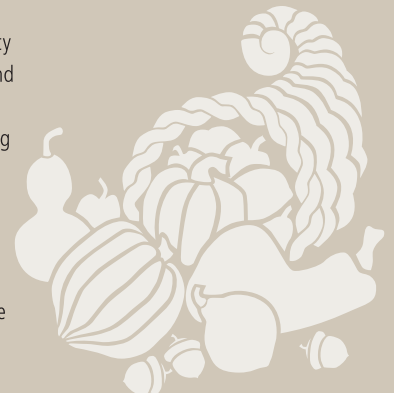
With much gratitude,

Susan T. Weaver, M.D.

Alliance to host first Congregational Health Forum: Come to the Table

Next year, Alliance will host an interactive Forum for community leaders in the faith community to share resources, concerns, and ideas that encourage creating healthier communities in Wake County. The Forum will build on the pivotal role that worshiping bodies play in the current health care crisis. The Forum will acknowledge that God wants us to be healthy and that our sacred texts all have references to being healthy.

For more information contact Rev. Brenda Peterson at 919.250.9254. Visit www.alliancemedicalministry.org for the confirmed time and location.



Alliance and Rex Healthcare Join Forces During Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is well known for acknowledging breast cancer awareness and survivorship. Alliance Medical Ministry actively participates in breast cancer efforts by spearheading one of their own every year. October 4, 2008 marked the fourth annual breast health screening event at Alliance's new space. The event, held from 8:30-11:30 a.m., had over 100 in attendance, screening 82 women in need of clinical breast exams and scheduling age-appropriate women who met criteria for free mammograms and otherwise would not have had access to mammography.



Regina Heroux, R.N., and volunteer at Breast Screening Clinic

The event, co-sponsored by Rex Healthcare, continues to target uninsured women 40 years of age and over, reaching a large percentage of Latina women and others who not only need a mammogram, but a medical home, which Alliance provides. Regina Heroux, Director of Programs & Outreach, states that our community screenings do not aim to reach the mass population; rather, targets those who have not been to a doctor for a while and maintains a personal approach by allowing women ample time to see the physician, learn how to perform self-exams and talk with various breast screening referral coordinators and health educators about community services and programs. Alliance is grateful to all the physicians, nurses, lay-health advisors, and community organizations who volunteered to make it a successful event.

North Raleigh Rotary, El Pueblo and Alliance join forces for Community Family Health Fair

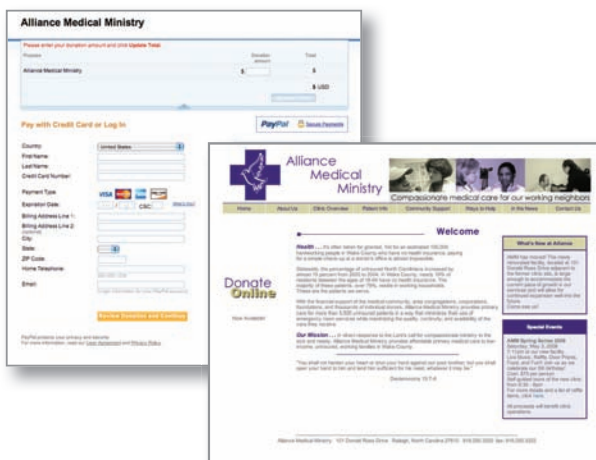
October 18th Community Family Health Fair, co-sponsored by the North Raleigh Rotary Club, El Pueblo and Alliance, was another great success with over 125 attendees who came to the Hope & Healing Wellness Center on Alliance Medical Ministry campus to obtain free flu shots, participate in eye, blood pressure and fasting blood glucose screenings, breast health, fitness and HIV information, among other educational offerings. Thank you Dr. Adelman for spear-heading this important health event for our community!

2008 Health Impact Study surveys work of Alliance

The 2008 Health Impact Study by FGI Research surveyed Alliance Medical Ministry patients and the impact Alliance has had on the health of people served. The goal of the survey was to quantify the impact Alliance has in the lives of its patients. The study creates a clear picture of high value for patients and donors.

The findings of FGI Research:

- Patients of Alliance have experienced a dramatic improvement in their health and are very satisfied with the care and access to treatment they have received through Alliance.
- Because of AMM, patients averaged significantly fewer trips to the ER; allowed themselves to seek the medical care they needed without worry of extensive cost, missed fewer days of work, and described their general health as having improved greatly.
- The results of this research indicate that the donor funding is providing AMM patients (and the community at large) with significant benefits related to improved health, greater productivity in the local economy, and more efficient and effective delivery of care (fewer ER visits, fewer untreated problems, etc.).
- Alliance is vital to the continued good health of many residents of Wake County who would otherwise have limited or no access to quality medical care.



Give Online

Give securely and conveniently through our website at www.alliancemedicalministry.org.

Click "Donate Online" from the Homepage. We want to make donating easier for our generous and dedicated donors and appreciate any feedback you have about what works best for you.

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.



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Sanctuary Rental

The sanctuary of Alliance Medical Ministry is now available for rental for weddings, recitals, graduations and other occasions. Call Chip McGuirt at 250-3582, ext. 405.

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2008 Love Thy Neighbor Campaign



In June, Alliance Medical Ministry kicked off our 2008 Love Thy Neighbor Campaign to raise much-needed operational funding to serve the growing number of working uninsured residents in Wake County. Thanks to many of you, we are on our way toward reaching our fundraising goal for 2008, but we still need your help.

Please make your gift today and help Alliance reach the thousands of working uninsured with high-quality medical care. We have much to celebrate this year as we settle into our new clinic home with capacity to serve hundreds more patients each month, but we need your continued support to meet the growing needs of our community.

For more information about how you can support Alliance and our programs, contact **Rev. Brenda Peterson** at **919.250.9254** or **bpeterson@alliancemedicalministry.org**.

Thank you!

Support Alliance Medical Ministry Through the Combined Federal Campaign

Supporters can now give to the work of Alliance Medical Ministry by making a gift through the Research Triangle Area Combined Federal Campaign.

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



Holiday Open House

Friday, December 12, 6-9 p.m.
Shop and support Alliance Medical Ministry!
15% of all sales will be contributed to AMM

Holiday Exhibition, December 5-31, 2008

The Collectors Gallery
323 Blake Street in historic City Market
www.thecollectorsgallery.com, 919.828.6500