

## How the GFCN is bringing care to life in Georgia

- ✓ There are 1.7 million uninsured people in Georgia - 5<sup>th</sup> highest in America - in 2006 140,000 of them were served, a 25% increase over the previous year
- ✓ There are over 100 free clinics within the network across Georgia - in both urban and rural areas
- ✓ Saves taxpayer dollars: a study in one community revealed a typical ER visit for a sore throat cost \$270. At a GFCN-affiliated clinic the actual cost of a patient visit is \$29 - including medication
- ✓ 95% of free clinics have an on-site pharmaceutical facility
- ✓ The Georgia State Auditor has said these clinics provide \$200 - \$400 million in health care costs annually



# We Bring Care to Life in Georgia



## Speakers Bureau

Are you looking for a speaker for your next civic, business or church event?

Contact **GFCN**. We will be happy to provide a program for your next meeting.

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**Did you know that today in Georgia there are 1.7 million uninsured people without access to quality health care?**

Fortunately there are hundreds of Georgia physicians, pharmacists, nurses, dentists and other professionals motivated by a desire to care for others or strengthen their community. These volunteers provide thousands of hours of time to help the working poor and uninsured get the quality care they need to stay healthy.

A majority of patients are in low-income jobs, with few or no benefits. This population is most vulnerable to disparities in treatment for chronic conditions. As a result they allow minor ailments or injuries to go unattended. By failing to effectively manage chronic diseases, patients develop unnecessary complications. The GFCN Clinics provide a medical home to the uninsured and underserved, and enable patients to better manage their health.



*Good News Clinics, Gainesville, Georgia.  
Georgia's Largest Free Clinic.*

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## **+** A Network of Charitable Health Services

The Georgia Free Clinic Network (**GFCN**) was founded in 2003 in a church. Its purpose? To lend a helping hand to create new free health clinics, expand existing clinic services, take part in the collective purchasing of medications and supplies, and provide life-saving and health-maintaining care for Georgia's neediest while saving taxpayers millions of dollars annually.



## **+** Bringing Care to Life for Georgia's Most Vulnerable

**GFCN** is an alliance of more than 100 free and sliding-scale health clinics staffed by volunteers. These clinics served over 140,000 primarily low-income, uninsured Georgians in 2006 – that's an increase of 25% from 2005. And, even then, over 30,000 patients seeking care were turned away due to the lack of capacity and resources.



## **+** Help Us Help Others

The generosity of private foundations and corporations only go so far. Religious and civic groups are a big help as well. But Georgians in search of care are still being turned away due to limited resources. That's why we need new partners to keep clinic doors open, to expand services and to start up additional clinics in underserved areas of Georgia.

**We need people like you.**

The Georgia Free Clinic Network is a testament to the spirit of giving back to the community. Your contribution will help us do what we do best: Help those providing care to the neediest among us.

## How You Can Help

Your contribution will help us bring care to life in Georgia. Make a difference today by sending a donation to:

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You can also donate online by clicking on the donate icon at [www.gfcn.org](http://www.gfcn.org). Your contribution to the **GFCN** is tax-deductible.

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