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bethesda news

Now there is in Jerusalem a pool called "Bethesda." Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed—waiting for the movement of the waters.

Event Calendar

Bethesda Alliance Meeting
November 15
Potpourri House

Room Naming Reception
December 9
Bethesda Health Clinic

Bethesda Alliance Meeting
December 20
Potpourri House

Bethesda Alliance Meeting
January 17
Potpourri House

**East Texas Mission of Mercy
Dental Clinic**
February 24-25
Bethesda Health Clinic

Dr. Luke Banquet
February 17
Willow Brook Country Club

Bethesda Alliance Meeting
February 21
Potpourri House

Bethesda Alliance Evening for "Crowns"
February 24
Tyler Civic Theater

**Bethesda Alliance "Tailgate
Celebration"**
March 20
Bethesda Health Clinic

Bethesda Alliance Meeting
April 17
Potpourri House

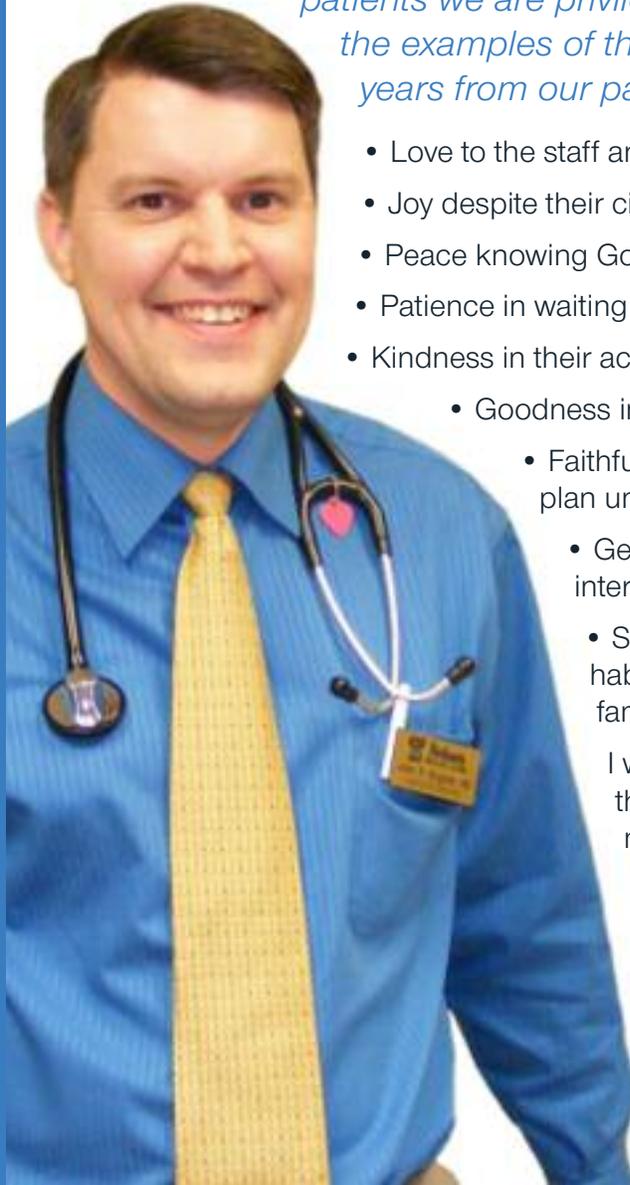
Bethesda Alliance Meeting
May 15
Crossroads Retreat Center

Día de las Madres Clinic
May 2012
Bethesda Health Clinic

**To learn more about these events
or Bethesda Health Clinic,
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Fruit of the spirit

Galatians 5:22 talks about the Fruit of the Spirit. The theme of this newsletter is about the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the work of Bethesda Clinic. So many times we think about this with our donors and our volunteers; however, we are also blessed to see this in the patients we are privileged to serve. Here are some of the examples of the "fruit" we have seen over the years from our patients:



- Love to the staff and volunteers;
- Joy despite their circumstances;
- Peace knowing God is in control;
- Patience in waiting for their condition to improve;
- Kindness in their actions and words;
- Goodness in helping others with similar conditions;
- Faithfulness to continue following the medical plan until they are able to see results;
- Gentleness as they wait for care and interacting with each other; and,
- Self-control to change previous bad habits and provide a new hope for their family.

I wish each of you could spend time at the clinic to truly see God at work in so many different ways. Thank you to everyone of you who helps this ministry empower so many to live fully healed lives.

John English
Executive Director



a legacy of **Love**

the jewel price story



By Nancy Lamar

In a life that spanned 93 years, Jewel Caldwell Price devoted herself to her church, community, civic service, and quiet, generous giving. Hers was not a big name. Yet, in every way that truly mattered, Jewel Price lived a big life and left a big legacy of love.

In December of 2002, the First Baptist Church of Tyler gave Bethesda Health Clinic its first financial contribution toward establishing healthcare services for the working uninsured of East Texas. Just a few short months later, Jewel Price took an enormous leap of faith and became the first individual to make a donation to Bethesda Health Clinic.

There was no building. There was no staff. There were no programs. There was just the idea that people of faith could work together to provide affordable healthcare for their neighbors. And Jewel Price wanted to be a part of that effort.

From that moment on, for the next six years, Mrs. Price made a monthly contribution to Bethesda. With each check she included a note of encouragement or a Bible verse. "When the clinic was so young and so few knew of what we were doing, those notes were

a great source of encouragement to us," said Dr. John English, Executive Director of Bethesda. "We knew there was someone else in the community joining us and lifting us up in this ministry."

Upon her death in 2008, Jewel Price made another "first gift" to Bethesda. She made the first planned gift to Bethesda Health Clinic in the form of a bequest from her estate. "When Mrs. Price's attorney notified us of this gift, I was so moved," said Dr. English. "Her ability to focus on the future and the needs of others is an inspiration to me, and I hope to others. She believed in the clinic and its work, and her planned gift says that she believed in our future. It is the ultimate gift, in many, many ways. It is truly a legacy of love to our community."

In recognition of Mrs. Price's generosity, faithfulness and vision for the future, the Board of Directors of Bethesda Health Clinic voted to create **The Jewel Society**. Those who join Mrs.



Price in making planned gifts to Bethesda will be recognized with membership in this honored group of donors who commit themselves and their resources to a vision for the future and a legacy of service to those in need.

"It is fitting that Jewel Price, the example of her "first gifts" and the example of her life of quiet, dedicated service be recognized with this naming," explained Bethesda Director of Development Diane Thomason.



the jewel price story, cont.

“Mrs. Price’s example of love for her community and vision for its continued well-being is a blessing and example to us all.”

Though she was never one to seek the limelight, Mrs. Price was, as her friend Mary Morris said, “a true jewel, just like her name. When she received praise she always smiled and just said, ‘I was on an assignment for our Lord.’”

Jewel Price never ran out of assignments. Her charitable efforts and dedicated service spanned numerous community organizations. Bethesda Health Clinic is grateful that she counted our work as one of her assignments for her Lord, and we are grateful to carry her name and her faithfulness into the future with the creation of **The Jewel Society**.

The Jewel Society: Planned Giving

The establishment of The Jewel Society offers donors a new way to leave a lasting legacy for our community. Like Jewel Price, concerned East Texans can continue to bless this community for generations to come by participating in planned giving.

Planned giving provides the opportunity to make a charitable contribution, during a lifetime or upon death, as part of a donor’s overall financial and/or estate planning. Planned gifts may be made in any amount and in a number of different ways, including: bequests of cash, stocks, equities, life insurance, retirement benefits and fixed assets. The Bethesda Foundation supervises planned gifts and can offer assistance with legal and financial issues.

If you would like more specific information about becoming a member of The Jewel Society or about planned giving opportunities, contact Bethesda’s Director of Development Diane Thomason at (903) 596-8353.

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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT FRONT ROW: DR. DAVID JONES, DR. G. DAVID GASS, DR. JEFF FIDONE
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT BACK ROW: DR. KETAN PATEL, DR. LUIS DESTARAC

Faithfulness

to our community
PULMONARY ASSOCIATES OF TYLER

Almost since its inception, Pulmonary Associates of Tyler have demonstrated their faithfulness to Bethesda Health Clinic and the East Texas community. According to Bethesda Executive Director Dr. John English, these dedicated professionals continue to play a critical role by assisting clinic patients with pulmonary disorders, including issues such as: lung masses, asthma and episodes of coughing.

Dr. English explained, "These doctors have provided valuable guidance, diagnostic services and medical expertise with pulmonary issues. Without their generous services, many patients wouldn't be able to get the critical care necessary for treating lung diseases and cancers in the early stages.

Dr. David Jones explained that Pulmonary Associates of Tyler

supports Bethesda because it helps the community and it serves a population that has difficulty accessing quality healthcare. Bethesda Health Clinic and its patients sincerely appreciate the devoted care of these gifted medical professionals.



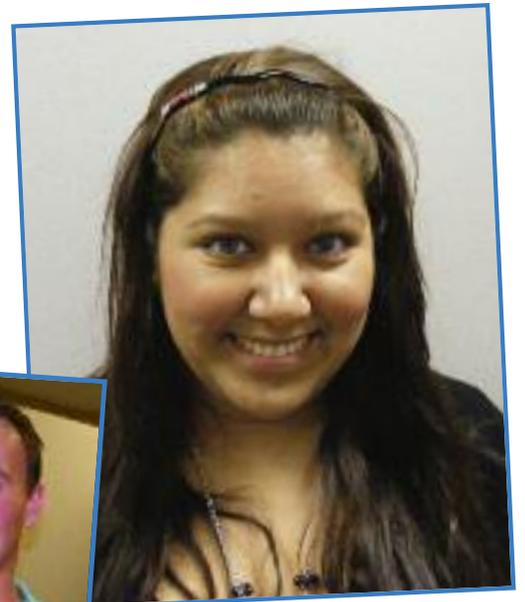
Area students generously volunteer their time and talents at Bethesda Health Clinic.

in service

Joy

I volunteer at Bethesda Health Clinic because I enjoy my time helping our community. There is so much that goes on at the clinic! I enjoy learning new tasks every day and figuring out situations. I have found a family that cares about us as volunteers and about every Bethesda patient!

—Edith Valle



For so long, I have wanted to help out in a medical clinic that provides services to the under-insured and uninsured people of our community. Although Bethesda Health Clinic has been established for many years, I only learned about its existence early this year. I called Bethesda the day I learned about it, and I was greeted with such warmth and welcoming – something I don't experience often. I have been volunteering here for about 7 months and I have loved every minute of it. The feelings of fulfillment and joy I get from being here are unmatched.

—Kaylie Eldore



As one of the youngest volunteers at Bethesda, I am honored to be part of such an awesome community of caring, open-hearted individuals. It is so rewarding to work as a screener and to see the gratitude of the patients. Not only can I sit with them and be the one to say “You are an approved patient, welcome to Bethesda,” but I also get to listen to their stories and share with them the healing love of Jesus. This clinic is not just about fixing broken bodies; Bethesda also aims to heal broken souls and offer a much more important service: the inner healing of Christ.

—Eliana Schulze



I volunteered at Bethesda hoping to serve my new community in a way that directly glorifies King Jesus. I didn't realize what a blessing the patients and my fellow volunteers would be to me as I adjust to school and work and life here in East Texas.

—Nathan Talbert

help, *hope,*

Bethesda Alliance recently hosted their popular Birthday Bash featuring celebrity cake decorating and auction. The annual event was attended by some 300 guests and raised much needed funds for the clinic's operations and services.

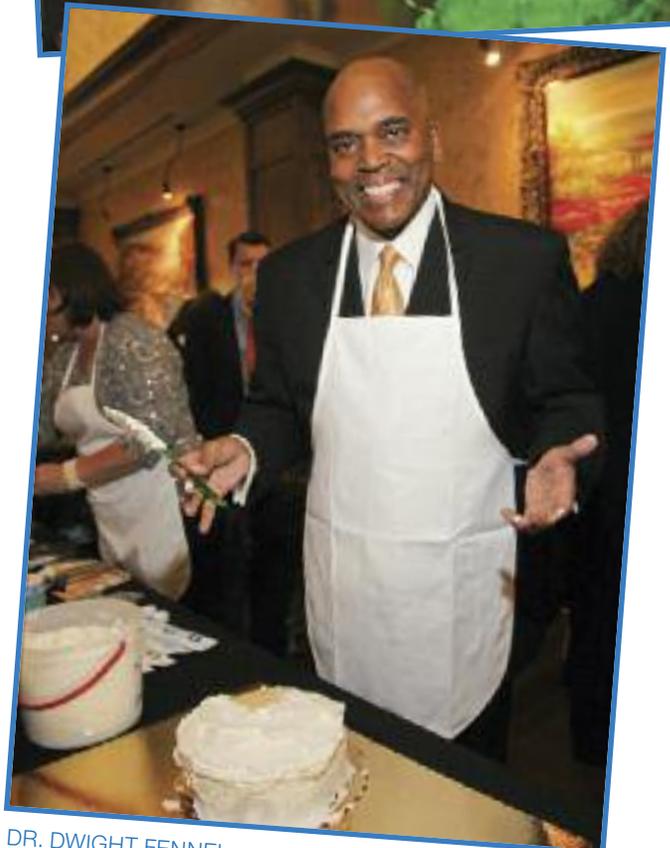
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BRITT AND SUNNI BROOKSHIRE



DR. DAVID NICHOLS



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and happenings



DR. PAUL POWELL, ED KING (SEATED), SANDRA KING, CATHY POWELL,
VICKI RAABE, AND DR. TODD RAABE

DR. SHERILYN AND PATRICK WILLIS



DAVID AND CATHY KRAFVE AND NELSON CLYDE

DR. BARBARA HUGGINS



DR. CRAIG HARRISON





Peace of mind

“He was never sick. Not a day in his life. He had never had an IV before. Never, ever!” says his wife Tamela as she reaches over to touch his arm with tender affection.



“I was having some lower back pain,” says the hard-working, physically fit man with the sparkly blue eyes. A painter and carpenter by trade, hard work and sore muscles were a daily regimen for Chris Childers. “I didn’t think anything about it,” he says, until he had other symptoms that were harder to ignore. So Tamela carried him to the emergency room, both assuming that he might be experiencing kidney stones.

For her, the experience was surreal. A heart attack survivor herself, Tamela was used to being the patient. Now, seeing her capable, gentle husband in pain was almost more than she could bear. That..... and the unknown. Peace of mind was threatening to slip away.

Cancer is a scary word, made worse for the Childers because they had no medical insurance to cover what was sure to be a long and expensive process. They were tempted to worry, even panic. Instead, they prayed.

As the doctor listened to their circumstances, he made a suggestion that proved to be a God-send. He explained that Bethesda Health Clinic was

a patient's story



By Cathy Primer Krafve

designed for hard-working people with no insurance. “We were just praying;” says Tamela, “then, we were so relieved there was someone out there to help.”

Still, like so many patients who have experienced medical problems and a healthcare system that is often difficult to navigate, Chris and Tamela assumed the worst. “We were thinking, ‘Oh this will take weeks, even months,’” says Tamela. But just a few days later, they sat down with a patient screener at Bethesda Health Clinic and worked through the paperwork together. “The very next week, he had an appointment,” says an amazed Tamela.

The volunteer health professionals at Bethesda walked Chris through the appointments, tests, and lab work that followed. “Everyone at the clinic, I mean from the receptionist to the man who takes the applications, the lab workers, our Patient Advocate, everyone makes you feel like you are very important,” says Tamela.

Since one of his kidneys was involved, radiation and chemotherapy were out of the question for Chris. Those would

risk damage to the remaining kidney. Surgery was their only hope. That...and prayer.

Soon, Chris was referred to a surgeon and scheduled for surgery to remove the tumor. The news was good. The doctor was able to remove the entire 5x3 centimeter mass and it was



entirely encased in the affected kidney. Tamela giggles recalling the initial moments in recovery after surgery. “They asked him who the president was,” she smiles. “McGruff, the crime fighting dog,” he finishes her sentence. She could hear the hospital staff laughing from the waiting room. “That’s my husband in there,” she thought.

“She was my rock through all of this...that, and prayer,” Chris says. “And, I definitely want to give credit to the people at Bethesda,” Tamela adds. “They were all so positive, helpful and caring.”

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The experience has had a lasting effect on Chris. “It opened my eyes to what is really important to me, like my family and prayer,” he says, “And, I learned I don’t like surgery,” he chuckles. Both now smile, with a cancer victory behind them, a bright future before them, and peace of mind beautifully restored!



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