



Ministry Moments



SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends of GHCCM,

It is a joy to touch so many lives each day. I hope you enjoy reading about the updates at GHCCM and the programs and services we continuously provide to those in need.

Questions remain about the changes at GHCCM that occurred in 2022. The attached list of *Questions & Answers* explains many details about decisions that were made in an effort to refocus our resources to ensure long-term stability.

[Click Here for GHCCM Q&A](#)

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Peace and Blessings,



Molly Sain
GHCCM Director



Haircuts Are Back!



After taking time off because of COVID, Larry Hooker has returned to GHCCM to volunteer his expertise and talent at giving haircuts. He serves both men and women on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Haircuts are available to those who are currently facing homelessness and all clients who have a GHCCM Medical Card. There is a personal dignity that a shower, clean clothes, and a haircut contributes to a person's feeling of self-confidence and public acceptance. At GHCCM, clients in need can receive all 3 services.



Feel Fresh, Look Fresh

From January to May of 2023, these services were utilized:

- 57 Loads of laundry
- 241 Mail pick-up
- 253 Showers
- 186 Received clothing from Crisis Closet
- 156 Hygiene products distributed



A Place to Call Home

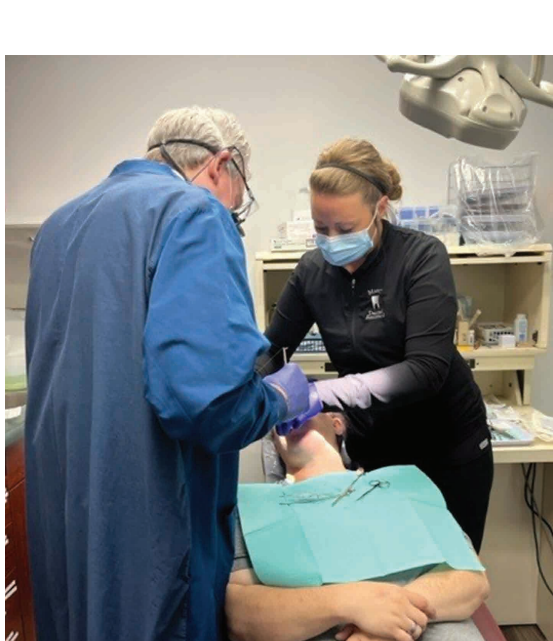


Crisis Financial Assistance plays a critical role in keeping people in their homes and offers support to prevent utility termination. Since January 1, 2023, Faith Curtis, Client Services Case Manager, has distributed \$111,458.59 to 249 households with a total of 607 people. Examples of those Faith has assisted:

- A family with 4 children who were evicted, became homeless and were living in their car or couch hopping. They found housing, but they needed assistance to make the security deposit. GHCCM provided the security deposit for the family to move into permanent housing
- A female, legally blind, moved to the US with her sister's help to escape domestic violence. As she waits for disability benefits, GHCCM helped with the security deposit and rent for her to move into housing
- A disabled client came to the ministry. The client's debt was \$2425 for past due rent. With no ability to pay because of being on a fixed income, Faith negotiated with the landlord and GHCCM was able to pay \$760 towards the debt and the remaining debt for rent was forgiven. The client was able to stay in the home



Life's Better When You Are Healthy



- The GHCCM Dental Clinic currently has 7 area dentists, 5 dental hygienists, 1 oral surgeon, 1 RN and 7 dental assistants who volunteer to provide extractions, fillings, diagnostics and hygiene cleanings
- The Medical Clinic has had 2376 patient visits since January 1, 2023
- The Eye Clinic has 1 physician volunteer who has treated 77 patients this year

Where Medicine Makes Sense



GHCCM Pharmacy carries a full supply of diabetic medication and supplies for qualifying patients, including oral diabetic medications, various types of insulins, and all supplies for blood sugar self-monitoring, all at low or no cost to the patient. GHCCM Pharmacy works with our Clinic's Hepatitis-C program to order specialty medications valued at around \$15,000 per month from the drug manufacturers for qualifying patients, again at little to no cost to the patient.

How You Can Help This Summer

GHCCM Is In Need of the Following Items:

- **Bottled water**
- **Trial size hygiene products:** shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, body wash, deodorant, comb/brush
- **Casual, everyday summer clothing, for men and women** t-shirts, shorts, shoes/sandals (all sizes)

Drop off at GHCCM Monday - Thursday 9-4, Friday - 9-11:30



Coming Attractions

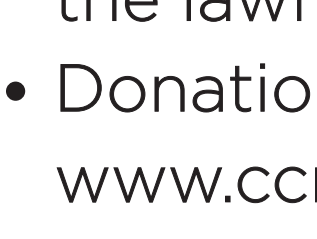
GHCCM will be the featured non-profit at the following:



The Hum presents Thurston Howell Band

Saturday, July 15, 7:30 pm

- Take a journey through the iconic soft rock songs of the 70s and 80s
- Tickets \$15 advance and \$20 at the gate, 227 2nd Ave. SW, outdoor venue on the lawn
- Donations to GHCCM will be accepted through the ministry website www.ccmhickory.org



Crawdads' Baseball

Sunday, Aug 27, 2:00 pm

- Sunday outing at the ballpark
- Crawdads vs. Greenville Drive, LP Frans Stadium
- Donations of new or used, clean, refillable water bottles will be accepted in return for a free parking voucher



Big - 'Thank You' - Winning Results in Support of GHCCM



GHCCM receives a \$25,000 grant from The Leon Levine Foundation

- This grant provides funding for day-to-day operations, such as facility expenses, payroll, supplies, etc



GHCCM announces that the on-site Medical Clinic recently received the 2023 Standards Gold Rating from the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC)

- The mission of the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics is to ensure the medically underserved have access to affordable health care



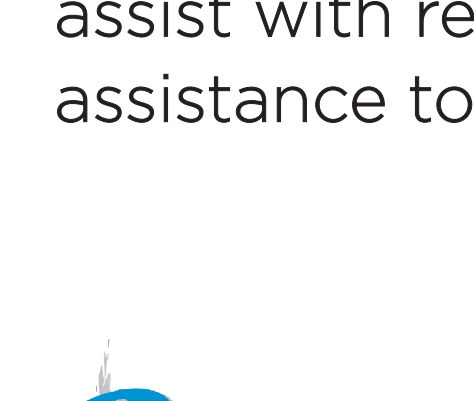
First Watch, in Hickory selected GHCCM as the featured non-profit for their soft opening of the restaurant located at 1510 8th St. Dr. SE, Hickory, at the corner of LR Blvd. & Hwy 70

- For 2 days, customers were treated to a free breakfast or brunch as the staff was training to open on Monday, June 19. Through the generous donations from those attending, GHCCM raised over \$9000!!!! Thank you First Watch!



Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry (GHCCM) is the recipient of funding from the Catawba County United Way

- Recently, Molly Sain, GHCCM Executive Director, accepted a check in the amount of \$20,000 from the local United Way. The monies will be used to assist with rent and mortgage for those who are facing eviction or who need assistance to secure a home or apartment



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