

# GUADALUPE FREE CLINIC OF COLONIAL BEACH, INC.

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## NEWSLETTER

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**CLINIC REMAINS OPEN DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC:** The Clinic has continued to operate throughout this pandemic. In March we provided a multi-month supply of medications to our patients, especially those with chronic diseases. We also instituted special protocols to prevent the virus from infecting our patients and volunteers. Any patients experiencing potential Coronavirus symptoms are immediately directed to our medical partner, Mary Washington Hospital (MWH). We are now seeing 30+ patients each week, which is now more than before March. Based on the tremendous need, the Clinic is also collecting and providing donated grocery items to our patients.

**GRANT:** The Clinic is pleased to announce receipt of a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund and the River Counties COVID-19 Response Fund advisory committee. The grant was issued to provide funding for medical supplies, cleaning supplies and increased expenses due to the COVID-19 crisis in Westmoreland County.

**CLINIC INCREASES ELIGIBILITY TO REACH MORE UNINSURED RESIDENTS:** In April, MWH increased their Financial Assistance by providing a 70% discount to uninsured patients with income between 201% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The Clinic Board of Directors decided to follow MWH's lead and approved the Clinic to increase our eligibility to match MWH: The Clinic continues to provide free medical care to our patients. However, those who's income falls between 201% to 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, will be required to certify that they are responsible for 30% of any services received from MWH. Over the past two months we have seen a gradual increase in new uninsured patients signing up for our services.

**CLINIC BECOMES AN OFFICIAL RX PARTNERSHIP (RxP) AFFILIATE PARTNER:** RxP was founded in 2003 as a non-profit Virginia organization to coordinate the donation of bulk brand medications from pharmaceutical manufacturers to non-profit clinics with licensed pharmacies. In 2017 they expanded coverage to clinics without pharmacies. RxP provides over 126 medications to treat over 51 chronic conditions including, depression, anxiety, asthma/COPD, high-blood pressure and diabetes. The Clinic will now receive numerous brand name pharmaceutical medications for our patients, for free.

**THE 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC POSTPONED UNTIL JULY 30, 2021** After consulting with the leadership of the GFC and golf committee, we have elected to postpone this year's event until July 30, 2021 - still at our new location at Heritage Hunt Golf and Country Club in Gainesville, VA. We look forward to seeing you at next year's event and even beforehand at our annual Roses of Castile Gala in February 20, 2021 at Old Hickory Golf Club in Woodbridge. Please see [guadalupefreeclinic.org](http://guadalupefreeclinic.org) for details. Thanks for your continued support of the Clinic. Let us pray for a lasting resolution to this crisis.

**SAVE THE DATE – FOR THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROSES OF CASTILE GALA (February 20, 2021):** The Gala will again be held at the Old Hickory Golf Club in Woodbridge, Virginia. Gala 2021 information and Tickets will be available in October 2021.

**TILMA CIRCLE PROGRAM:** The program attracts supporters of the Clinic to consider a monthly donation to the general fund to defray our costs and help us project income for the year. Due to our low overhead costs, every \$100 donated translates into \$1,200 of free health care services! There is no minimum amount to donate in order to join! Even a \$20/month donation helps! Simply visit the clinic website at [guadalupefreeclinic.org](http://guadalupefreeclinic.org) and click on the Tilma Circle button on the home page. Questions? Please contact us via the emails listed on the website or call (804) 224-0571.

**OUR NEEDS: YOUR PRAYERS** and *pharmacists, pharmacist technicians, bi-lingual interpreters, eligibility coordinators, doctors and nurses!* Contact Lance Carrington at [lcarrington@guadalupefreeclinic.org](mailto:lcarrington@guadalupefreeclinic.org).

**We are happy to provide charitable contribution end of the year statements for your tax purposes. Please make checks payable to: GFC OF CB, Inc.**