



# Good News FROM MOUNTAIN HOPE GOOD SHEPHERD CLINIC

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM MOUNTAIN HOPE GOOD SHEPHERD CLINIC

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## SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

*Dr. Richard Dew*



Dr. Dew has served as our Medical Director for almost 20 years. He has served greatly in this position all while doing it as a volunteer. Dr. Dew continues to see patients on a regular basis at the Clinic and pours into students with his teachings. He is the epitome of a faithful servant.



We were so honored to be recognized and receive the "Friend of Sevier County" Award at the Stars of the Industry Awards this year.

## SEPTEMBER- SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH



Here at Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic, we understand the importance of mental health. We have expanded our behavioral health services and now offer therapy visits. We see the great need for this resource and are planning to increase our services. There is a new national lifeline for Suicide and Crisis. The number is **988**. We want to always let people know there is hope. Please let us know how we can help.

Friday, September 9, 2022 was a milestone for us. With the help of all of our volunteers and everyone who purchased raffle tickets, we were able to raise over \$60,000 for the Clinic and our patients. We are grateful to everyone who made this such a success!

*Raffle for Hope*

### Thank you to those that donated to make this event possible:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Woods Hippensteal           | Smoky Mountain Arena | Ole Smoky       |
| Vern Hippensteal            | Lowe's               | Smartbank       |
| Leonard and Caroline Waring | The Old Mill         | Joe Keener      |
| Rocky Top Wine Trail        | Michael McCroskey    | Ober Gatlinburg |
| Barbara McGill              | Austin Williams      |                 |

## ALWAYS LEARNING



Here at the Clinic, the staff are encouraged and supported in their education and professional growth. We would like to congratulate Jasmine Ortiz on becoming a Certified Phlebotomist. We are so proud of you!

SMILE ON 65+ is a statewide oral health program that improves the overall well-being of older adults with limited income by removing barriers to affordable dental care. Please contact us to see if you qualify for this program.



**QUARTERLY BIBLE VERSE**  
*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*  
Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV

# A WORD FROM OUR MEDICAL DIRECTOR

BY DR. RICHARD DEW

"Please pay at time of service." This sign is posted in many doctors' offices. Mountain Hope does not have such a sign. However, many patients at our clinic behave as if we had another notice - "Please express appreciation at time of service." I am amazed at how many of our patients end their visit with: "Thank you," "God bless you," or "I don't know what I would do without the clinic." This is often accompanied with tears or a hug.

I can state from experience, this is not common in private practice.

I think there are two reasons for this behavior.

First, they are treated with dignity and respect. Very low-income people have little economic or political clout. They fill

the jobs others don't want and are often regarded with condescension or are just ignored. Not so at Mountain Hope. We recognize they have feelings and value.

I believe our attitude toward our patients stems from the very reason we work for Mountain Hope. Almost to a person, medical, nursing and administrative staffs could earn significantly more in the private sector. But, to them, their work for Mountain Hope is more than just a job. It is a calling. It is their ministry. The same is true of our volunteers and Board members.

They seem to have taken the apostle Paul seriously - "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." Col. 3:23.

This attitude is not lost to our patients. It is not lost on us.

We get as much out of working here as the patients get from coming here for treatment. It spills over to the support staff, visitors and even to those with whom we do business.

Several years ago, we renovated the front office. The person installing the counters and windows for the receptionists spent two days working on or around the front desk. There he was able to observe the staff's interactions with patients at the desk and on the phone. When he finished the job, he left a message with his invoice. "I had no idea of the good work you do." The last item on the invoice read, "No Charge."

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matt. 25:40



Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic is a community clinic which provides quality healthcare for the medically uninsured who live or work in Sevier County, Tennessee.

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

### ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN TO START IN 2022

At the Open House in November, Board President Michael McCroskey unveiled a special project that has been in development over the past year. He announced the Clinic will now have a formal annual giving campaign called, "The Shepherd's Circle." McCroskey stated, "Our new annual giving campaign creates an opportunity for long time supporters and new servants to give in a structured way that ensures the Clinic's needs will be met now and in the future to better serve sevier county." This annual campaign now has giving levels and is named carefully from the values that the Clinic embodies. The highest level honors Clinic founders, Dr. Alyene Reese

and Sue Ellen Riddle. The group of monthly givers will be called "Faithful Shepherds." The Clinic is extremely grateful for the donors that already give to the Clinic but hopes this will help cultivate new givers and invest in the mission of the Clinic. More information will be formally mailed out in January 2022 but any gift made now and going forward will be listed under The Shepherd's Circle.

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**-MICHAEL MCCROSKEY,  
BOARD PRESIDENT**

## The Shepherd's Circle ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

REESE/RIDDLE SERVANTS LEVEL  
\$20,000 +

MOUNTAIN MOVERS  
\$10,000

WAYMAKERS  
\$5,000

PILLARS OF HOPE  
\$1,200

HOPEFUL HEARTS  
\$600

