

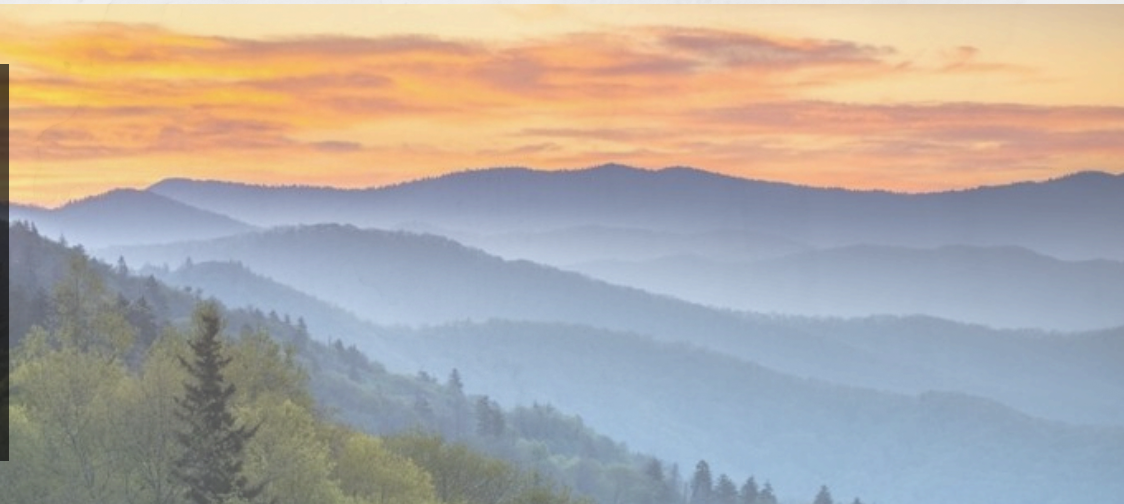


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A WORD FROM OUR MEDICAL DIRECTOR

BY DR. RICHARD DEW

Low income and no health insurance is an unfortunate reality for over 17,000 Sevier County residents. The likelihood that they can get help through TennCare is almost nonexistent.

So, what happens if they get sick? They have two options: Go to the emergency room where their bill will range from \$500 upwards, or they can come to Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic. Here they will receive quality, compassionate, affordable care. Our providers know how to provide high-grade care without bankrupting the patient. A recent case is a good example of this.

A young man came to us for follow-up care after being hospitalized for a diabetic coma. In our office his blood sugar was noted to be over 400!

We found he had not filled his prescriptions from the hospital. He had gone to the pharmacy, and his prescriptions from the hospital totaled more than \$2000. Our provider was able to switch him to less costly generic medications and get him patient assistance for the exorbitantly priced insulin from the pharmaceutical company at no cost. His total medicine costs were less than \$200. He has not been hospitalized since.

Each year our patient assistance coordinator gets over one million dollars-worth of expensive medications for which there is no substitute with only a \$10.00 administrative fee per medication each month.

Our care for the uninsured not only benefits our patients and their employers, but also the entire local medical community. During the pandemic, we tested over 2000 patients for Covid and treated hundreds of positive reactors, taking this load off local doctors. We also supported Covid vaccination efforts for the county. In addition to this, we provide follow-up care for the uninsured when they require hospitalization. This would otherwise fall to local physicians.

In the coming season of giving and thanksgiving, we are grateful for your generosity to help us keep our community healthy and functioning.

SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

Jennifer Love

Jennifer has served Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic and its patients since 2009. Jennifer gives her time by serving alongside our nursing staff. She joins us on the days that Dr. Dew is with us. She is always joyful in her work and we are so grateful to have her on our team.



OUR GRATITUDE KNOWS NO BOUNDS



Michael McCroskey has served as our Board President the last two years. His term ends this December. We are beyond grateful for his leadership, guidance and presence. The past two years Michael has helped lead many initiatives that have impacted the Clinic in positive ways that have greatly benefited our patients and staff. We are very thankful for you Michael! You always have a place here at Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic.