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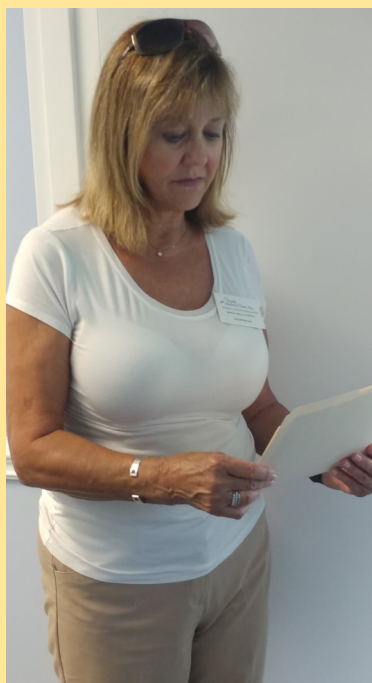
With many patients working full-time during the tourist season and volunteers off on vacation, summer tends to be a little less hectic than other seasons. Not this year! Between a record number of new patients and volunteers, adding a Tuesday evening clinic, starting new diabetes group education appointments at both locations and the implementation of a new volunteer management system, practically every exam room, every office, every workstation is occupied at both clinics Monday through Friday. In addition to regular medical appointments, there is Eye Clinic, Diabetes Group Education, Mental Health Counseling, Cardiology Clinic, Neurology Clinic and other specialty clinics. We're thrilled to have Tideland Health/MUSC residents seeing patients on Tuesday evenings in Pawleys and to welcome several students to summer internships at both clinic locations. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, including several new folks, patients have been able to talk to a live person via phone between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. most every day. The clinic is a happy and energetic beehive of activity this summer and I encourage you to stop by to see your gift in action, providing health and wellness for our vulnerable neighbors.

Anne Faul



Meet Maria Della-Cioppa: Our Newest Bilingual Volunteer

I never thought volunteering would bring me such joy. I worked hard all my life and as I got older I wanted to spend my time doing things for me. The thought of volunteering crossed my mind in several occasions but I never took the time to really consider it. My daughter volunteers at the clinic and her stories, enthusiasm and passion was so contagious which led me to try it out.



I attended the volunteer orientation where I met many others with the same passion for donating their time to help others. They gave us a tour and met more volunteers at the clinic where I realized we are all from different backgrounds and walks of life, yet at SMC, we are all on the same mission of helping those in need.

I got hooked instantly!

I am originally from South America, Argentina and love the opportunity to use my language to connect people. I started two months ago interpreting and filing.

I enjoy staying busy and helping in anything that needs to get done.

Never did I imagine volunteering would be this rewarding. I wish I would have started sooner.

Thank you, Smith Clinic, for the opportunity.

Where there is a Will

By: Michael Thomas



Where there is a Will there is a way.

That is if you have a will.

National research tells us that between 60% and 75% of people die without a will. What does this mean for you? What happens to your estate?

In South Carolina if you die intestate (without a will) the state will give your surviving spouse half and the rest will be divided between your children.

And the state also will name your executor. This is certainly a case of one size not fitting all.

What if you have grown children that are financially grounded and you want the bulk of your estate to go to your spouse? You need a will.

What if you have a special needs spouse or child and you want to give a larger than state mandated amount? You need a will.

What if you want your estate to go to totally outside your family? You need a will.

What if you want to designate your executor? You need a will.

What if you already have a will? Great. Just make sure you revisit your decisions at least once every five years. Babies are born, people close to you die, marriages happen as well as divorces. What if you make changes to your final plans? Make sure these get incorporated into your will.

I also hope that you will join me in making Smith Medical Clinic a beneficiary in your plans. Trying to arrive at a specific amount left me puzzled so I decided on a percentage to be left to the clinic.

That way, no matter if there are changes to my estate, my wishes will be consistent. I strongly urge you to take action while you still have time and are in a good place mentally.

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We focus on education, prevention and early detection of disease.



Volunteer At SMC



Get involved!

All skills are needed. Giving your time can make a difference in someone else's life....and your own!

Contact Dina Wells for volunteer opportunities:

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“Volunteers are not paid— not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless”

Welcome our new Volunteers

Reception: Anna Guzzi, Dianne Kennedy

Eye Clinic: Betsy Nemeth

Providers: James Mensone, MD, Gerald Tiller, MD

Nurses: Joan Yeager, RN

Students: Rhiana Langley, RN, Jordan Brown, Armani Sumpter, Emily Crosby

**Medical Residents doing rotations at Smith Medical Clinic through the MUSC/
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Dr. Michael Ouzts

Dr. Sean Nguyen

Dr. Vasudha Jain

Dr. Heber Watson

Dr. Christine Greipp

Dr. Anthony Germinario

Dr. Benjamin Berteau

Dr. Justin Katz



Dr. Cathcart Smith

“ For years, I had suggested to many retirees who had come under my care that they should consider retiring to something rather than from something.”

Smith Medical Clinic was established in 1985 by Dr. Cathcart Smith and his wife Nancy in an 8-foot wide trailer with office and medical equipment from Dr. Smith's former medical office. Initially, Dr. Smith recruited five retired doctors and a dozen nurses to volunteer at the Clinic. This volunteer model has become a Smith Clinic tradition. Today, over 200 volunteers, aided by a small, part-time staff and financial support from the community, provide complete medical care for over 2,000 low-income, uninsured, Georgetown County residents a year for less than \$250 per patient per year.

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