

Restoring Dignity to Working Poor Becomes More Challenging as Coastal Bend Economy Worsens

The working poor always find it difficult to make ends meet, especially when it comes to securing medical care for themselves and their families. In troubling economic times, they feel the pinch faster and more severely than others due to layoffs, reduction in hours, and loss of benefits such as health insurance. That makes donations from foundations, corporations, and individuals especially important in times like these, and we want to thank those who have contributed to Mission of Mercy and encourage others to join them. Below is a list of organizations and foundations that have contributed to our cause since July of 2007:

All Saints Episcopal Church
 Blanche Moore Foundation
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 Coastal Bend Community Foundation
 Coastal Bend Diabetes Initiative
 Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Kennedy Foundation
 Dudley T. Dougherty Foundation
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 Robin and Lou Carter Family Foundation
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Mission of Mercy, P.O. Box 8341, Corpus Christi, TX 78468 OR 719 S. Shoreline Blvd., Suite 103, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Call 361-883-5500 or 361-446-0202



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“Mercy Perspectives”

Coastal Bend

Mobile Medical Clinic

Spring 2009

Our Mission

Mission of Mercy is a non-profit organization started in 1994 in Maryland and Pennsylvania “to restore dignity to the sick, poor, and homeless by providing free basic medical care and Healing through Love.” Our mobile clinic is a medical outreach program designed to make quality primary healthcare available to uninsured and under-insured Coastal Bend workers.

Our History

In 2005, Mission of Mercy received an invitation to establish a mobile healthcare program from the Roman Catholic Bishop, The Most Reverend Edmond Carmody, who saw the tremendous need for our services. Donations from individuals, businesses, and charitable foundations has allowed us to deliver free medical care and medications since on Sept. 17, 2007.

Clinic Schedules

Mission of Mercy serves patients at locations in Bishop, Corpus Christi, Flour Bluff, Orange Grove and Robstown. For a clinic calendar and information on scheduling appointments, please turn to Page 4. Tour information can be found on Page 5.

Patients Reduce ER Visits Thanks to MOM Clinic at First United Methodist

First United Methodist church (FUMC) of Corpus Christi is accustomed to playing a leadership role in helping the less fortunate in our community. Now they generously offer their campus for our clinic site and “Coffee with M.O.M.” clinic tours to help us provide free healthcare and prescription medications to uninsured and under-insured working citizens.

Patients who receive regular healthcare and prescriptions at our FUMC location are bringing chronic and life-threatening conditions under control, enabling them to care for their families, return to work and school, and lead healthier lives. Most significantly, our patients no longer have to use the emergency room as a doctor’s office. This reduces financial strain on all concerned: hospitals, patients, and you, the taxpayers. One patient who last year sought care five times at local emergency rooms, has had no emergency



First United Methodist Church, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd., has been a staunch supporter of M.O.M. The church donates its facilities, including its parlor for our “Coffee With M.O.M.”

room visits thanks to the FUMC clinic, where she is seen regularly by volunteer physicians and receives her medications.

We are blessed to have FUMC as a partner in helping Mission of Mercy in providing “Healing Through Love.”

Mercy in the Morning!

Invite your friends and join us for a thank-you breakfast on December 1. This special morning is designed to share the mission and vision of Mission of Mercy in our community, and how we want to build long-term relationships with those who believe in our cause. Mark your calendars now for “Mercy in the Morning.” Call 361-883-5500.

A Day in the Life of a Miss



Upon arrival, patients sign in. They do not have to “prove” their poverty, allowing them to seek help while maintaining dignity.



After visiting with physicians and receiving prescription medications, patients visit with nurses to receive counseling to make sure they understand possible side-effects and the correct way to take their medicines. Mission of Mercy becomes a medical home for people who otherwise would not have one.



Volunteer nurses discuss health problems and do follow-up evaluations with patients. They also conduct as many as 13 diagnostic tests.



Coastal Bend Businesses Enhance M.O.M.'s Mission By Donating Goods and Services

No non-profit organization can be successful unless the community in which it operates embraces its mission. The individuals and organizations below have generously donated goods and services to Mission of Mercy, allowing us to direct more funds toward patient care. In fact, thanks in these donors and Mission of Mercy's volunteers, 82 cents of every dollar donated goes to provide free healthcare and prescription medications to our patients. Please join us in thanking the following for their generosity:

Bishop Community Churches, Lunches for MOM Staff
Bob Hilliard, Office Space October 2007 Through March 2009
CHRISTUS Spohn, Lab Services
Corpus Christi Medical Center, Space for Meds Storage and Packing
Doctors Regional Medical Center, Lab Services, Portable Defibrillator
Driscoll Children's Hospital, Lab Services
Dusty Durrill and James Gourley, Gourley Contracting, Parking for RV

First Methodist Church, Bishop, Clinic Location
First United Methodist Church, Clinic Location
Quest Diagnostics, Lab Testing
Radiology Associates, X-Ray Diagnostics for Patients
St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, Orange Grove, Clinic Locations
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Clinic Locations
Wesley Community Center, Robstown Clinic Location

Medical Director Honored for Career Achievements

Dr. Coleen Madigan, M.D., Mission of Mercy's medical director since the Texas program's inception, was one of nine local women honored for professional achievement by the YWCA in March.

The Y Women in Careers Banquet, held annually since 1979, recognizes outstanding achievement by Coastal Bend women in various fields. Dr. Madigan, who has worked



Dr. Coleen Madigan

In the medical profession in Corpus Christi since 1984, maintains a part-time private practice as well as serving as M.O.M.'s medical director.

Her desire to address the growing need of the uninsured and underinsured working poor fostered her desire to serve as Mission of Mercy's medical director. Congratulations to Dr. Madigan for a quarter century of service.

We Need Your Help!

Volunteers Needed to Help Fulfill Our Mission of Mercy

Physicians
Nurses

Pharmacists
Hospitality

Interpreters
Driver/Security

Administrative
Fund-raising

Your Donations Will Help Provide Free Medical Care to Coastal Bend Residents “Falling Through The Cracks” in Our Healthcare System

Many People Can't Afford Medical Care. You Can Help By Making a Tax Deductible Donation Using the Envelope Included With This Newsletter or By Mailing a Donation to P.O. Box 8341, Corpus Christi, TX 78468. Or Call Patty Clark, Executive Director, at 361-883-5500 or 361-446-0202.

M.O.M. Receives \$40,000 Grant for Helping to Prevent, Treat Diabetes

Praised for its work in battling diabetes “on the front lines,” Mission of Mercy received a \$40,000 grant from the Coastal Bend Diabetes Initiative (CBDI) on March 24. The CBDI is a collaborative effort between the medical profession, community leaders, and local industry.

Dr. Stephen Ponder, MD, Chairman of the CBDI, made the presentation on Diabetes Alert Day, a day established to promote the importance of being tested for diabetes and working to prevent it.

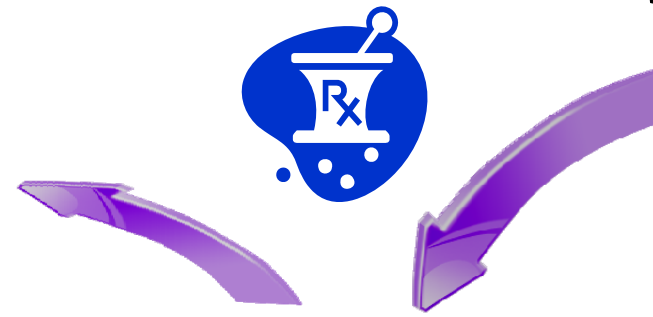
“We are very impressed with our new grant recipients, who demonstrate innovative ideas and approaches for addressing the diabetes epidemic through public awareness, patient education, and prevention,” Ponder said.

M.O.M. received the largest of seven grants funded in the \$125,000 third phase. In Nueces County, 40,000 people have diabetes and another 40,000 have pre-diabetes. It’s projected that 1 in 3 children born in 2000 and after will develop diabetes.



Lynette Navar, Nursing Director, Patty Clark, Executive Director, and Dr. Coleen Madigan, Medical Director, are interviewed by Shane Barker of KEDT-radio after the check presentation..

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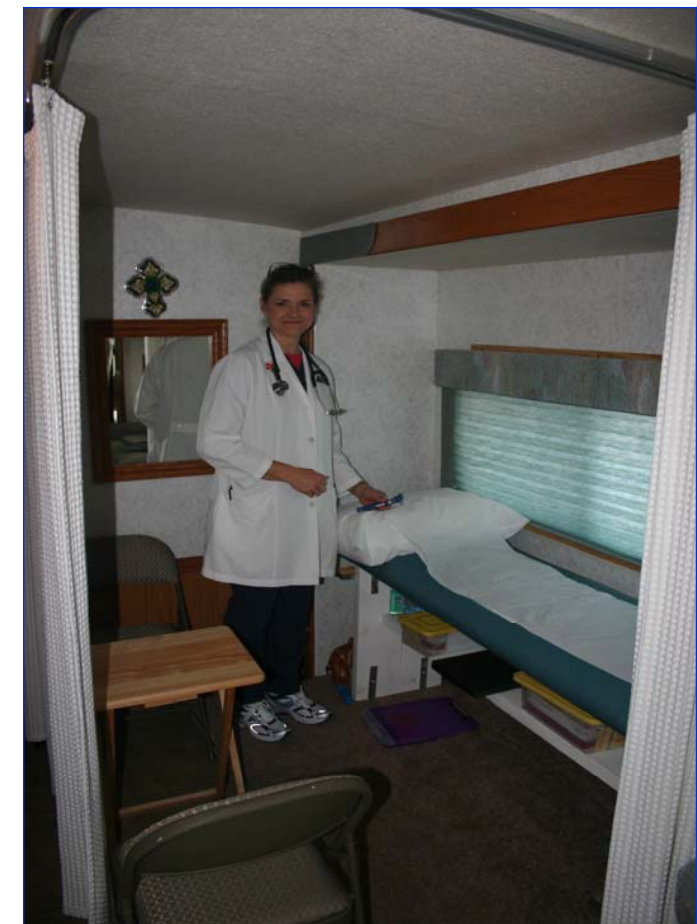
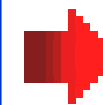
Patients receive diagnosis and treatment from physicians who often prescribe prescription medicines.



Our formulary is stocked with approximately 225 prescription medications.



Patients visit with physicians and others in our 37-foot RV equipped as a mobile clinic.

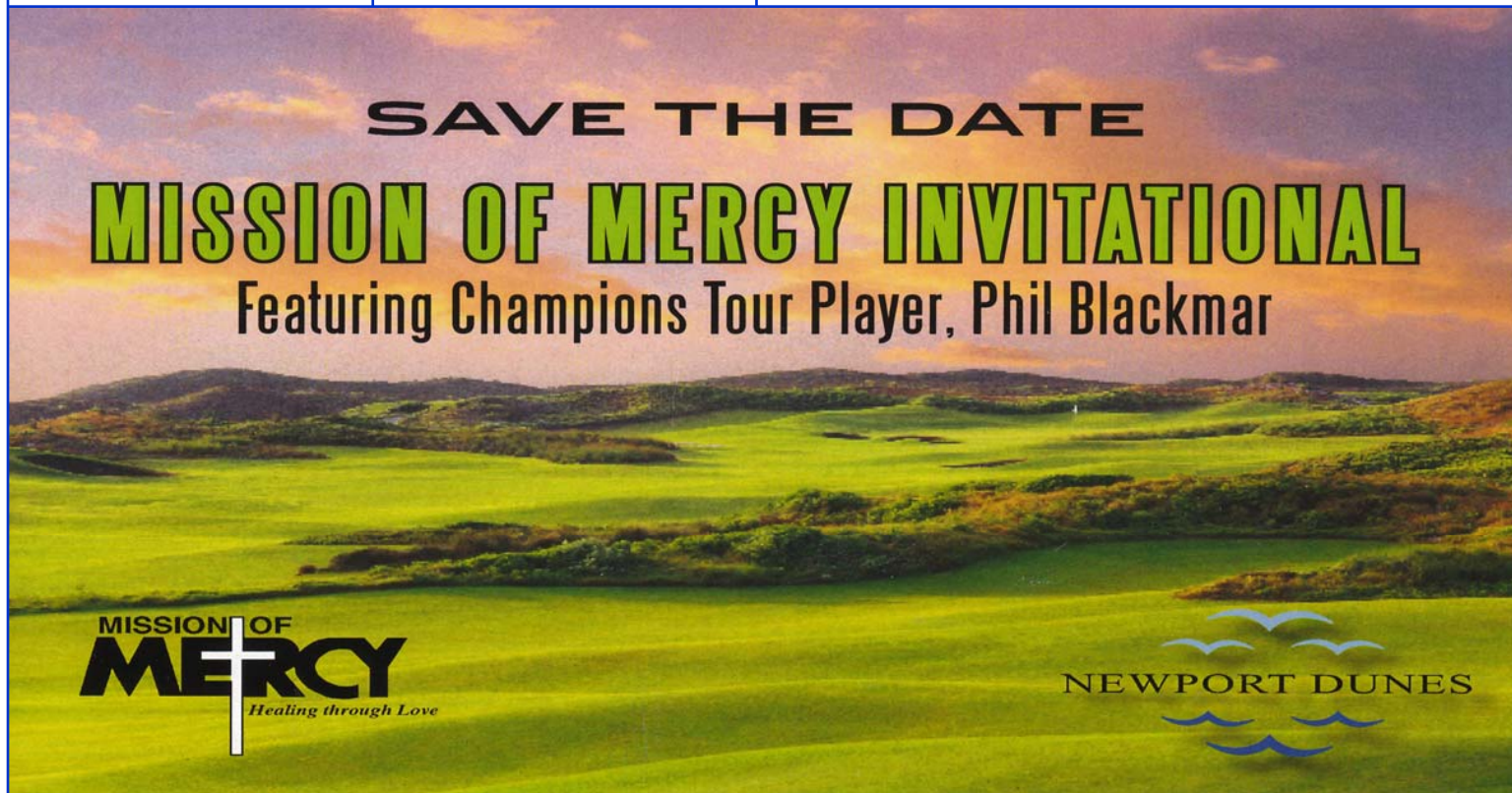


Our mobile clinic has three exam rooms.

SAVE THE DATE

MISSION OF MERCY INVITATIONAL

Featuring Champions Tour Player, Phil Blackmar



Golf lovers are invited to participate in the first annual Mission of Mercy Invitational featuring Corpus Christi’s own Phil Blackmar. This fund-raising tournament is scheduled for Sunday May 3 at Newport Dunes Golf Club in Port Aransas. Lunch will be catered by Jason’s Deli and awards, auction and dinner will be provided by Outback Steakhouse at Raymond Gignac’s beach house. Call 361-443-0558 or 361-446-0202.

Mission of Mercy Clinic Schedule

Free healthcare and prescription medications are offered one to three times per month on Mondays and Wednesdays at five Coastal Bend locations. To make an appointment for the Flour Bluff or Corpus Christi clinics, call 361-939-7207 between 9 a.m. and noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. To make an appointment in Bishop, Orange Grove or Robstown, call 361-549-9000 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Monday			Wednesday		
	Date	Location	Date	Location	
May	4	FUMC-CC	6	WCC-Robstown	
	11	St. Paul-CC	13	St. John-Orange Grove	
	18	FUMC-CC	20	FUMC-Bishop	
	25	CLOSED	27	WCC-Robstown	
June	1	St. Paul-CC	3	St. John-Orange Grove	
	8	FUMC-CC	10	FUMC-Bishop	
	15	St. Paul-CC	17	WCC-Robstown	
	22	FUMC-CC	24	St. John-Orange Grove	
	29	St. Paul-CC			
July			1	FUMC-Bishop	
	6	CLOSED	8	CLOSED	
	13	FUMC-CC	15	WCC-Robstown	
	20	St. Paul-CC	22	St. John-Orange Grove	
	27	FUMC-CC	29	FUMC-Bishop	

FUMC-B: First United Methodist Church
804 East 6th Street
Bishop, Texas 78343

FUMC-CC: First United Methodist Church
900 South Shoreline Boulevard
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

St. John-OG: St. John of the Cross Catholic Church
200 South Metz Street
Orange Grove, TX 78372

St. Paul-B: St. Paul the Apostle
223 Waldron Road
Corpus Christi, Texas 78418

WCC-Robstown: Wesley Community Center-Robstown
414 North Matiana Ortiz Boulevard
Robstown, Texas 78380

M.O.M. Shares Mission with Media, Public at Cover the Uninsured Week News Conference



Patty Clark, our executive director, was invited to share the M.O.M. story of restoring dignity through "Healing with Love" at the *Cover the Uninsured Week* news conference at CHRISTUS Spohn Memorial Hospital. Clark invited those in attendance to a "Coffee With M.O.M." clinic tour.

The seventh annual *Cover the Uninsured Week* once again drew attention to the fact that 47 million Americans do not have health insurance, including 9 million children.

More than eight out of 10 are working families like the patients who have made Mission of Mercy their medical home.

CHRISTUS Spohn Health System drew media attention to the week, designated as March 22-28, with a news conference held outside the entrance to

CHRISTUS-Spohn Memorial Hospital.

Members of the news media and hospital staff heard from CHRISTUS-Spohn Bruce Holstein, CEO, Sister Carol Ann Jokorst, Vice President of Mission Integration, and Patty Clark, Executive Director of Mission of Mercy, who described M.O.M.'s mission and shared stats on the number of patients served.

In 2008, Mission of Mercy recorded 2,036 patient visits and dispensed 2,760 free prescriptions.

"Coffee With M.O.M." Schedule

Join Doctors, Nurses, Leadership Council Members, and Other Volunteers for an Open House and 1-Hour Clinic Tour from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

First United Methodist Church Parlor
900 South Shoreline Blvd.

May 4	June 8	June 22	
July 13	July 27	August 10	August 24
September 14	September 28	October 12	October 26
November 9	November 23	December 7	December 21

See Our Clinic in Action!

Please arrive by 9 a.m. to register and enjoy light refreshments
To join us, call Patty Clark, Executive Director, at 883-5500 or 446-0202. Or send an e-mail to pclark@amissionofmercy.org
Special times for group tours are available.