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A Christmas Gift

You are our best Christmas Gift. Thank you for caring and being a part of our vision and dreams. In our June newsletter we had so much to share with you. Since then, The blessing have continued.

Our Students

This semester we have three students: Deb Smith of our very own Emmitsburg has worked twenty-five plus years for the county health department and has been very aggressive in her outreach to those in need. Not being satisfied with past accomplishments, Deb has gone back to school to become a nurse practitioner. Deb still works full time and rotates with our office and with Dr. Christine Curley to meet her internship requirements. Deb comes after 6 PM to be with us and sometimes does not leave until after 9 PM. A long day for many, but Deb never lets on if she is tired. Deb Smith has truly come to enjoy the osteopathic manipulation sessions as well as the internal medicine visits. Alexis Bailey is a college graduate who is getting her feet wet in medicine. Alexis hopes to get her applications in for medical school soon. Carmen Maggi is completing her training as medical assistant. She has had many loves and says she is still looking for her niche in medicine. Carmen is a pro giving flu shots to all who will have them. Very committed to her learning, she has an eye into serving the Hispanics in our area.

Fame at Last

Dr. Bonita Portier, D.O. teaches medicine from the heart. In is part of our mission to educate all who have an interest in medicine and wish to learn at Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center. It is wonderful to receive the thank you notes of our students as they advance in their career. One student, now Dr. Martha Bowman, D.O. nominated us for the Teacher of the Year Award as a way of saying thanks. Needless to say, many Osteopathic Physicians were appreciated by their students and were also nominated. Dr. Portier did not get that highest of awards. Dr. Portier was inducted into the American Osteopathic Association Teacher Hall of Fame, however, and that is just fun.

Grant

In a spirit of growing gratitude we once again thank The Community Foundation of Frederick County, MD, Inc. This year The Community Foundation has awarded Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center with a \$2,139.00 to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator. The type we will be able to purchase not only will be for defibrillating a patient in crisis from ventricular tachycardia or ventricular fibrillation, but also talks a team through CPR protocol to ensure no step is left undone. The defibrillator will also be available to anyone in the community who may need to resuscitate a patient in crisis, including Dr. Carroll's and Dr. Curley's office and local businesses.

Community Support

Our thanks go to St. Anthony's parish who included us in the Oktoberfest yard sale and their post Thanksgiving Craft Sale. Special thanks to Clayton Bogart, Cathy Bodin, Karen Adelsberger, Donna Cuseo, Christine Nigida, Myrna Eshleman, Helen Reaver, Ann Ruppert, who worked so hard to help make these events a success. Through the Oktoberfest October 14th yard sale we raised \$240.43; and at the post Thanksgiving, November 25th, craft sale (Cathy Bodin, parishioner, had gotten us a place there) we were able to raise \$245.00.

Angel

We are proud to announce that the "Linda Window," is now installed. The window features a beautiful, fortified woman angel with butterfly angel wings, promoting healing with the strength of wolves and patient persistence of the sea turtle. This window was inspired by our very own Linda Junker and crafted under the guidance of Reverend Robert Terrentieff, formerly of Mount St. Mary's and now a professor of art at Boston College. The window enhances the entrance way to the incomplete, but certainly a work in progress healing garden.

Bricks

We are delighted to have the first installment of bricks. The bricks presently enhance the floor board in the waiting room. We are featuring them there while they await final installment. There is a partial follow up order that can be completed and shipped when we have the next minimal number of brick orders. Maybe YOUR brick will will complete this next batch.

Burns Night:

Burns Night will once again be held in JoAnn's Ball Room, January 21, 2007. This will be another magic night of friendship, fun, song and fest, toasting and boasting, and Scottish cuisine and culture. Bring your happy hearts and join us! This year will be the best yet! Come and Celebrate with us!

