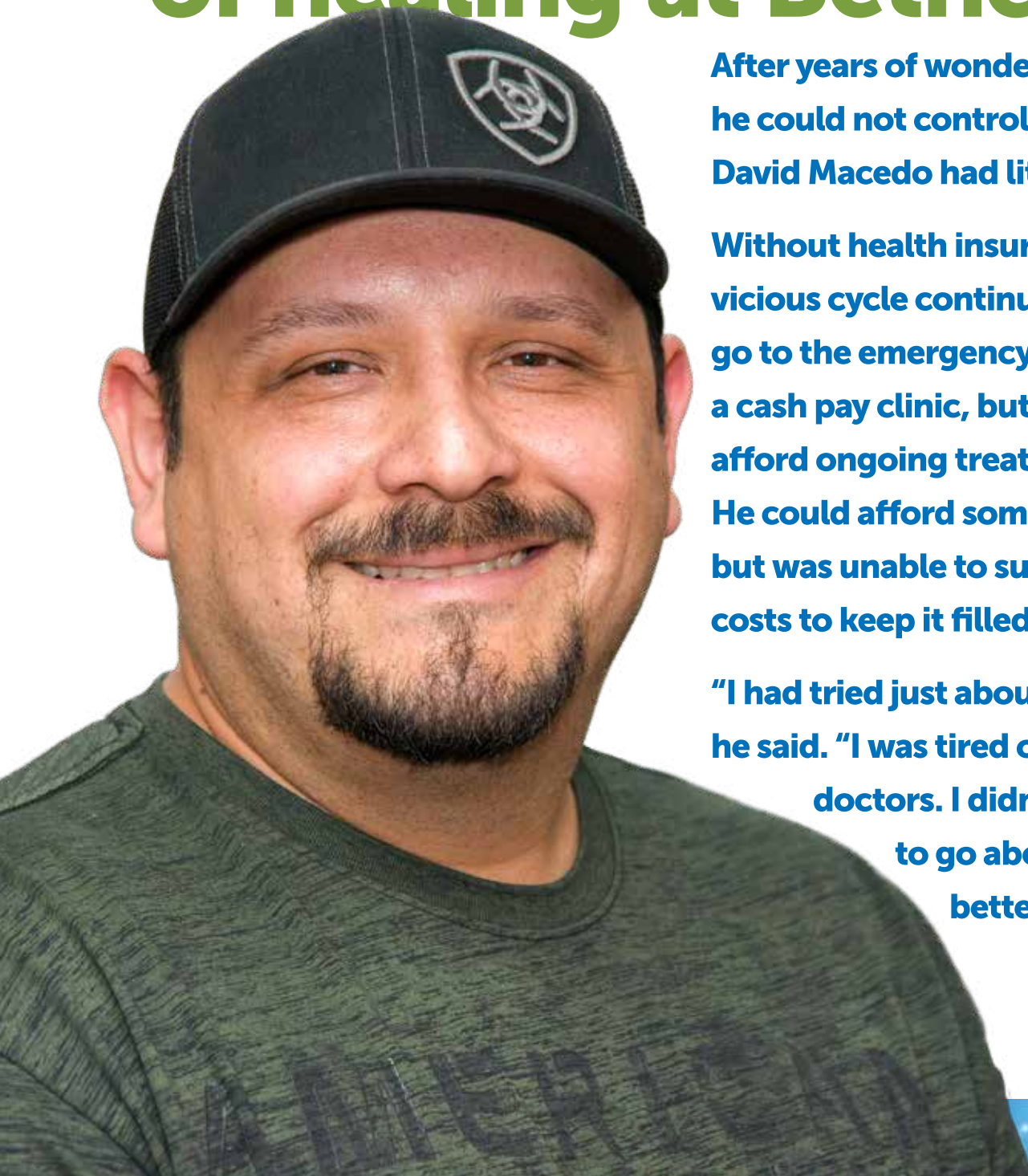


Your generosity and support
**gave David a new path
of healing at Bethesda.**



After years of wondering why he could not control his diabetes, David Macedo had little hope left.

Without health insurance, the vicious cycle continued; he would go to the emergency room or a cash pay clinic, but could not afford ongoing treatment.

He could afford some medication but was unable to sustain the high costs to keep it filled.

"I had tried just about everything," he said. "I was tired of looking for doctors. I didn't know how to go about getting better." Continued on next page.

His family had quickly become deep in debt from putting the emergency room bills on various credit cards.

"My blood sugar numbers were in the 400s and 500s no matter what I ate or what I did," David said, recalling how the disease seemed not to respond to anything. "I was in so much debt and losing so much work. I was starting to lose my vision and function in my legs."

Desperate, David's wife mentioned Bethesda Health Clinic.

He was skeptical but agreed to take a chance.

David and his wife have three young daughters. He was motivated to try anything to be healthier for his family.

"I had gone to so many different doctors and they couldn't do anything about it," he said. "I knew it would cost me about \$1000 a month just to live."

David struggled to stay ahead and felt like there was no hope.

"Sometimes they would tell me I made too much money and then they would tell me I didn't make enough," he said, recalling his struggle to get any kind of financial help. "But at Bethesda, they told me, 'we help people in the middle.'"

Your generosity and support quickly put David on a new path of healing at Bethesda.



You gave David a happy ending to a real-life nightmare.

The doctors put him on a new regimen to control his diabetes and the staff worked with David to help him really understand his own body.

"At Bethesda, everything changed, and they got me on an insulin program to get the medicine for free," David said. "It seems like everybody at Bethesda actually cared."

Your gifts gave David access to a medication program where his insulin is now completely free.

Bethesda staff work exclusively with pharmaceutical companies to get pricey, often unavailable, drugs to Bethesda patients at no cost.

After being a patient for just six months, David has never felt

better. He is able to go to work, to take care of his family, and to look to the future without despair.

"I had never had blood sugar in the 100s unless I overshot myself with insulin, but now that's where it is," he said, overwhelmed with how much he has improved.

"The lowest I would ever see was my blood sugar was 190 and I believed there was nothing I could do about it."

You gave David a happy ending to a real-life nightmare.

David tells everyone about Bethesda now and even said, "If I won the lottery I would give it to Bethesda."

"I kept telling my wife, 'I just want to play with my daughters and one day walk them down the aisle,' and now I know that I can."

A NOTE FROM JOHN



Dr. John English, CEO

“Never make small what God intended to be big.”

Dear Friends,

It’s been over twenty years since the planning began for Bethesda Health Clinic.

From the beginning, Bethesda Health Clinic was driven by the phrase, “never make small what God intended to be big.”

Because of our giving community who heard God’s call, and the many amazing partnerships, the clinic has touched thousands of lives over the past 20 years.

Partnership is one of our core values that we seek to include in every decision, strategy and patient-care plan. Throughout this newsletter, you’ll see examples of how partnership is integrated into our mission and also through the story of Marcus Hawk.

Marcus came to Bethesda to receive care through a partnership with New Creation Foundation, a Christian rehabilitation home in Troup, TX. Marcus received a new smile through a free dental clinic

outreach event, spearheaded by Dr. David Nichols, a longtime Bethesda volunteer and founder of the dental clinic. Through the partnerships of a variety of groups - agencies, volunteers and donors - Marcus says he finally feels “whole” again. Marc’s story is just one of many that shows how working together can impact people’s lives in a variety of ways for good.

Our work remains to live out God’s word by caring for our neighbors through loving care and compassion.

We hope you’ll join us May 9 at Green Acres Crosswalk to celebrate 20 years of God’s blessings over Bethesda.

Thank you for loving our patients. Here’s to the next 20 years!

Sincerely,
Dr. John English

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John".

Volunteer Feature:

Family, Service, Patriotism: The Gill Family

Gregory Gill was fresh out of CRNA school in 2012 when a friend asked him if he would be interested in volunteering at Bethesda.

Greg's skills were unique and desperately needed at the clinic. As a CRNA, or a certified registered nurse anesthetist, Greg is able to administer anesthesia for procedures and surgeries.

The addition of specialty services, including a monthly gastroenterology clinic, made Greg's role an amazing asset to the clinic.



"Initially, I needed a place to do my Army drill," Greg said. "I had no idea what the clinic offered at all. Once I started going there and seeing all the services, I realized there was a need."

Greg has now been a faithful volunteer, and the only CRNA, for many years.

"Over time I have done research... and there's a lot of people out there who just need medical attention, and without the clinic, they wouldn't get it," Greg said. "That's been very eye opening to see. There is nothing more rewarding than a patient hugging you after a surgery and telling you that without your help they wouldn't have been able to get that done. It's a blessing that I was led that way."

Greg is a former U.S. Marine and has spent 12 years in the Army Reserves. After leaving the Marine Corps, Greg was

drawn to a career path to help people. Once he started the nursing program, he knew he was in the right place.

Greg continues to volunteer monthly during the Saturday GI clinic, where volunteer doctors perform colonoscopies and scopes at a huge discount, around \$100 for patients. This experience also counts to fulfill his service for the Army Reserves.



The Gill Family: Perry, Greg and Shawn

To make it a family affair, Greg's wife, Shawn, an LVN, and his daughter, a current nursing student at Tyler Junior College, are now coming monthly to volunteer.

"I have listened to Greg talk about how rewarding it is to serve, and I finally get the opportunity to do it," Shawn said.

Their daughter, Perry, is in the Registered Nurse program at TJC and will graduate next year.

She said, "I didn't even know that people needed help like this. It makes me happy to help people who work so hard but don't have insurance."

Help us Celebrate 20 Years

of hope and healing for our community!

20 years ago, Bethesda Health Clinic opened its doors to serve the low-income, working uninsured of East Texas.

What started out as a small clinic has grown into a huge ministry that includes medical, dental, counseling and many specialty services.

Thousands of East Texans have received healthcare through Bethesda and the patient numbers continue to grow.



Keynote Speaker:

PETER GREER

President & CEO of
HOPE International

We are thrilled to welcome Peter Greer as our keynote speaker for this community celebration.

Peter is President and CEO of HOPE International, an organization focused on eradicating poverty through Christ-centered entrepreneurship throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Peter has coauthored over ten books, including Mission Drift, which was recognized as the Book Award winner for Church/Pastoral Leadership by Christianity Today and Book of the Year finalist in the Non-Fiction category by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.

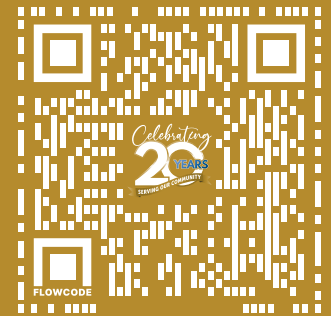
CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
11:30 AM

Green Acres
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Invite your friends who may not know the story of Bethesda, as we celebrate the past and embark on the next 20 years

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Patient Testimonial

Because of your support, Marc's smile matches the joy he feels on the inside.



Marc Hawk spent 40 years on the streets.

After growing up in an abusive home, he turned to drugs and alcohol after turning 18. Seeking what only God could ultimately provide, Marc spent decades in and out of jail, homeless and without hope.

Today, Marc is a new person, both on the inside and the outside.

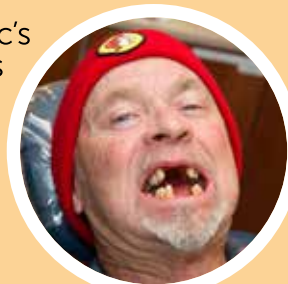
Because of your support, Marc's smile matches the joy he feels on the inside.

"I really needed some dental work," Marc recalls, remembering his decaying teeth, pain and embarrassment.

He entered the doors to Bethesda through a partnership with New Creation Foundation, the Christian recovery program that saved him from the streets.

"When I got here, all the doctors were really kind," Marc said, "When I was living on the streets, I stayed pretty much to myself. You always had to stay one step ahead of everybody, and I never trusted anybody. These people made me feel comfortable at Bethesda. They really gave me some hope as far as regaining that smile that I hadn't had in a long, long time due to my health and my drug addiction."

As Marc completed the steps at New Creation toward regaining his life back, his smile was transformed at Bethesda.



Marc hadn't been to the dentist in 40-something years. He needed extensive dental work and was amazed when he found out that was possible.

You made Marc's story a happy ending, giving him a new chance on life.

Marc says, "Bethesda gave me hope because, you know, there's hope in the future. And that gave me confidence in myself. I realized, you know, I'm not such a bad guy, I just went through some bad times, and there are still some people out there who really are sincere about helping other people."

Your generosity to Bethesda made resources available for Marc's transformation. Now he is a graduate of New Creation, has landed a job and looks forward to following God's plan for his life.

"Bethesda didn't look at me as a person on the street," Marc said, crying tears of gratitude. "Bethesda looked at me as a human being. Bethesda made me feel like I was a real person."

Marc now shares his joy, and his favorite bible verse:

"Matthew 5:16 says Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Pillars of Bethesda

When you join us as a monthly donor, you become a Pillar of Bethesda.

Because of your monthly gift, we can be ready to help anyone who comes through our doors.

That's because your partnership provides reliable, steady income to care for our neighbors who are uninsured... giving you 365 opportunities to love and care for someone in need.

For Tracey, that generosity changed her life!

"Without Bethesda I would not have gone to the doctor, and It would not have been a good outcome. All the people who

Your monthly gift
MAKES A HUGE IMPACT!

donate and give; I want them to know that it's a good and wonderful thing. Because of Bethesda and getting better, I got to watch my autistic grandson graduate high school. I missed out on a lot of family things because I just didn't have

the energy --- there were just times when I just laid in the bed and that was it. I don't have to live like that any more."

If the Lord is leading you to become a Pillar of Bethesda, you can setup your recurring gift online at

www.bethesdaclinic.org

Thank you
for loving our
patients!



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