

## Dermatology Clinic Patient Shares Story of Success

One morning my wife Carol noticed a small dark spot behind my right knee. She knew that Dr. Teater had a walk-in clinic so she suggested that I go to see him and see what he thought about it.

I went to the office and they took me right in. Dr. Teater was immediately concerned and performed a biopsy that day. The biopsy confirmed that this was a melanoma. His quick recognition and biopsy prevented this from becoming a serious problem that could have caused severe complications at best or even taken my life.

I have always had the greatest respect for Dr. Teater, his wife, and the staff at the clinic. He has seen me several times since my melanoma surgery and continues to be my first line of defense. Not only is Dr. Teater a caring and great human being, he and his clinic are a tremendous asset to Haywood County.

*Glenn Gore, Dermatology Patient*

## Walk-In Clinic Hours

Monday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.



To show the love of Jesus by providing medical care to neighbors in need.

## Suboxone Can Help with Narcotic Abuse

Most people take medicines only for the reasons their doctors prescribe them. But an estimated 20 percent of people in the United States have used prescription drugs for nonmedical reasons. This is prescription drug abuse. It is a serious and growing problem that many people battle each day.

Narcotic abuse can turn someone you love into someone you don't know. Some examples of opioids that get abused are Vicodin, Percocet, and Oxycontin. Medication-assisted treatment is one way to help those with opioid addiction recover their lives.

There are three, equally important parts to this form of treatment:

- Medication (Suboxone)
- Counseling
- Support from family and friends

These three parts work together to help people recover.

*The Suboxone clinic has completely changed my life in such a positive direction. I have been clean and sober for over a year now and my family and friends have noticed a significant change in me. One that we have not seen in over 14 years!*

*The dedication from myself and the support of the staff of Mountaintop Healthcare has truly been a blessing in my life.*

*L. Hill, Suboxone Patient*

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## Spring 2010 News from Mountaintop Healthcare

This bronze sculpture was crafted by R. Lawrence in 1988 and is one of the items included in the Silent Auction/ Fall Fundraiser. Staff and volunteers are already planning the event that is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Laurel Ridge Pavilion.



As part of our mission to expand our model of free clinic care into other counties, The Good Samaritan Clinic of McDowell County opened on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Director Jamie Rankin Stone (right) was instrumental in starting this community and church driven mission. Dr. Don Teater of Mountaintop Healthcare will serve as medical director. The clinic will operate two days a week out of Dr. Nisha Patel's office. In addition to Dr. Teater, six other physicians, two specialists, and one dentist have agreed to volunteer.





## Word from the Board Pastor Tim Pullin

Lakeview Church of the Nazarene  
Vice-Chair of Mountaintop Board

*"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble."*

1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

In these closing thoughts of St. Peter's first letter to those trying to understand what it meant to be followers of Jesus in the first few decades of the fledgling Church, the apostle encourages his readers to imitate the same characteristics he had seen His Lord demonstrate so many times in His ministry. Harmony, sympathy, brotherly love, compassion and humility were the trademarks of Jesus' ministry to the poor and needy all around Him.

Twenty centuries later we, too, are trying to follow Christ's example. Working in harmony with area churches and the Good Samaritan Clinic, the staff of Mountaintop Healthcare humbly seeks to flesh out the sympathy, brotherly love and compassion of Christ toward those in need of basic medical care in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

We are privileged to carry on the work begun by the Great Physician as He went from place to place healing those who came to him with all sorts of illnesses and diseases. And we invite you to join us in the adventure. Through your prayers, volunteerism and material support we will be able to continue the work to which God has called us as we seek to carry on the ministry of showing the love of Christ to our neighbors in need of medical care.

May our gracious God richly bless you for your prayerful support.

## Fall Fundraiser gets early start on Silent Auction Items

Three wildlife themed paintings have been added to the silent auction planned for this fall. Last year's Fall Fundraiser was a huge success benefiting both Mountaintop Healthcare and the Good Samaritan Clinic.



American artist Victor Armstrong painted the white tail deer in various poses in this oil on wood painting dated 1988. Framed in wood this piece is ready to be put on display and will be available for sale during the silent auction.

*Victor Armstrong was born in Austin, Texas, where he still resides and maintains studios in the hill country west of the city. Mr. Armstrong handles several mediums with distinctive freshness and strong rhythmic brushstrokes. Over the years more than 2000 art students have attended his workshops and seminars including his "Painting in the Park" workdays sponsored by the Rocky Mountain National Park.*

*For more information about the artist visit [www.fineartandmurals.com](http://www.fineartandmurals.com).*



American artist Michael Schreck offers two paintings to the silent auction this year. The strong "Cape Buffalo" oil on wood painting is signed and dated 1991. It features a wooden frame. The "Long Horned Antelope", also oil on board, is signed and dated 1983. It captures some of the wildlife detail that Schreck is famous for.

*Michael Schreck was born in Cullman, Alabama and raised in nearby Decatur where he still resides. He graduated from the University of North Alabama. His work has illustrated numerous books and magazines and is featured in private and public collections throughout the world.*

*For more information about the artist visit [www.michaelschreckart.com](http://www.michaelschreckart.com).*



RED GROOMS  
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NUMBER ONE IN THE LINE OF BEST THINGS  
DECEMBER 28, 1962 - FEBRUARY 11, 1963

**Red Grooms** (1937) is an American multimedia artist best known for his colorful pop-art constructions depicting frenetic scenes of modern urban life. Grooms' work has been exhibited in galleries across the United States, as well as Europe, and Japan. His art is included in the collections of thirty-nine museums. In 2003, Grooms was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Academy of Design.

## Antique Walk Through Available

How many times have you walked through your house and looked at a yard-sale buy or wondered how much an antique heirloom might be worth?

Antiques are a hot topic these days and with so many fun shows like "American Pickers" and "Antique Discovery" on television more and more people are excited about the possibility of unknown worth in items lying around the house.

As part of our Fall Fundraiser Program being held on September 18th, "Antique Discovery Day", Bob Ruggiero is offering to perform a "walk-thru appraisal" in your home to benefit Mountaintop Healthcare and the Good Samaritan Clinic.

Bob Ruggiero specializes in fine art and period antiques. During his walk-through he will appraise any items you request and share his knowledge with you. Walk-throughs are scheduled for one hour and the fee of \$75 will be donated to clinic services that benefit the uninsured and under-served in Haywood County.

Please contact Bob Ruggiero to schedule a walk-through appraisal at 627-3706.

[www.ruggiero-associates.com](http://www.ruggiero-associates.com)