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## NEWS & NOTES

A quarterly newsletter to keep you informed.

### Recent Additions

We are happy to announce that Susan Elswick, FNP-BC has joined our staff at the Health Wagon. Susan has extensive experience as a family nurse practitioner and with her years as a Registered Nurse. Susan is married to Todd Elswick and lives in Grundy Virginia. She is a proud mother and grandmother of 2 beautiful twin girls. We feel so blessed to have Susan join our team and know God has sent her to us!! Welcome Susan!!



Susan's position was made possible by the Virginia Healthcare Foundation.

### Congratulations to Paula Hill Meade, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP!

The Health Wagon would like to announce and congratulate Clinical Director, Dr. Paula Meade, for receiving the 2013 Virginia AANP Nurse Practitioner State Award for Excellence. The NP State Award for Excellence is given annually to an NP in each state who has demonstrated excellence in NP clinical practice. Dr. Meade will be recognized with award presentation for this achievement, during the AANP 28th National Conference, which will be held in Las Vegas, NV at The Venetian and The Palazzo & Sans Expo and Convention Center June 19-23, 2012. The Salute to the States Award Ceremony and Reception will be held from 5:30-7:30 P.M. on Friday, June 21. Recognition will also be

given during the 2013 Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioner Conference held March 6, 2013.

Dr. Meade has over 23 years of experience as a primary care provider, educator, clinical manager and expert on rural health care delivery. She is currently employed with a Free Mobile Clinic as Clinical Director. She has served as adjunct/preceptor faculty for multiple academic institutions including University of Virginia, Appalachia College of Pharmacy, East Tennessee State University, Ball State University, Virginia Tri- College of Nursing and Old Dominion University. She is a native of Wise County in Southwest Virginia and has a special interest in mentoring nurse practitioners peers and students, promoting rural health care delivery and improving quality of patient care for residents in Central Appalachia. She is also frequently requested to lecture on rural health care, Remote Area Medical Expedition and health care reform at national, state and local meetings. Most recently, she spoke on National Nurses Day at the National Institute of Health in Washington DC.

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## Merry Christmas from The Health Wagon family to yours!

The staff at The Health Wagon would like to thank everyone for their continued support and dedication. We would also like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Donations

The Health Wagon wants to thank each and every one of you for your dedication and generosity to the Health Wagon. Donations help us to be able to continue to provide free patient care to the uninsured and underinsured in our area. If you would like to make a donation to the Health Wagon please click the image to the right. All donations are greatly appreciated!

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