

Wise RAM Featured on ABC's Nightline



July's Remote Area Medical event in Wise, VA proved to be another resounding success. About 2.2 million dollars of care was provided as more than 2,000 patients were seen and 4,995 services were performed over the three-day event. It also received extended national coverage. ABC correspondent Bob Woodruff was on-site, for example, to film the event for the network's popular Nightline television program.

The ABC Nightline segment aired shortly after midnight on August 22 and can be viewed in its entirety at snipurl.com/RAMNightline.

The Health Wagon Gets New Website



If you recently navigated to the Health Wagon's website, you probably noticed that it sported a brand new, more professional look and a slew of new features.

The new website had been in development for several months and officially went live in late August, replacing the old one. It features a "Patient Portal" in which patients can view records and request refills, a "Donate" button visitors can click to make donations online, numerous photo galleries and videos, and even Facebook and Twitter feeds.

If you haven't already, check out the brand new website for yourself by clicking the "Visit Our Website" button above or navigating to www.thehealthwagon.org.

Upcoming Events



Contact us for more information.

Thank You!

To all of our volunteers who assisted us in July, August, and September:

Todd Carter	Teresa Fields
Karen Gardner	Jennifer Hammons
Mattie Ella Hill	Linda Horne
Thomas Kennedy	Mark Leonard
Haley Meade	Melissa Mullins
Tim Mullins	Randy Partin
Dr. Andrew Rhinehart	Alex Robinson
Dr. Joe Smiddy	Samantha Smith
Mark Vanover	Mary White
Bob Woodward	Shirley Woodward



The Health Wagon Receives Computer Equipment Courtesy of ETSU's Quillen College of Medicine Medical Library



(L to R) Rick Wallace, Teresa Gardner, Nakia Woodward

The Health Wagon recently received a generous donation from the Quillen College of Medicine Medical Library.

Dr. Rick Wallace and Ms. Nakia Woodward presented computer equipment to the staff during a recent visit to the Health Wagon's Wise Clinic. The equipment will be used to assist patients to apply for benefits under the Affordable Care Act. In addition, it will be used to support the Health Wagon's patient education programs.

The Health Wagon would like to thank and recognize Dr. Wallace, Ms. Woodward, and the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region also provided support for this donation.

To learn more about ETSU's Quillen College of Medicine please visit www.etsu.edu/com.

The Health Wagon to Receive Funding for Healthy Communities/Healthy America Program from the American Medical Association Foundation



The Health Wagon is pleased to announce funding for its Get Up, Get Out, and Get Fit program from the AMA Foundation.

The AMA Foundation will be providing \$10,000 from January to December 2014 for the program which will help individuals who are overweight, at risk for diabetes, and already have diabetes to develop weight loss strategies using proven weight loss methods. Dr. Teresa Gardner, the Health Wagon's Executive Director, states, "The rate of mortality is almost twice the rate when compared to the state of Virginia. I see firsthand the dire consequences of this debilitating and deadly disease. With our new program we hope to improve the quality of life for those with diabetes as well as prevent those who are at risk from getting diabetes."

The Healthy Communities/Healthy America program from the AMA Foundation is supported by a contribution from Lilly USA, LLC.

To learn more about other AMA Foundation programs in public health and medical education please visit www.amafoundation.org.

Holy Cross Catholic Church Accommodates Health Wagon Directors



(L to R) Teresa Gardner, Father Rush, Paula Hill Meade

The Health Wagon's Dr. Teresa Gardner (Executive Director) and Dr. Paula Hill Meade (Clinical Director) visited the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lynchburg, VA last month in order to present the Health Wagon's mission and need for financial support in order to fund the purchase of a new mobile unit.

Dr. Gardner and Meade gave two presentations to services attended by over 200 people. Second collection donations were taken for those wanting to support the Health Wagon.

"We would like to thank Father Rush and the congregation of the Holy Cross Church very much for giving us this opportunity," said Dr. Gardner.

To learn more about the Holy Cross Catholic Church please visit www.holycrosslynchburg.org.

The Health Wagon Hosts Community Impact Event

Last month, the Health Wagon hosted an open house community impact event aimed at raising awareness. The two main goals of the event were to build recognition of the Health Wagon in its six county service area in Southwest Virginia and earn the support of individuals, businesses, churches, and other organizations.

If you would like to be notified of such events in the future, please follow the Health Wagon on Facebook and Twitter at www.facebook.com/thehealthwagon and www.twitter.com/health_wagon.

The Health Wagon Featured in Local Publications

Last month the Health Wagon received coverage in several local newspapers including the Coalfield Progress, Bristol Herald Courier and Kingsport Times-News.

Below are the opening paragraphs of the Bristol Herald and Kingsport Times articles followed by links to the articles in their entirety.

We would like to thank the publications and writers for their coverage and support.

Equipment, but no guarantees

BY ALLIE ROBINSON GIBSON | [BRISTOL HERALD COURIER](http://www.bristolherald.com)

WISE, Va. — Equipment to offer dental services — the most sought-after aid at the annual Remote Area Medical event held each July — sits in a room at the Health Wagon clinic in Wise, ready to be hooked up.

In other rooms, people without access to primary care physicians and costly hospital services can get X-rays, undergo medical examinations and use telemedicine technologies to talk with physicians around the country, all at no cost to them.

The Health Wagon, a free health care clinic with offices in Wise and Clintwood and a mobile unit that makes a monthly loop through about 10 communities from Appalachia to Duffield to St. Paul, has already seen cuts in funding and fears for a worse year ahead, officials said.

"We've already seen with the economy, we've had some cutbacks," Teresa Gardner, executive director of the program, said Monday. "We're always worried about the continuation of the clinic."

To read the rest of this article, please visit

http://www.tricitimes.com/news/local/article_1f033a40-1f41-11e3-8552-0019bb30f31a.html.

After 33 years, Health Wagon more necessary than ever

BY STEPHEN IGO | [KINGSPORT TIMES-NEWS](http://www.kingsporttimes.com)

WISE — In 1980, Richmond's Catholic Diocese dispatched Sister Bernadette "Bernie" Kenny, a nun with the Order of Medical Missionaries of Mary in possession of some medical know-how and lots of grit, to the hills and hollows of Southwest Virginia to see if she could tend to at least some of the health care needs of those who might not otherwise get them met.

Armed with little more than a medical kit, a beat-up Volkswagen Beetle and her faith, Kenny became something of a local legend by her determination to care for the ill in body and spirit, which is how The Health Wagon came to be.

Instead of calling her clattering VW Beetle a Bug, folks just called it The Health Wagon. The name stuck, and so did the organization she founded, a free mobile clinic still delivering, as best it is able, free health care services to those who simply cannot afford them.

To read the rest of this article, please visit

http://thehealthwagon.org/hwww/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/TimesNews_092213_Article.jpg.

Many may opt out of ACA and pay a penalty

BY ALLIE ROBINSON GIBSON | [BRISTOL HERALD COURIER](http://www.bristolherald.com)

The only paid member of a nonprofit organization in McClure, Va., Mary White, 59, doesn't have health insurance and she's too young to qualify for Medicare.

She and her husband both suffer from diabetes as well as other medical problems; Mary White also has high cholesterol, high blood pressure and rheumatoid arthritis.

"When my husband was working nine years ago, we had health insurance from the company," White said. "Since he was laid off, he was on disability and we had no health insurance."

To cope, the Whites rely on free health care clinics like the Health Wagon, a nonprofit clinic with offices in Clintwood and Wise and a mobile unit that travels in a monthly loop from Duffield to Appalachia.

"We hope we can get in to the Health Wagon whenever I need medical attention," White said, adding that sometimes the specific clinics are so full it's impossible to get in.

To read the rest of this article, please visit

http://www.tricitimes.com/news/local/article_1555b2da-2882-11e3-9012-001a4bcf6878.html.

The Health Wagon was founded in 1980 by Sr. Bernie Kenny with the order of Medical Missionaries of Mary. In December 2005, Sr. Bernie turned over the reins of the organization to Dr. Teresa Gardner who has been with The Health Wagon for over 20 years.

The Health Wagon helps to meet the unique challenges of health care delivery to the medically underserved and indigent in poverty-stricken areas of rural Appalachia. Through a combination of innovative mobile health units and permanent facilities, health care doors are opened to many needy individuals, families, and communities. Private support is the lifeblood of the Health Wagon's ability to change lives in our six county service area.