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Health Wagon



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Delivering Health Care to Southwest Virginia

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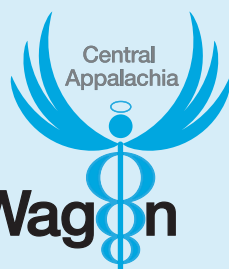
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Mission:

St. Mary's Health Wagon provides compassionate, quality health care to the medically under-served people in the mountains of Appalachia.

Vision:

St. Mary's Health Wagon is an innovative leader in the provision of quality health care services that are compassionate, comprehensive, and accessible; whose ultimate mandate is to promote a healthy community through education, empowerment, collaboration, and outreach.

Values:

- Innovation
- Community Outreach
- Collaboration
- Spirituality
- Empowerment

An urgent need: Dickenson County clinic

Nearly four decades ago, a bold vision of providing compassionate quality health care to the medically underserved people in the mountains of Appalachia was realized. The vision was instilled with ideals of dedication, determination and compassionate caring. The Health Wagon, for far too many, is the only refuge available in one of the most disadvantaged regions in the country.

That same bold vision that started the Health Wagon years ago continues today. The Health Wagon is now poised to embrace a new capital campaign, *Give So Others Can Live*, for expansion of health care services that is critically needed for the vulnerable populations we serve. We are seeking to raise \$1 million to build a new clinic in Dickenson County.

The current facility in Clintwood has only two exam rooms, and we are often forced to see patients in a hallway. Some of our professional staff do not even have an office or a desk. The need for specialty and tertiary services is urgently needed as patients cannot afford to travel outside of the region. Patient numbers are at an all-time high. For the first time ever, the Health Wagon is in danger of having to turn patients away due to limited resources and space.

The new building will provide desperately needed space and services, including private examination rooms, new dental and vision care clinics, radiology screening, a medical laboratory and a pharmacy. It will also house state-of-the-art telemedicine technologies so patients can access clinical specialists at tertiary medical centers. Overall, the new clinic will offer expanded capacity and treatment to meet critical health care needs of our patients.

Your generosity has never been more needed than today. The Health Wagon is so very thankful for your unwavering financial support and prayers. Care provided to our friends and neighbors in need is life-enhancing and often times lifesaving.



Dr. Teresa Tyson

Teresa Owens Tyson, DNP, MSN, FNP-BC
Executive Director

Your gift multiplies



Every dollar donated to the Health Wagon provides \$100 value in health care.

2018 Summary



The following shows the value of health care Health Wagon provided to the medically under-served people of Southwest Virginia

\$	672,125	Wise RAM®
	212,124	Lee County RAM®
	196,604	Grundy RAM®
	1,954,700	Mobile and Clinics
	2,472,641	Pharmacy Connect
	166,425	Labcorp Laboratory
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\$	5,674,619	Total Health Care Services Provided in 2018



4,724 People Served



16,670 Patient Encounters



65% Patients Uninsured



35% Patients Underinsured



OVER 900 Specialty and telehealth visits



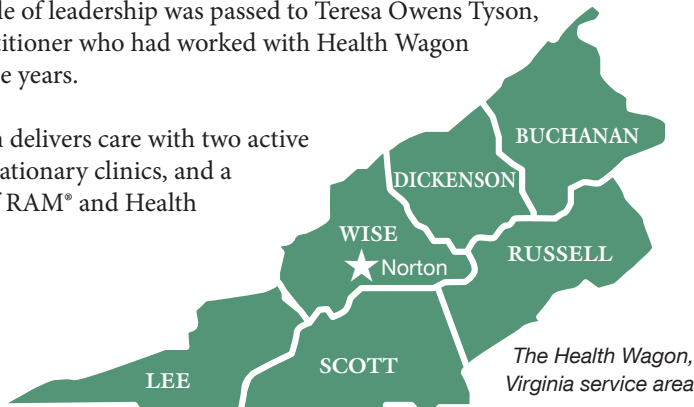
Worked with **36 Colleges & Universities**

Delivering Health Care to Southwest Virginia

Our organization was started 39 years ago when Sister Bernadette Kenny, a medical missionary from Massachusetts, came to Appalachia and began offering free medical care from the back of a donated Volkswagen Beetle. The locals relied on “Sister Bernie” and “The Health Wagon” for basic medical needs. In those days, her work was sponsored by St. Mary’s Hospital of Norton, Virginia.

For the next 25 years, Sister Bernie painstakingly promoted her mission, growing the clinic’s outreach through donated operations and medications, recycled equipment and ecumenical community support. Eventually, her automobile was replaced with an actual mobile medical unit; and, in 2005, the organization’s mantle of leadership was passed to Teresa Owens Tyson, a family nurse practitioner who had worked with Health Wagon for the previous nine years.

Now, Health Wagon delivers care with two active mobile units, two stationary clinics, and a growing network of RAM® and Health Fair events.



Clintwood & Wise Clinics

Two stationary clinics — one based in Clintwood and a second, the Smiddy Clinic at Wise — serve an average of 20 patients daily. Plans are underway to expand clinic services in Dickenson County, see page 11 to learn more.



6,000 patients claim Health Wagon as their medical home



More than 1,654 prescription medicine needs were met

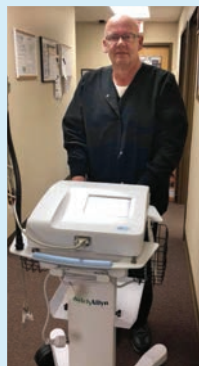
2018 YEAR IN REVIEW: JANUARY

On January 18, 2018, the Health Wagon’s ongoing humanitarian effort to save lives is featured on CBS’s 60 Minutes, the oldest and most-watched television news program.



We began our capital campaign to raise funds to build a much-needed clinic in Dickenson County, Virginia’s poorest in the state. The land has already been donated. See page 11 of this report for more information.

Thanks to a generous donation from Wellmont Health Systems, the Health Wagon is the proud owner of a new EKG machine. This EKG machine will be instrumental in helping us give heart-healthy care to our patients.



FEBRUARY



The Health Wagon’s Dr. Paula Hill appeared before the Virginia Subcommittee of Health and Welfare in support of HB793. The bill, which passed, allows nurse practitioners with at least five years experience to obtain full practice authority.

The Health Wagon mobile unit traveled to Washington D.C. to spend three days (February 4–6), along with Drs. Tyson and Hill, at the American Association of Nurse Practitioners Health and Policy Conference where doctors Tyson and Hill gave a presentation and spoke in support of nurse practitioners.





Health Fairs

In 2018, the Health Wagon hosted numerous Health Fairs. Health screenings, immunizations, blood work, sports and school physicals, and other free health care services are offered.



1,200 flu shots provided



More than 1,400 patient encounters



Nutrition and health information distributed



Remote Area Medical® (RAM®) events

Since 2000, Health Wagon has partnered with RAM® to stage a three-day, mega clinic for dental, vision, and medical care at the Wise County fairgrounds. The event is the largest RAM® clinic in the nation. Health Wagon now offers other RAM® events in Lee, Smyth, and Buchanan counties.



Served 1,359 individual patients with free medical, dental, and vision care at the Wise RAM® alone



Mobile Health Wagon

The Mobile Health Wagon clinics have a regular schedule of eight clinic days per month in Coeburn, St. Paul, Pound, Oakwood, Big Stone Gap, Lebanon, McClure, and Clinchco, Virginia.



669 individual patients plus activity at health fair and RAM events



106 life-saving mammograms provided



116 individual “house call” home visits

MARCH

Our annual health care fair was held in Wise and Clintwood, Virginia March 14–15. ETSU College of Medicine has helped us with this event for the last 30 years. With their help we provided 115 medical exams and 80 vision exams for a value of \$11,000 in Wise and 109 medical exams and 42 vision exams for a value of \$18,720 in Clintwood.



On March 20, Drs. Tyson & Hill were guest speakers at the Primary Care Conference at East Tennessee State University where they spoke about the Health Wagon’s partnership with AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation for the Health Wagon’s cardiovascular initiatives.

Dr. Tyson spoke, as a rural health expert, on March 23, at the VA Tech Autism Center Autism Conference in Blacksburg, Virginia.

APRIL

Dr. Tyson, Rachel Helton and Tim Bullock attended the Mid-Atlantic Teleconference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, from April 15–17. Tele-Dentistry and Tele-Genetics are care that we will soon be able to offer our patients.



Dr. Harrison Turner (below, left) held a Cardio Clinic for the Health Wagon.



Dr. Turner provided expert evaluation and treatment to our patients with heart disease and uncontrolled blood pressure.

MAY

On May 11, Drs. Tyson and Hill were guest speakers at the United Nation’s 2nd Annual International Nurses Day event in New York City.



At this year’s RAD AID Appalachian Radiology Outreach Event (above) eight team members from four different countries provided ultrasound exams, performed RAD-Aid PACS Readiness Assessment Surveys, and provided ultrasound education.

2018 Health Wagon Highlights

The Heart Health 1,2,3 Toolkit

Over the past eight years, the Health Wagon has partnered with the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation's Connections for Cardio HealthSM (CCH) program to reduce cardiovascular health disparities and improve the cardiovascular health of our underinsured and uninsured patients in Southwest Virginia.

Established in 1993, AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation's overall mission is to improve health by promoting education and public awareness of health care issues, and by supporting organizations like the Health Wagon consistent with these goals. The CCH program provides grants to U.S.-based

nonprofit organizations engaged in charitable work at the community level in support of the program's mission to improve cardiovascular health.

Generous grants received through the CCH program have enabled the Health Wagon to provide targeted interventions that focus on early detection, prevention, and education — and have helped us improve access

to best practices and protocols for our patients. This grant directly led to the Health Wagon's development of the Heart Health 1,2,3 Toolkit — a combination of medical protocols and behavioral changes that have successfully improved the heart health of our patients. The Heart Health 1,2,3 Toolkit is now being made available to other health care providers who share our passion for preventive medicine and chronic disease management.



Dr. Tyson and Health Wagon Represent Virginia on Lifetime Television

Dr. Teresa Tyson and her work with the Health Wagon were featured in this year's Lifetime Television Network's "Her America: 50 Women, 50 States" a new interactive, digital content series from one of the preeminent female entertainment brands. Posing the question, "Who Is the American Woman?" the Lifetime network production team crisscrossed the nation looking for real women who exemplified the spirit of the American woman. We are honored to have Dr. Tyson chosen to represent the American woman from the state of Virginia and to shine a national spotlight on the work the Health Wagon does to bring quality, affordable, and accessible health care to the underserved and uninsured in Southwest Virginia.

MAY



HBO VICE News interviewed Dr. Paula Hill and Dr. Teresa Tyson and some of our patients in the town of Coeburn. The interviews were part of a broadcast segment focused on providing health care access in Central Appalachia's declining economy.

Dr. Tyson and her work with the Health Wagon are featured in Lifetime Network's "Her America," (right) a digital series featuring 50 women in 50 states who make a difference in the lives of others.

The Health Wagon's Medical Director and Board President, Dr. Joseph Smiddy (right) served as the commencement speaker for Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM) 2018 graduation.



Ashley Mullins Fleming and Henry Price Viers represented the Health Wagon at the Dickenson County Education Center Job Fair.

The E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation commits to contributing \$45,000 of matching funds toward the construction of the Clintwood, Virginia, clinic. (see page 11)

JUNE

Dr. Teresa Tyson, Dr. Paula Hill, Ramona Boyd and Henry Price Viers completed cystoscopy training at The University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Health Wagon's nurse practitioners and directors, Dr. Teresa Tyson and Dr. Paula Hill were keynote speakers at the 2018 National Association of Advisors for the Health Professionals Conference on June 27, 2018, in Washington D.C. Drs. Tyson and Hill shared the positive impacts the Health Wagon's Health 1,2,3, Program has had on our patients with the attendees.

Wise RAM® Renamed In Honor of Stan Brock (1936–2018)

On August 29, 2018, the Health Wagon lost its dear friend, partner of 22 years, and founder of Remote Area Medical® (RAM®), Stan Brock. Stan devoted his life to bringing medical care to the underserved and uninsured. He eschewed personal possessions, slept on a mat in the RAM® headquarters in Knoxville, Tennessee, and donated his social security check each month to RAM®. To Stan, the volunteers and patients of RAM® were his family.

After a career as co-host of the NBC television documentary, *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* and a brief stint as a film actor, Brock left show business



in 1985 to fulfill a teenage promise to bring medical care to people living in remote areas. He founded RAM®, which initially brought free vision, dental and medical care to third world nations.

In 1999, Dr. Teresa Gardener Tyson and Sr. Bernie Kenny asked Stan to partner with the Health Wagon to bring RAM® to Wise, Virginia. From the start, the Wise RAM® Event was the largest health care event of its kind in the U.S. and continues to be so; providing free medical care to more than 100,000 patients since its inception.

Just a few weeks after the 19th Wise RAM® Event, Stan Brock died at the RAM® office where he lived. "It is so hard knowing that this year's event was the last we served at together," said Dr. Tyson. The Health Wagon is determined to carry on this great man's legacy.

Dr. Paula Hill Collins announced that future Wise RAM® events will now be known as the Brock Appalachian Medical (BAM) Health Expedition.

"Let us all remember all the blessings that came as a result of one man's idea, effort and faith," she said.



TIM COX

Dr. Smiddy and the Health Wagon Give the Breath of Life

Health Wagon's volunteer Medical Director, Dr. Joseph Smiddy, mans the mobile health unit, which is fully equipped to diagnose and provide pulmonary care to our patients. In the mobile care unit, Dr. Smiddy provides free chest x-rays, lung cancer screenings, breath testing, and pulmonary function testing. An untreated persistent cough or shortness of breath can be an early warning sign of a respiratory condition that, left untreated, could lead to asthma or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). By providing these life-saving screenings, Dr. Smiddy is able to diagnose patients early so that they may get the treatment they need to live a healthier life.

JULY

From July 20–22, the 19th Annual Remote Area Medical (RAM®) Wise Expedition offering free vision, dental and medical care to adults and children was held at Wise Fairgrounds in Wise, Virginia.



Dr. Tyson and Dr. Hill are keynote speakers at the 2nd Annual International Rural Nursing Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee on July 23 and July 26. The Health Wagon's board member, David Cattell-Gordon, is also honored as a guest speaker.



Senator Warner and Gov. Northam with RAM® and Health Wagon leaders

The Health Wagon's directors were invited to dinner with Senator Warner to discuss important issues affecting the health care of Southwest Virginia residents.

Senator Howell and author, August Wallmeyer, whose book *Extremes of Virginia* is a profound exposé on the significant differences between the two Virginias, take a tour of the Smiddy Clinic at Wise. (below)



AUGUST



The Health Wagon is featured in the August issue of *Virginia Business Magazine*.

Cherished Partnerships

We could not fulfill our mission without strategic partnerships in medical service. Below are just some of the many organizations who help Health Wagon provide needed health care to the people of Southwest Virginia.



Mission of Mercy at UVa-Wise

Missions of Mercy

Since 2000, Health Wagon has relied on Missions of Mercy (MOM) to provide free dental care at the annual RAM®-Wise event. The program was the first of three created by the Virginia Dental Association Foundation that provides free dental care to underserved Virginians. To serve more patients at the 2018 Wise RAM®, dental services managed by Missions of Mercy were relocated to the UVa-Wise Convocation Center. The new location reduced

congestion and provided a more comfortable environment for patients and volunteers. Additional dental volunteers worked at the Fairgrounds.

Selfless Volunteers

Our roster of volunteers — including several thousand highly-trained medical professionals and everyday people from across the nation — continues to grow. We are endlessly thankful for their generosity of time, expertise, and support.



Volunteers provide dental services at the UVa-Wise Convocation Center.

Pharmacy Connect of Southwest Virginia

Free medications are obtained for RAM® patients and year-round for Health Wagon patients through Pharmacy Connect, funded by the Virginia General Assembly and operated through a cooperative of eight organizations. Pharmaceutical companies participate by providing free medications to patients who meet eligibility criteria. During 2018, 1654 prescription requests were submitted for Health Wagon patients by Pharmacy Connect for ordered medications valued at more than \$2.4 million.



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AUGUST, CONTINUED

On August 17, Dr. Randy Gordon, FNP-BC from Chamberlain University, fourth year Harvard medical student, Mark Hertzog and family nurse practitioner, Cara Robinson, provided care to patients during our Dermatology Clinic held at our Smiddy location.



On August 20, Dr. Tyson took part in Senator Tim Kaine's Healthcare Round table in Lee County, Virginia

August 26 saw our clinical director, Dr. Paula Hill, FNP-BC, visiting Holy Spirit Catholic Church where she spoke to the congregation at four separate masses about Medical Volunteer Tourism and solicited donations and prayers for the Health Wagon. The largest mass had over 800 in attendance. Many contacts were made and we are extremely thankful to the Catholic Diocese of Richmond for their support.

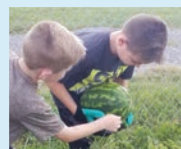


Stan Brock, our friend and founder of Remote Area Medical, dies on August 29. (See page 7)

SEPTEMBER



On September 6–7 the Miles of Smiles Dental Unit visited the Health Wagon and provided thousands of dollars in free dental care to our patients.



Volunteers came out to spruce up the Health Wagon's community garden as part of the 2nd annual FEED Virginia Day of Action, September 13.

Lee County Remote Area Medical® was held on September 22–23.

The International Nurses Association recognizes Dr. Paula Hill as a Worldwide Leader in Healthcare and Top Doctor of Nursing Practice in Virginia.



Dr. Vickie Bierman, psychiatric nurse practitioner and professor at Radford University, along with psychiatrist, Dr. Carey M.D., provided much needed mental health services to our patients.



Stan Brock and Dr. Teresa Tyson

Remote Area Medical Corps® (RAM®)

Health Wagon began partnering with with RAM,® a Knoxville-based, volunteer relief corps, in 2000 and has coordinated their clinical services (currently vision and dental care) at the local RAM®-Wise event ever since. Founded in 1985 by British-born Stan Brock, RAM® is known for bringing free medical services and technical and educational assistance to people in remote areas around the world. Health Wagon also supports RAM® events in Smyth, Lee, and Buchanan Counties in Virginia; and Hazard County, Kentucky.



HELP FROM MORE THAN 36 Colleges & Universities

In 2018, Health Wagon welcomed volunteers from more than 36 colleges and universities, including ongoing partnerships with the Schools of Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and East Tennessee State University (ETSU). At RAM® events, VCU contributes medical services such as screenings for diabetes, hypertension, colon cancer, breast cancer (mammography) and diabetic retinopathy; chest x-rays; and pulmonary function studies. ETSU Quillen College of Medicine assists with Health Fairs.



One of the more than a hundred students who volunteered at the 2018 Wise RAM.®

Generous Donors

The work of Health Wagon impacts thousands of individuals' lives each year. More than 8,000 individuals and companies contribute financially to make this work possible. The following donors' contributions had a particularly significant impact in 2018:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration

Virginia General Assembly

Virginia Department of Health

Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics

AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation

McJunkin Family Charitable Foundation

The Titmus Foundation

OCTOBER



Haley Meade attended the 2018 Virginia Nurses Association conference in Short Pump, Virginia where she was honored as one of the top 40 Under 40 Registered Nurses in the state.

On October 2, members of the Fourth World Movement, a group that focuses on poverty, from France and Great Britain toured our free clinic.



NOVEMBER

The Health Wagon staff provided more than 200 free flu shots, as well as blood pressure checks and diabetic screenings on October 13-14 as part of Wise Fall Fling.

Dickenson County Retired Teacher's Foundation (right) made a generous donation for follow up diagnostic mammograms for Health Wagon patients.



DECEMBER

The Health Wagon proved free women's health services at the Gray, Tennessee, Remote Area Medical (RAM®) event.

Founder Sr. Bernie Kenny featured in the November/December issue of *Irish America Magazine* as one of the Healthcare and Life Sciences 50 best innovators in medicine.

Health Wagon did its part to stave off the flu by providing over 1,200 free flu vaccines this season.



Grundy Remote Area Medical Event was held on October 6-7. Dr. Tauna Gulley, FNP-BC and Ladonna Sexton, LPN (left) provided women's health services to prevent and detect cervical cancer and performed breast exams.

(right) Health Wagon celebrated its inaugural Patient Christmas Party on Nov. 13 at the Smiddy Clinic in Wise, Virginia. Hygiene items, clothing, and coats were donated by The United Breast Cancer Foundation and Aetna Foundation. A total of 357 people were impacted by this event



How you can help

Volunteer

Volunteers of all talents and backgrounds are needed to help Health Wagon provide compassionate, quality health care to the medically underserved in Southwest Virginia. Email afleming@thehealthwagon.org, hpviers@thehealthwagon.org, call 276-328-8850, or visit thehealthwagon.org/hwvp/volunteer.

Donate

Your gift to Health Wagon multiplies in impact to help provide lifesaving health care to uninsured or underinsured patients in Central Appalachia. To make a donation, call 276-328-8850; mail to The Health Wagon, P.O. Box 7070, Wise, VA 24293; or visit thehealthwagon.org/donate.

For assistance with planned giving or gifts outside of wills, contact Rachel Helton at rhelton@thehealthwagon.org.

Your gift multiplies



Here's the Health Wagon Wish List. Your group or business can support the Health Wagon mission by donating items or making a monetary donation for purchase. All medicines and supplies must be unopened and not out of date (expired).

Ongoing Needs

Ace-wraps
Alcohol wipes
Band aids
Blood glucose strips (easy max)
Blood pressure cuffs
Exam gloves
Exam table paper
Gauze
Libre glucose sensors
Medical tape
Nebulizer and neb tubing
O₂ Cannulas
Orthopedic supplies and equipment (braces, crutches, wheelchairs, etc.)
Safety needles
Syringes
Scalpels
Sutures
Tongue blades
Urine dip sticks

Over-the-Counter Medications

Antacids
Antibacterial ointment
Anti-diarrheas
Aspirin
Dandruff Shampoo
Decongestants
Ibuprofen
Iron Supplements
Lice treatment
Sterile Saline
Zantac Allergy Medication

Patient Personal Care

Body wash or soap
Dental floss
Deodorant
Diapers
Feminine hygiene products
Liquid detergent
Lotion
Razors
Shaving cream
Sunscreen
Toilet paper
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste

Office Supplies

Batteries
Clip Boards
Coffee cups
Copy paper
Disinfecting wipes
Gift cards to Wal-Mart
Hand sanitizer
Heavy duty three-hole punch
Highlighters
K-cups
Mailing envelopes
Manila folders, letter size
Paper clips
Paper towels
Pens/pencils
Post-it notes
Scotch tape
Sharpies
Stamps, first class or forever
Stapler and staples
Stapler remover
33 gallon garbage bags
3 Ring Binders
White-out

Services and initiatives

Health Wagon is a medical home to more than 6,000 uninsured and underinsured people in Central Appalachia. Health Wagon staff, medical professionals, and volunteers provide a wide range of health and wellness services and initiatives. Some are listed here:

Health Wagon Services

Acute Disease Management
Behavioral Health Clinic
Cardiac Specialty Clinics
Cardiovascular Disease Management
Chronic Disease Management
Colposcopy Clinic
Community and group health coaching
Cystoscopies
Dentures at low cost
Dermatology
Diabetic Education
Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) Clinic
Endocrinology Clinics
Eye Exams and Eyeglasses
Hearing Aid Assistance
Influenza Vaccine
Lab & Diagnostic Services
Medicare and Medicaid Enrollment

Medical Therapy Management
Nephrology Specialty Clinics
Ostomy Clinics
Pastoral Care
Pharmacy Connect & Medication Assistance
Physical Assessments
Podiatry
Pre- and Post-op Surgery Clinic
Psychiatry
Psychological Counseling
Pulmonary Clinic
Referrals & Follow-up Systems
Substance Abuse Counseling
Telemedicine Capabilities
Transportation Assistance
Urology
Women's Health Clinic
Wound Care Clinics

Health Wagon Initiatives

Community Health Fairs
Connections for Cardiovascular Health Detection Program
Diabetes Outreach Program
Every Woman's Life & Mammogram Assistance Program
Immunization Programs
Loan Closet Program for Medical Equipment
Lung Cancer Early Screening Program
Obstructive Sleep Apnea Resources
Outreach Screening Programs
Pediavision Screening for Schools
Retinopathy Screening Program
Sr. Bernie Kenny Scholarship
Wellness Classes & Health Teaching Components



The Health Wagon's roots began in Dickenson County.

Now, the need for health care services there far exceeds available resources.

Our goal is to raise \$1,000,000 to house a stationary clinic and provide for expansion of services to this region.

Due to a number of generous donors, we are making progress.

To finish the task, we need your help.

Donate today

Mail to The Health Wagon

P.O. Box 7070

Wise, VA 24293

or call 276-328-8850

Donate online at thehealthwagon.org/donate

Give so others can live: an urgent need to expand health care in Dickenson County

It has been three decades since Sister Bernadette “Bernie” Kenny, a Massachusetts Catholic nun and nurse practitioner, envisioned a place that provided compassionate, accessible and quality health care to our medically uninsured, underinsured and underserved neighbors in the mountains of Appalachia.

Sister Bernie’s vision was realized in the Health Wagon; the only safety net/free clinic serving Lee, Wise, Scott, Dickenson, Buchanan and Russell Counties and Norton City in Virginia; and the only health care refuge available for far too many residents of this distressed and disadvantaged region.

Currently, at our Clintwood (Dickenson County) site, we only have two exam rooms and no private rooms for our professional staff to counsel patients. Sometimes providers are forced to treat patients in hallways, the kitchen, or the reception area.

Another critical need is a new space for specialty services and clinics for our patients who cannot afford to travel to other areas for tertiary treatment. Due to these physical space limitations, we are, for the first time ever, having to place patients on a waiting list as demand exceeds resources.

The need for a new clinic is urgent — but already, we have made significant progress. Land for the clinic — located near the Dickenson County Education and Research Center in the Clintwood, Virginia, Technology Park — has been donated and a grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD) has been secured.

Plans are underway with a goal of completing the 5,000 square foot, free clinic in 2020. This facility will enable the county to meet ever-increasing health care demands with the addition of medical staff and the expansion of primary and specialty health care services.

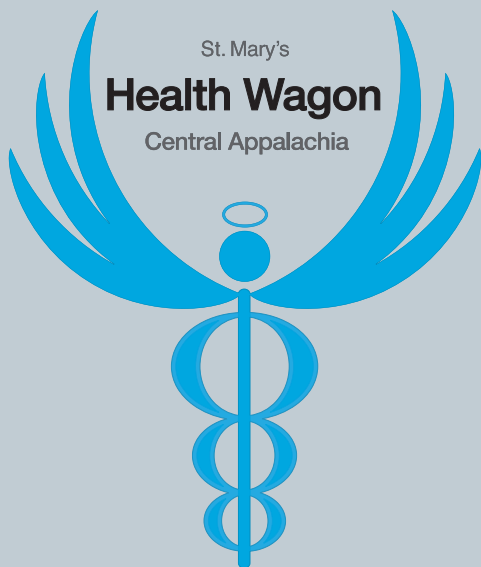
The clinic facility will accommodate examination rooms including dental, radiology, optical diagnostic and dispensing, optical lab, triage, laboratories, consultation office, pharmacy, administrative offices, conference rooms, and support spaces.

Your generosity has never been more needed than today. The financial support of individuals, foundations, the faith community and corporations in this project is essential.

The Health Wagon’s Staff and Board of Trustees remain committed to honoring Sister Bernie’s legacy. Her vision of compassionate care has been the guiding light for our organization for decades.

We thank you for your past and continued support.

Teresa Owens Tyson, DNP, MSN, FNP-BC
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