

THE PEOPLE’S WELLNESS PROJECT TO RECEIVE SHOT IN THE ARM

Garysburg Community Effort to Offer Wellness and Educational Services in Northampton County with Funding from GlaxoSmithKline Foundation

The Gregory B. Davis Foundation (GBDF) in partnership with the Town of Garysburg has been awarded a Ribbon of Hope Grant by the GlaxoSmithKline Foundation. Through this grant the “People’s Wellness Project” will offer “drop-in” health services as well as Community Health Forums to residents in the Town of Garysburg and other surrounding areas in Northampton County. It will also expose high school youth volunteers to various health careers through their participation in this community effort. Other key partners on this project include the Northampton County Health Department, Northampton County High School West, Mudcastle Family Development Center, and Roanoke Chapel Baptist Church. Mayor of Garysburg, Roy Bell, is a strong supporter of providing vital community services to its citizens and this collaboration is certainly a major step in that direction.

Every third Saturday volunteer doctors, dentists, nurses, nutritionists and adult and youth volunteers will convene at a central location in Garysburg to offer free, drop-in medical assessments and advice to residents of Garysburg and surrounding communities. The new grant will help the People’s Clinic offer more free health screenings and better health education to more people. With this funding, the clinic’s goal is to serve 350 people in the coming year, improving their short- and long-term health outcomes through early disease detection and treatment, along with education about prevention and healthy lifestyles and behavior.

The GlaxoSmithKline Foundation supports programs that emphasize the understanding and application of health, science, and education to meet the needs of North Carolina’s citizens and communities.

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