

Campbell University Community Care Clinic

NEWSLETTER



Harnett County Free Health Screening Volunteers Refer Patients to the CUCC

Community health clinics seek to provide free medical care to individuals who are unable to afford health insurance, care, or medications. However, the problem that many community clinics face is a lack of promotion throughout the community. For the Campbell University Community Care Clinic, this obstacle has been overcome thanks to the North Carolina Baptist Men's Association. Beginning in January 2016, Campbell University's Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine (CUSOM) faculty and students partnered with the North Carolina Baptist Men's Association. The NC Baptist Men's Association provided the NC Baptist medical bus where free health screenings were performed. The group of volunteers gathered at the Crossroads Baptist Church in Lillington to offer health screenings for the most common chronic illnesses in the United States including: diabetes, hyperlipidemia, depression, and heart disease.

For those like 52 year old LaRubia Richardson who do not have primary care providers, the impact of these free health screenings was monumental. Ms. Richardson did not have a primary care doctor because of financial barriers. She explained, "I could not pay for healthcare, so I did without." When Ms. Richardson moved to Harnett County in 2015, she had never heard of the CUCCC and did not know that free medical care was available. Because she had spent five years without a primary care provider, Ms. Richardson was reluctant to search for healthcare because she was afraid that she had developed a chronic illness while she was without care. While Ms. Richardson initially had no intention of seeking medical care, she changed her mind after experiencing progressively



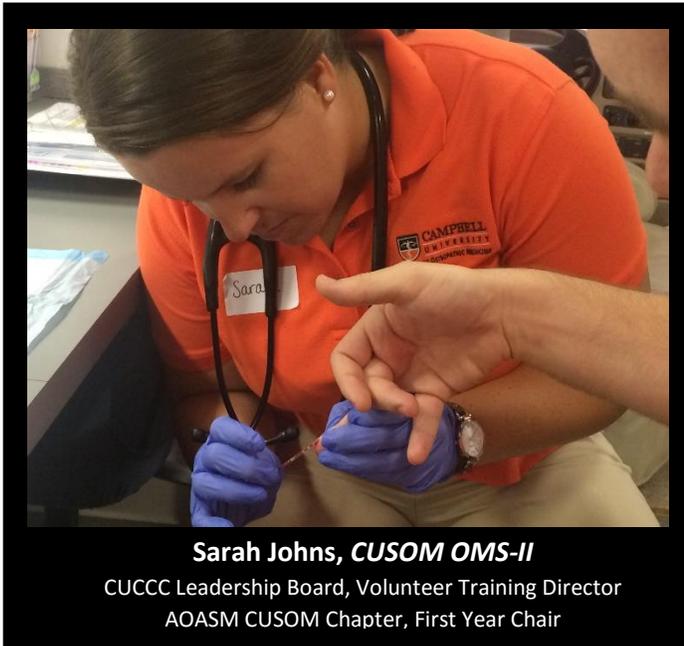
**North Carolina Baptists Men's
Health Screening ministry bus**

"NC Baptist Men (Baptists On Mission) offer the use of the mobile medical/dental units to Baptist churches, other Christian denominations, and service organizations within North Carolina who wish to reach out to people in need. Patients targeted through this ministry include people without insurance, the financially challenged, Hispanic and other ethnic groups, migrant workers, fair workers, the homeless, the elderly, and more".

Medical/Dental Bus. *Baptists on Mission*. North Carolina Baptist Men, Web. 28 July 2016.

Harnett County Residents Are Screened for Chronic Illnesses Including: Diabetes, Hyperlipidemia, Depression, and Heart Disease

worsening headaches. Fortunately, she recalled seeing a billboard advertisement for a free health screening at Crossroads Baptist Church which she decided to attend in January 2016. LaRubia Richardson was more than appreciative that the physician she saw at the health screening not only treated



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her and made sure she followed-up with the CUCCC, but also prayed with her and made her feel like her provider genuinely cared for all of her, including her spirit. Currently, Ms. Richardson is a returning patient at the CUCCC and recommends it to everyone who cannot afford healthcare. With tears in her eyes, she expressed her gratitude by saying, “This place saved my life most likely because I didn’t know anything was wrong”. Because of the health screening, she was diagnosed with chronic illnesses that are managed and treated by her primary care provider at the CUCCC.

LaRubia Richardson is one of the many patients who benefit from the partnership between the Campbell University Community Care Clinic and the North Carolina Baptist Men’s Association in Harnett County.

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