



Dear GBCHC Family,

This month, we are celebrating the birthday of our founder **Dr. Gary Burnstein**, a visionary whose compassion has transformed thousands of lives. His belief was simple yet powerful: **Everyone has the right to excellent healthcare, regardless of one's ability to pay for it.**

Lori Burnstein Taylor reflected on his legacy:

*"I remember going to Grace Centers of Hope when my dad first started to volunteer there. He walked in the door and they made an announcement that the doctor was in. Before the announcement was made, many patients had already lined the hall outside of the closet my dad used to practice medicine from there. Many of the patients weren't even physically sick. I think my dad healed not only their physical ailments, but helped to heal their souls. He would listen and laugh with the patients. I believe they always walked away knowing they were going to be alright. He was a kind and gentle man to those who knew him, the kind who would literally give you the shirt off his back or the shoes off his feet. He never expected anything or wanted anything in return, certainly not his name on a building."*

2025 is also a milestone year - GBCHC is celebrating 20 years of providing life-changing medical, dental, and pharmaceutical care to uninsured Michiganders, all at no cost to them.

***You are the reason this compassionate care is possible for so many.***

That's why we're inviting you to join us in honoring Dr. Burnstein's legacy! **On February 25th, we will launch a special birthday campaign** to ensure his vision of accessible healthcare continues for decades to come.

Stay tuned for more details next week - we can't wait to celebrate with you!

Gratefully,

*Mary Lewis*



### **Remembering Richard "Coop" Cooper**

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Richard "Coop" Cooper, GBCHC's first Medical Coordinator. Coop's dedication and compassion were instrumental in shaping the clinic's early years. Coop's tireless efforts ensured that patients received the highest level of care, and his leadership continues to inspire our work today. We honor Coop for his unwavering commitment to serving others and for being a vital part of the GBCHC family. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.



**The Vera and Joseph Dresner  
Foundation Invests in the GBCHC  
Dental Program**



We are thrilled to announce that the Vera and Joseph Dresner Foundation has awarded the GBCHC \$129,328 in grant funds to enhance our dental program. With their generous investment, we have been able to purchase a new panoramic X-ray machine, additional sinks, and vital supplies, as well as cover lab fees. This support will allow us to better serve our dental patients by improving diagnostic capabilities and ensuring a more efficient and comfortable experience. Thanks to their continued partnership, our dental program continues to restore smiles and confidence for those in need.

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## Sinai Medical Staff Foundation

We are excited to announce that the Sinai Medical Staff Foundation has awarded the

GBCHC \$30,000 in grant funds to support our pharmacy operations, enabling us to continue providing life-saving medications at no cost to our uninsured patients. This generous funding ensures they receive the care they need to manage chronic conditions and improve their overall health. Additionally, the grant funded a pharmacy-grade refrigerator, further enhancing our ability to store and dispense critical medications safely and effectively. We are deeply grateful for the continued support from GBCHC staff and their commitment to expanding healthcare access in our community.

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## Honoring Our Healthcare Heroes

**Volunteers are essential to this work**, playing a critical role in delivering high-quality healthcare to our patients. With 600 volunteers, many of whom are medical and dental students, we're able to expand our capacity to serve more individuals while providing future professionals with real-world, community-based experiences.



**We are thrilled to congratulate the following GBCHC volunteers who have been accepted into professional colleges and universities.** Their dedication and service have had a profound impact on our patients and have inspired us all. We look forward to watching them thrive in their future careers, knowing that we've played a part in shaping the next generation of healthcare professionals.



**Shadi Kaddah:** University of Michigan School of Medicine

**Rubina Khan:** Michigan State University college of Human Medicine

**Kevin Lusko:** Wayne State University Physician Assistant Program

**Jaimee Moshenko:** University of Michigan Flint Physician Assistant Program

**Mary Saleem:** West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

**Andrew Shimoon:** Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health

**Michael Vu:** Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine

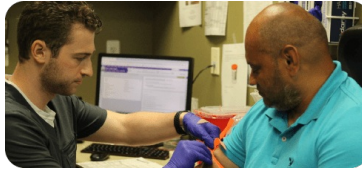
**Alex Zikherman:** West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine





## Vaccine Clinics

Vaccine Clinics for COVID-19, flu, and other important vaccines are available during clinic hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 AM-1 PM. Call [248-309-3752](tel:248-309-3752) for more information.



If you or someone you know is over the age 18, uninsured, and interested in becoming a GBCHC patient, please visit us today.

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