



## "Good Shepherd saved our lives!"



Jose and his daughter, Maria

Jesus was just 7 years old when the doctors at Good Shepherd Clinic referred to Affordable Eye Care, a clinic which fit their limited budget. When the doctors there saw Jesus, they told his parents, "Something is very wrong. He needs to be seen immediately at Dean McGee Eye Institute." In fact, they made Jesus an appointment that very morning and told his father, Jose, to rush him in.

While Jose and his wife were deeply concerned about Jesus, they also had concerns about the cost of care. They had already experienced the devastating economic effects of a serious illness on a family who can't afford insurance. Their daughter had been diagnosed with a brain tumor and the costs for her care and treatment were astronomical. Jose stopped to talk to Yolanda at Good Shepherd. He explained that they were very, very concerned about Jesus' health. At the same time, he worried he couldn't afford the care that his son needed. Yolanda counseled him that it seemed too urgent to neglect and that he should go and find out exactly what the issue was. Good Shepherd would be there to assist in any way possible.

Doctors at Dean McGee took one look at Jesus and admitted him to the hospital. His eye had turned and there were several possible diagnoses. After four days in the hospital, they determined that Jesus had experienced a stroke. This young boy was released from the hospital and prescribed a medication to control and treat the underlying condition that caused the stroke.

Just as Jose feared, the cost of the medication to treat Jesus was astronomical. For them to purchase the medication at a pharmacy, they would need to pay approximately \$1,000 per month. The doctor said to him, "I don't know how you will do this, it costs so much." They came back to Yolanda and told her the situation. Jesus' mom was in tears. Yolanda said, "We will fix this!" It was then that the pharmacy at Good Shepherd got to work. Our pharmacy staff helped the

family apply to the Patient Assistance Program at the pharmaceutical company to receive the drug for free, but they were turned down. This didn't stop our staff! They began calling other charitable clinics and organizations, finally finding a solution for this family. Jesus now receives his medicine for free and is a healthy 11 year old.

The family continues to be treated at Good Shepherd. Jose came in with severe stomach pain. Our clinic referred him to the hospital for a necessary hernia surgery. Their daughter, now in remission and attending college nearby, comes in for routine dental care. This family receives consistent, quality medical and dental care here. As some of the most vulnerable in our community, low income and affected by severe disease, they are in desperate need of our help. Jose says, "Good Shepherd is a blessing from God. It has helped us so much. Our kids weren't born here, so it's hard to find help, especially with my sons' medication. Good Shepherd has saved our lives."

## Good Shepherd Eye Clinic Coming!



We are excited! Dr. Vincent Venincasa, of Dean McGee Eye Institute, would like to provide ophthalmology services at Good Shepherd. This is an answer to prayer! Our patients desperately need these services.

In anticipation of the coming eye clinic, Good Shepherd Clinic just received an in-kind donation of a slit lamp from Dean McGee Eye

Institute for diabetic eye examinations. Thank you to Dr. Venincasa for making this possible. We are thankful for the help to get our clinic off the ground.

Despite all this, the opportunity to open an eye clinic is not yet fully realized. We still need to raise \$10,000 for necessary equipment. One piece of equipment we need is pictured here. We have a company giving us a great purchase price on the equipment. We have a doctor willing to work the equipment. All we need now are the funds to buy the equipment! You have an opportunity to be a part of this. On #GivingTuesday, we are holding a special, one day fundraiser. We will host a fundraiser on Facebook to raise the funds we need. Why Facebook? On that day, 11/27, Facebook is matching funds given up to \$7 million. This is a great opportunity for us and for you! Join us in our work, double your gift, and help us provide vulnerable patients with quality eye care. **November 27th is Giving Tuesday. Give on Facebook to double your gift and help us provide essential ophthalmology care to our patients.**

### OUHSC IPE Clinical Experience

The Office of Interdisciplinary Programs, and the Interprofessional Educators & Practitioners Association, at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, is hosting the 2018-2019 IPE Clinical Experience at Good Shepherd Clinic in Oklahoma City. The principle focus of the OUHSC IPE Clinical Experience is to provide students with

an opportunity to reinforce the IPEC Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice. These competencies are Communication, Roles & Responsibilities, Values & Ethics, and Teams & Teamwork. This is accomplished by creating interprofessional teams of students drawn from 15 different degree tracks to provide team-based, patient-centered care at the Good Shepherd Clinic (GSC) in Oklahoma City. The experience meets on Thursday evenings through March.



Good Shepherd is thankful for IPE! Patients recruited for the IPE Clinical Experience often have complex social and medical needs. At the first clinic meeting on 10/11/18 the team saw a patient with severe substance use disorder that was contributing to adverse health outcomes. OU Social Work students, under the direction of Professor Terrie Fritz, were able to offer meaningful contributions guiding the treatment plan of this patient. It is due to the unique and distinctive training of OU MSW students that the team was able to provide such thorough, well-rounded, patient-centered care. We look forward to more success stories to benefit the patients of Good Shepherd.

## Feeling Thankful

During this time of thankfulness, the team at Good Shepherd Clinic wants to thank YOU for all you do for us. Every patient success story starts with donors, both small and large. Every volunteer story starts with someone like you, someone with a heart big enough to give your time and gifts to others. Every partnership starts with people who believe that we can make a better world for everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us. This year you have donated, volunteered, prayed, shared stories, and supported us in numerous ways. We are thankful, both at Thanksgiving and year round.



## Pumpkins With A Cause

### Election Success!

Krista Jones, DDS came up with a fantastic and fun way to support Good Shepherd. Her clinic hosted a pumpkin contest. Staff and friends decorated some awesome pumpkins, then hosted an online vote for a winner. Every vote cast equaled a dollar donation for Good Shepherd. This lovely troll pumpkin had the

most votes, but Good Shepherd was the winner when we received a check for \$468. Thank you to all who voted and thanks most of all to Krista Jones and staff. We think all elections should end with a donation to Good Shepherd!

