

Cooperative Health Centers, Inc.

Our 30th Year of Community Service

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Press Release

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Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers Celebrate 30 Years

Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers (The Cooperative), one of the largest community health centers in the South Carolina will celebrate its 30th anniversary at a gala on October the 28th at 6:30 p.m. at 701 Whaley Street. The Cooperative began as a small solo medical practice in 1981 and has grown to become a multi-specialty group with centers in Columbia, Cayce, West Columbia, Pelion, Ridgeway, Newberry, and Batesburg-Leesville. Board Chair, Martine Naar said, "These practices serve more than 40,000 patients a year, assisting families with limited incomes, and people who would otherwise have no access to primary medical care. We are very proud of the vital role The Cooperative has played, and we look forward to serving the needs of the Midlands' families for years to come."

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Biographical Information

Stuart Hamilton, M.D., Founder and Chief Executive Officer

After receiving his medical degree at Columbia University and joining the Public Health Service, Dr. Hamilton was sent to South Carolina with the National Health Service Corps to serve in an underserved area. After witnessing first hand the difficulties that low-income families have with obtaining affordable and appropriate health care, Dr. Hamilton and his wife Barbara, decided to stay in South Carolina and dedicate their life long efforts to improving care for families in need.

Gloria Warner, M. H. A., Chief Operating Officer

Ms. Warner joined the Cooperative in 2004 as the Chief Operating Officer. Ms. Warner has worked in healthcare for over 30 years and in community health centers since 1997. Ms. Warner is a member of the National Association of Community Health Centers and serves on the Health Policy committee and the Program Planning committee.

Sonja McCausland, M.B.A., Chief Financial Officer

Ms. McCausland has an Accounting and Management Degree; she worked with the State of Connecticut Comptrollers Office as an Account Manager before relocating to South Carolina where she attained a Masters Degree in Business Administration. Ms. McCausland has worked in healthcare financing for the past 14 years. She is the Chief Financial Officer, since 2003, for the highly successful Cooperative Health Centers where they provide quality health care to four counties in South Carolina.

Kadijah Jones, M.D., Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Jones completed her undergraduate degree at The Johns Hopkins University and her medical degree at the Medical University of South Carolina. She completed her residency studies in Family Medicine at the University of Rochester's Highland Hospital. After 4 years of practice in upstate New York and serving as a preceptor to Family Medicine residents, she relocated to the midlands of South Carolina to be nearer to family. Dr. Jones joined the Cooperative Health Centers in early 2003 and in 2011 became the Chief Medical Officer.

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Board of Directors

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Stuart Hamilton, MD, Chief Executive Officer

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Martine Naar, Chair

Eva Pele

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Sites and Services

Brookland-Cayce Medical Practice, 1115 State Street, Cayce

Brookland Community Pediatrics, 500 North 12th Street, West Columbia

James E. Clyburn Community Health Center, 4605 Monticello Road, Columbia
Sterling Sharpe Pediatric Center
Cooperative Health Pharmacy
Eau Claire Internal Medicine

Eau Claire Behavioral Medicine, 4801 Monticello Road, Columbia

Harden Street Medical Arts, 1228 Harden Street, Columbia
Five Points Pediatric Care
Waverly Women's Health Care
Five Points Podiatry
Administrative Offices

Pediatrics of Batesburg-Leesville, 120 West Church Street, Batesburg

Pediatrics of Newberry, 2525 Kinard Street, Newberry

Pelion Family Practice, 8063 Edmond Highway, Pelion (opening in October 2011)

Cooperative Family Dentistry, 755 US Highway 21 South, Ridgeway

Ridgeway Family Practice, 755 US Highway 21 South, Ridgeway

Waverly Family Practice, 2117 Gervais Street, Columbia

Women's Health & Internal Medicine, 338 E. Columbia Avenue, Leesville

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Invitation

30th Anniversary Gala

Cooperative Health Centers and its Board of Directors
will host the

30th Anniversary Gala and Silent Auction

Friday, October 28, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

at 701 Whaley Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Black tie optional

Cuisine by Dupre Catering

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