

## September 2019 Newsletter

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### Yippee Ki-Yay! The Hoedown is Just Days Away!

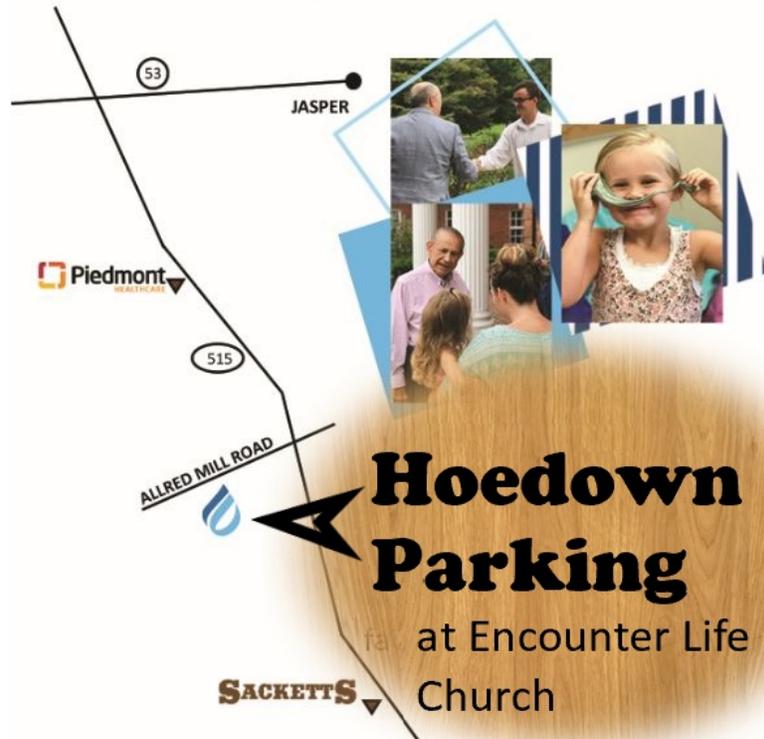
***Good Samaritan's Hoedown is less than 10 days away!! If you don't have your tickets yet, now is the time!*** The event will take place on **Saturday, September 14** from 5 – 9 p.m. and features a delicious barbecue dinner, a live and silent auction, and the music of Banks & Shane. Guests will be shuttled to the private barn venue from Encounter Life Church (formerly Trinity Tabernacle). **See the map below for directions to parking and the link for for last-minute ticket purchases (\$75 each).**

Good Samaritan relies on private donations and grants to offset more than \$800,000 of its annual \$1.85 million budget. Despite receiving federal funding and insurance reimbursement for some patients, Good Samaritan must fundraise to cover expenses and overhead for the **three-quarters of its patients who are uninsured**. **Help us out by coming to the Hoedown or becoming a monthly donor.**

[Buy Hoedown Tickets Online](#)

# ENCOUNTERLIFE CHURCH

- formerly Trinity Tabernacle -



## HRSA-funded Health Centers: More Vital Every Year

The new Uniform Data System (UDS) data are out and show that community health centers like Good Samaritan continue to provide increased access to high quality, value-based, comprehensive primary care for their patients and communities. Health centers treat one in 12 people nationwide, one in every nine children, and are increasingly well-positioned to meet the nation's most common and pressing health care needs, as well as emerging health priorities.

In 2018:

- 93% of health centers provided mental health counseling and treatment.
- 67% of health centers provided substance use disorder services.

The health center model of care is associated with reduced use of more costly care options, such as emergency departments and hospitals. And, health center patients had 24 percent lower spending as compared to non-health center patients across all services.

As a community health center, Good Samaritan must track and report a number of health measures on an ongoing basis. Our center-specific data is compiled along with that of community health centers into nationwide data. You can see both the consolidated national data and Good Samaritan's local data below.

[View the consolidated national data for all health centers](#)

[View Good Samaritan's Most Recent UDS Report](#)

[Visit the HRSA Health Center Fact Sheet](#)



More than **28 million** people rely on a HRSA-funded health center for care, including:



**1 in 12** PEOPLE



**1 in 9** CHILDREN



**1 in 5** RURAL RESIDENTS



**1 in 3** LIVING IN POVERTY



more than **385K** VETERANS

2019 QRS Data



## September is National Recovery Month



In 2019, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) celebrates the 30th anniversary of National Recovery Month (Recovery Month), marking three decades of spreading the message that treatment is effective, and people can and do recover—every day. Through the years, Recovery Month has promoted and supported new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible.

### National Survey on Drug Use and Health



**19.7 million**

adults in the U.S. experienced a **substance use disorder**

**11.4 million**

people misused **opioids** in 2017

In August, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded nearly \$400 million to combat the nation's opioid crisis, including more than \$200 million in new funds. **Good Samaritan received a grant of \$167,000!** The investment will enable us to expand access to integrated substance use disorder and mental health services.

(<https://www.aa.org/>): Lists resources for those experiencing alcohol dependence; helps individuals find and join a local chapter

#### **Narcotics Anonymous**

(<https://www.na.org/>): Lists resources for those experiencing substance use disorders; helps individuals find and join a local chapter.

**To learn more about the weekly support group meetings** at Good Samaritan, contact Tom Carberry at 706-253-4673, ext 241 or Carol Spencer at 706-253-4673 ext 291.

charitable organizations, and faith-based institutions— are the backbone of communities that foster recovery among its residents. Research shows that peer support services can provide a valuable approach to guide individuals as they work to maintain recovery.

To that end, Good Sam's Behavioral Health team has begun weekly Support Group meetings. Every Thursday, there are two meetings, one from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm and one from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. The meetings are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. Attendees are invited but not obligated or pressured to share their challenges with addictions of all types. It's a judgement-free, safe environment where one can share as much or as little as they wish, while hearing from others, as well as learning about helpful resources both at Good Sam and elsewhere.

Substance use disorder treatment and recovery support services can help people find pathways to sustained recovery, permitting them to lead active and meaningful lives while contributing to their communities. By engaging individuals with substance use disorders, helping them access the treatment, recovery support, and other services they need, and by welcoming them back to the community as they embark upon the pathway to recovery, we can build healthier, more resilient communities and reduce the public health and public safety costs of unchecked addiction.

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### ***Upcoming Events***

**Every Thursday** - Addiction Support Group meetings; 11:30 am-1:00 pm and 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

**Tuesday September 3** – JumpStart Cycle 3 begins

**Saturday, September 14**, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. – Annual Hoedown featuring Banks & Shane – buy tickets [here](#)

