



Impact Report

Who We Are



Mission

MercyMed of Columbus exists to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and to demonstrate His love by providing affordable, quality healthcare for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the underserved.

Vision

We envision an incarnational ministry through a community of believers who use their particular gifts to care for the poor and who bring them into their fellowship.

We work hand-in-hand with existing ministries and help create new ministries as needed to bring Christ to the poor, crippled, blind and lame.

All that we do is for the Glory of God.

Core Values

Advocacy | Innovation | Family | Quality Healthcare | Trust

A Word from the Doc

Dr. Grant Scarborough | CEO + Founder

This year, I have been praying an Anglican prayer at the end of the day. A prayer to close the day from all the activities we had done while trusting these activities to the Lord through the night. It is a humbling prayer that God is at work when I am awake and when I am asleep. The God who never grows weary is working when I work, or watch, or am sad and weeping, or even sleeping.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen

This impact report is a testimony of God using His children to make a difference in Columbus, Georgia. Many times I do not feel I can be used by God. Our staff at MercyMed is not perfect; we all have our struggles. How can God use us? My nightly prayer reminds me that it has nothing to do with how I struggle spiritually or succeed spiritually, it all has to do with God Who is keeping watch over us and working in and through us.

So what does this mean? All glory goes to Him. He is at work here at MercyMed building His kingdom. We work, being obedient, but God builds.

We have been able to minister to many friends through medicine, dentistry, farming, counseling, physical therapy, dietetics and more. As I have been praying at the end of every day, I pray for us now: *Lord, keep watch over the work and weeping of the last year. Lord, tend, bless, soothe, and give rest to all who worked and were served through MercyMed. Lord, may all that we do, be done for Your love's sake.*



What We Do

MercyMed provides access to healthcare for the underserved. Driven by our vision to offer the hope of Christ to a hurting community, we are committed to meeting the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of patients.

MercyMed Services

- Primary Care
- Pediatrics
- Dentistry
- Ophthalmology
- Optometry
- Gynecology
- Imaging / Radiology
- Physical Therapy
- Counseling
- Integrated Behavioral Health
- Addiction Counseling
- Group Therapy
- Dietetics
- Wellness Classes
- Urban Farming
- Pharmacy

2023 Patient Stats



7,572
Individuals



29,911
Patient Visits

76%

Primary Care Visits

Ministry Highlights

1 **Beautifully Restored Clinic in South Columbus** *MercyMed at Mission Columbus* opened its renovated doors in May 2023 with expanded clinical space and additional staff. We provided 46% more visits than in the same amount of time, pre-renovation.

2 **Dynamic Partnership** MercyMed partnered with Mercer University School of Medicine and the Columbus Housing Authority to open a new part-time clinic at The Banks at Mill Village, a 108 unit affordable housing community. In January 2023, we opened *MercyMed at Mill Village* to provide primary care, sick visits, and hospital follow-ups to MercyMed patients and residents.

3 **Fully Dedicated Pediatrics** In 2023, we hired a pediatrician and a pediatric nurse to focus on providing quality healthcare for children. With staff fully dedicated to pediatrics, MercyMed is now better equipped to care for the entire family.

4 **Full-Time Dentistry** When we opened our waitlist for dental care, it was 800 patients long! Now, with a fully-dedicated dentist and dental team, we're able to serve 3,000+ patient visits per year providing dental hygiene, crowns, extractions, fillings, restored smiles and more!



Dr. Sarah Barr, at *MercyMed at Mission Columbus* Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



Innovative Impact

The MercyMed Farm is committed to contributing to improved health outcomes by making healthy food accessible at a fraction of the cost. MercyMed Farm hosts a farmstand every Friday from 9-12pm. We sell vegetables at a discount to patients and neighbors. Anyone who shops with food stamps can purchase fresh produce at half price!

Fun Fact: We harvested 14,000 pounds of fresh produce in 2023!

Our Community

Located in Muscogee County, MercyMed is responding to a community in need with the love of Jesus through affordable, quality healthcare:

- 38% of Muscogee County families do not earn enough to pay for basic expenses.
- 20% of residents under 65 have no health insurance.
- Muscogee County ranked 103 out of 159 counties in undesirable health outcomes.

MercyMed is committed to advocating on behalf of our patients to make our services affordable and accessible to a struggling community.



Patient Demographics

- 53% Uninsured
- 24% Medicaid/Medicare/Underinsured
- 23% Privately Insured

Support

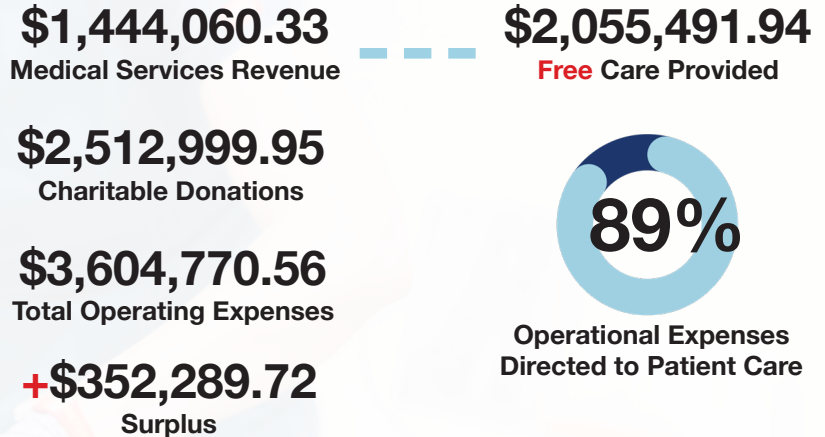
MercyMed partners with a generous local community who show mercy to our neighbors by supporting affordable healthcare. Donors and partners make it possible to provide quality services at an affordable rate.

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MercyMed is a proud partner agency of the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley.

2023 Expenses & Revenue





Abel: A Patient Story

Before Abel found his way to MercyMed, he had given up on life. He was drinking up to 12 alcoholic drinks daily. He ate very little and was rapidly losing weight. His body hurt all over, and he was starting to lose his vision. Abel didn't have health insurance or a primary care provider, so he had ignored these nagging health issues for a long time. Eventually, he had no choice but to visit the emergency room, where he was hospitalized for an A1C level three times the normal range.

The hospital referred Abel to MercyMed for follow-up care. Abel's Primary Care Provider, Marie, prescribed medication, connected him with MercyMed's addiction counselor, and scheduled an onsite scan to address his vision issues. Marie also referred Abel to MercyMed's Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Jamie, for nutritional counseling.

With the help of an interpreter, Jamie listened to Abel's story. He felt completely alone. Far from his home country, Guatemala, he had no friends. He spent most of his time with co-workers, who were also drinking buddies. Abel had recently lost family members and felt estranged from others. His mother in Guatemala often encouraged him to stop drinking, but the distance affected him.

Jamie taught Abel the diabetic plate method, an intervention used in nutritional counseling. She gave him a glucose log, taught him what to eat, and helped him think through a strategy to find friends who don't drink. They talked about the community aspect of mealtimes and how to find positive connections related to food without alcohol.

Abel embraced the strategies from Jamie and our Addiction Counselor, Jimmy. He found a way to have group meals based on the plate method and began faithfully tracking his glucose readings. Abel's physical symptoms started to heal, and his A1C levels decreased significantly. In less than three months, Abel's A1C dropped from 13.4% to 5.9% (from advanced diabetes to pre-diabetes)!

Most importantly, Abel based his new life on trusting God. When asked what the last few months meant to him, he said, "I trust in God and believe in Him. The principal thing is to trust God. You cannot do life on your own."

Where We're Going

We've come a long way in the last 12 years, and certainly in the last year, but there is so much good work still to do!

Coming soon, major improvements on 2nd Avenue. Formerly a convenience store, MercyMed will renovate the 8,000 square foot property at 3600 2nd Avenue to install the following services:

1. **Pharmacy** – Onsite medication for patients, eliminating access barriers and helping to alleviate cost barriers
2. **Counseling** – Doubling our space for mental health appointments, providing more care for patients' mental, emotional and spiritual well being
3. **Administration** – Dedicated administrative offices frees up valuable space for additional exam rooms in the existing clinic, allowing us to serve more patients in a timely manner
4. **Physical Therapy and Wellness** – Increased and updated space for physical therapy, speech therapy, nutrition education, and other patient wellness services





MercyMed of Columbus is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Donations are always tax deductible and can be made online or checks made payable to MercyMed of Columbus, addressed to 3702 2nd Ave., Columbus, GA 31904.

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