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We Owe Thanks to so many: on March 9 we were delighted to say thanks to some of the many people who have worked to make the mission and dream of **EOPCC** a reality. Usually this means volunteers have come forward to help others, or help us help others. This year's **Volunteer of the Year Award** became two awards as we just had to say thank you for above and beyond gifts of service: **Dr. David B. Rehm, PhD** has been our wine master for over 7 years has shared his expertise in what makes the color and flavors and fragrance and taste of so many fantastic wines throughout the Americas and Europe. The success of this signature event has done much to reduce our building debt. **Patricia A. Cairo**, member of our auxiliary board has coordinated the EOPCC participation in Emmitsburg's Community Day and developed our very own Fall Fundraiser Dance celebrating the 50's and 60's. Together these programs netted \$2000.00 toward the building fund. Our **Community Service Award** recognized **Linda** and **John Grob** both Veterans in their own right and dedicate much of their service to helping Veterans in distress as well as helping patients in financial crisis. Even though EOPCC may assist gratis the medical needs of our patient we are not able to give them money to buy meds, pay the rent, gas, a Thanks Giving dinner, Christmas Bikes for children, Money for their children's Christmas. Linda and John often forego their own needs and benefits to help others. They humble us by so much care and concern, giving back to the community. There were many others who told their stories of service. The challenge is on, to serve and give back.

You are invited to our Healing Garden Dedication: 2:00 P.M. April 20, 2013: After many years, thanks to a grant from the **France -Merrick Foundation** we have been able to finally complete our EOPCC Healing Garden We are grateful to the France-Merrick Foundation for their Grant of \$23,000 that has enabled us to complete our Healing Garden. The garden will be dedicated to **Viet Nam Veteran Captain William Colby, M.D.**, honoring **Viet Nam Veteran John Bennett** who donated his services as electrician, saving EOPCC \$40,000 in the Phase II of the building project.

EOPCC continues giving back to the community: EOPCC is committed to providing compassionate medical care regardless of a patient's ability to pay. In 2012 EOPCC provided over \$59,000 pro bono direct medical care, forgave over \$7,000 due to financial hardship and discounted more than \$45,000 through its participation in medical assistance programs. We continue our pharmaceutical assistance though changes of medication availability have created more challenges. Some of these services were made possible through a grant from the **Sisters of St Francis of Philadelphia** provide 117 free flu vaccines as well as provide several free EKG's to needy patients.

Upcoming Fundraiser Events: Please check out our website for more details: eopcc.com

- **May 11th, Car Show at Mother Seton Grade School in Emmitsburg: Creamery Rd :**
- **June 29th Community Day: Emmitsburg**
- **September 21st, Wine Tasting Event at Mount Mt. Mary's University**
- **October 26th, Dance with the Retrorockets band/Halloween theme: Emmitsburg Ambulance Hall on Creamery Road**
- **Donate a Brick Fund Raising Project to further beautify the Garden and remember those we love (including you!)**

Personal Notes: **Katie Veron**, our new medical assistant has lost her father to leukemia, despite his valiant fight. Katie lets those quiet tears fall while welcoming with a great smile our patients, continuing her great service. **Janeen Lyche, CRNP** is proud grandmother again and has a busy life with her 12 grandchildren to tend, along with her nurse practitioner work at EOPCC. Dr. Portier will be travelling to Iowa late May for the arrival of her 8th grandchild.

Our Students: we welcome those who would pursue their path in medicine:

From **West Virginia school of Osteopathic Medicine; 3rd and 4th year Medical Students: Charles Clifton, Mary Ann Hennin, Tristan Flack, and Jenny Kim;** from **KCUMB Ayesha Khan. Kirksville, Kansas is the site of the first Osteopathic School established by Andrew Taylor Still, founder of Osteopathic Medicine.** Their energy and service, their enjoyment of learning and practicing medicine keeps our enthusiasm and dedication at full throttle.

Medical Assistant Students: Pam Beall has hit the ground running learning and doing at the same time: preparing the patient for the doctor visit, recording vitals, drawing blood draws, keeping the medical rooms ready. Pam's ready smile and willingness to learn makes it a pleasure to be part of her training.

Podiatry close to home: Podiatry in Emmitsburg is picking up, happy feet leaving where sad feet walked in. Shoe inserts for those flat feet for under \$100.00 molds made right on the spot, Laser therapy to painful arthritis. It is wonderful to see such smiles, walk-ins, patients with medical assistance insurance have all been welcomed by **Dr. Douglas Butler, D.P.M..**

Special Donations: we are very grateful to **Timothy Clark** who gave us a generous donation for operation. This gift allowed us to repair our motorized procedures chair, as well as purchase a wall mounted otoscope/ophthalmoscope set. Also special thanks to **anonymous donor** (you know who you are) for the 4th wall mounted otoscope /ophthalmoscope. These gifts allow us to practice a better medicine, serving our beloved patients. Thank you **James Sizemore** who kept the chair repair costs to minimum.

