

Good Sam UPDATE

Spring 2022

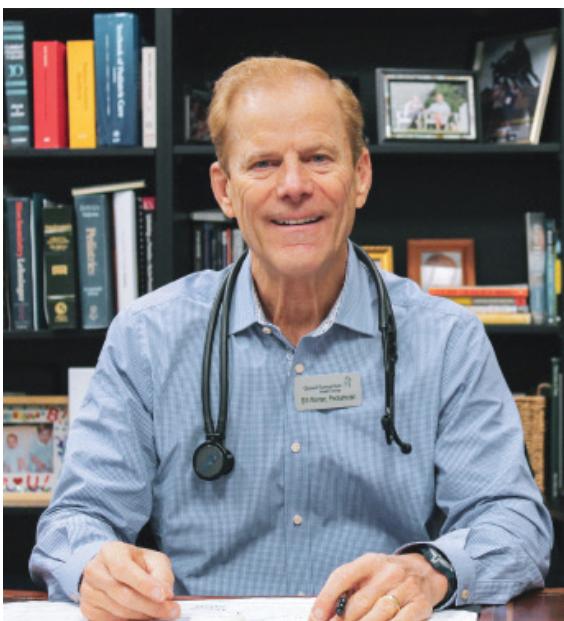
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NEW DENTISTS & NEW DREAMS
Dr. Kahina King
& Dr. Lexi Silva

Good Samaritan
HEALTH CENTER



From Our Founder



From day one of the founding of The Good Samaritan Health Center, we have purposefully addressed the comprehensive healthcare needs of the underserved. To this end, we developed The Full Circle of Health model. Included are the medical, mental health, spiritual, health education, wellness, case management, nutritional and dental needs of those we serve. Each of these needs has been contemplated, planned and cared for since our opening. None was an afterthought, and none was deemed more or less important than another. Consequently, we make an effort to emphasize each need when creating programs, hiring staff, allocating resources, and planning strategically for the future. One service area I am proud to offer is dental care, which is often lacking for the poor.

Can you imagine the far-reaching implications of poor dental health on a person already facing a myriad of personal obstacles? The crucial first impression at a job interview, walking through life experiencing unbearable dental pain, or even the all too visible pain of past traumas feel like insurmountable circumstances, especially without access to needed dental care.

Good Samaritan provides hope and opportunity by recreating a healthy

mouth and confident smile. This is what our dental team does every day, their part in creating wellness and wholeness for our patients. I am very proud of the care they provide.

"A cheerful look brings joy to the heart; good news makes for good health" Proverbs 15:30

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Bill Warren, IV, M.D.
Founder & Pediatrician

Good Sam By The Numbers: January - March 2022

Patient Care Encounters

Medical Primary Care	3,500
Specialty Care	504
TeleHealth	1,028
Dental Care	2,174
Dispensary	526
Mental Health Counseling	311
Nutrition Counseling	78
X-Rays	10
Referrals	574
Financial Counseling	113
Health Education	113

Total Patient Encounters
8,931

Farm & Market Update

Produce Harvested	325 lbs.
Market Customer Interactions	66
Market "Pop-up" Shops	5

COVID-19 Encounters

Clinic Visits	68
Vaccine Appointments	387
COVID Rapid Test via CVS	1,846
COVID Tests In-House	42
HelplineSOS Calls (Testing and Vaccines)	1,971
Good Sam Provider Phone Consults	6

Total COVID-19 Encounters
4,324

The dental department is on track for another amazing year.



We are staying busy doing the work we are here to do, treating those in need. But we know there is more to do, and when you can do more, you do more! As the new Dental Director of Good Sam, I am blessed to have entered an amazing place. One might say the "hard work" has been done, thanks to the work of our past dental director, Dr. Sieweke. Therefore, I come with dreams, visions, and goals for the department's bright future.

Providing better access to our services is my number one goal. Step one in reaching this goal has been to create a simple, transparent, and efficient process for patients to schedule an appointment and be seen by one of our dentists. Step two has been to ensure an effective process that would allow patients to be seen within a reasonable time frame. **If you live within our designated zip codes or are an established medical patient, you can now simply call and make an appointment!** It has been three months since implementing these changes, and it has been so well received by our community. **We have seen an increase in the number of patients, as well as productivity, and only have high hopes for the future.**

Another dream and vision of mine, one that I am very passionate about, is to see our department become pillars in and of the community. Educating patients of all ages and backgrounds on oral health awareness and how dental health affects their overall health. This is a work in progress, but we are continuing to build new relationships with leaders and schools in the community with plans to do more in the months to come. I am excited about what we have done so far and what we will accomplish in the future. I am ready to do all that I can for Good Sam and the community we serve.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. King".

Kahina King, DMD, MS
Dental Services Director



Meet Good Sam's newest dentist!

Dr. Lexi Silva is a native of the Atlanta area. She attended the College of William & Mary as an undergraduate and received her D.D.S. from UCLA School of Dentistry. After graduating, she returned to Atlanta with her husband, Paul, and dog, Louie, and began her residency at Good Sam in association with NYU-Langone Hospitals in July 2020. After finishing her residency in June of 2021, she was excited to join the Good Sam team as a part-time general dentist so she could continue to serve the community and provide mentorship to future residents. Dr. Silva came on board full-time this spring.

"I've loved my time at Good Sam and am continually inspired by how compassionate my coworkers are about putting patients first. I feel blessed to have been offered a full-time position and will continue the good work of serving our patients with excellent care."

- Lexi Silva, D.D.S., General Dentist

DENTAL ENCOUNTERS

Q1 2021
3,963 ➤

Q1 2022
4,146

Your Support Makes Our Dreams Come True!

A truth of this ministry is that none of our programming is possible without your generous support. As our patients only pay what they are able and we are firm in our commitment to continuing our free Friday Clinic for patients experiencing homelessness, every person receives many more multiples in value of care than service revenue covers. **We're all so excited about the vision and dreams that Dr. King has brought with her to lead the dental department in its next season.** From the possibility of a dental implant program to the hope of gently bringing oral health to more children across metro Atlanta, we hope you will choose to partner financially with us in this transformative work.

Check out the links below or return the enclosed envelope and be a part of a beautiful smile for someone in need today!



Heather Kersey
Chief Development Officer

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Text GoodDental to 41444



Save The Date!

The annual Good Samaritan Back to School Bash will be held on **Saturday, July 30th, 2022, from 7:30 am - 12:00 pm.**

Children across metro Atlanta will receive their back-to-school health screenings, required immunizations, optional COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, and a special gift courtesy of Lincoln Property Company!

There will be fun, food and games for the whole family as we celebrate the hope and excitement of a new school year.

To get involved or learn more about the event, please contact
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