



Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc.

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Newsletter



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Please join us in welcoming our newest Medical Director Dr. Bernard Sweeney

Pictured is Dr. Bernard Sweeney and Executive Director Donna Flaherty.



Services Provided for Clients at GPOC

- Primary adult and pediatric care
- Women's health
- Medication assistance
- Health education
- School and employment physicals
- Insurance navigation
- Spiritual direction (upon request)
- Grief support (upon request)

At our partner/referral organizations or agencies

- Laboratory screening
- X-ray services
- Mental health services
- Dentistry
- Vision and hearing evaluations
- Services provided by Livingston County Department of Social Services
- Services provided by Livingston County Department of Health (ex. immunizations)
- Services provided by Catholic Family Services

GPOC Vegetable Garden Thrives

We are grateful to the Geneseo Garden Club for establishing the new garden in memory of Myrtle Merritt, longtime member of the Club and the Methodist church. Our POC clients greatly appreciate the assortment of freshly grown veggies.



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Special Place, Special Needs*

Ever busy with clinics, events, and helping the community, the Geneseo Parish Outreach Center always has an eye on the future. Our next big focus is our Annual Appeal Letter which aims to reach members of the community as well as local businesses. We hope to celebrate all of our hard work for the past year but also highlight the reality of where we are financially. This year's Appeal Letter will emphasize what makes GPOC special as well as the sobering outlook for 2025-2026.



President Kirsten Galliford

- First, we are an **all-volunteer staff**. None of our funding is used to compensate the local volunteers who donate their time and talent to helping others.
- Did you know that we have **no borders**? Our organization has Geneseo in our name because that is where we are based. We have actually helped patients in 11 western New York counties. How can we help people outside of Livingston County?
- We take a **holistic approach** to helping others. We treat the whole person. If there is a need for food, we have an emergency food Pantry. Because we partner with Foodlink, we do not restrict based on residency. If someone has a need for eye care, dental care, mental health services, or diagnostic testing, we have partnerships with local providers to make the care possible and more accessible.
- Our **funding is taking a significant hit** based on federal changes and rising costs. **Please see the Grant section of the Executive Director's Report on page 4.** The needs of our community are increasing, as well.

If you are inspired to respond to our Annual Appeal, please contact the Geneseo Parish Outreach Center at (585)243-3120 and add your name to the mailing list.

God Bless!



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Angela Ellis: Another Super-Professional at GPOC

After 30 years of service to Livingston County and a not-quite-retired status, Angela Ellis has agreed to help with the ultra-important task of grant writing for the Outreach Center. Her expertise could not come at a better time as GPOC faces potential financial challenges.

A native New Yorker, Angela earned a BA in political science from Gannon University in PA and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Pittsburgh. She also completed certifications at the Grantsmanship Training Center in 2000 and Strategic Performance Management at Rutgers University in 2017.

Angela is among those featured in *Women's Biographical Review: Achievers, Leaders, & Role Models*, a publication of Livingston County. Most recently she served as the County's Deputy County Administrator for Planning and Special Projects. Ontario and Wyoming counties have also benefited from her gifts. She supervised several projects in Ontario from 2001-2008 and was Interim Director for Planning in Wyoming.

Although she has retired from official public service, Angela has started her own consulting business and does some contract work for Livingston County. She has been involved in community service through Rotary, Boy Scouts, Livingston CARES, and the Livingston County Land Bank Corporation, for which she was the first Executive Director and founding member. She is also a member of the Geneseo United Methodist Church, where she was wisely recruited to lend her talents to GPOC. She and her husband Mark have two adult sons and are also busy with the family farm in Cattaraugus County.

GPOC Medical Clinic Schedule

Monday & Tuesday mornings

9:00 am to noon

Hispanic Medical Clinic

The first Thursday morning of the month ~ once a month

9:00 am to noon

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 am to noon

Staff is there to schedule medical appointments and serve patients who need help with medication costs or dental and other specialty care referrals.

Call for an appointment
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Executive Director Donna Flaherty

Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc.**Executive Director Report****July 2025**

Statistics – Since 1/1/2025 we have assisted 162 patients (2024 same timeframe – 168)

No insurance – 57; Amish – 24; Hispanic/Latino 20; Black/AA – 13; Migrant/Migrant worker – 17

Homeless- 6; Unemployed – 53; Disabled – 44; Retired – 33; Chronic Condition – 110; CSBG - 89

Physicals – 67 (employment – 17; School – 4) Total Referrals- 70 (Dental Referrals- 49; Vision Referrals – 9; Specialty Referrals – 8); Medical Bills – 53; Prescription Coverage – 63

County numbers: Livingston -118; Monroe – 10; Steuben – 6; Wyoming – 11; Ontario; 3; Allegany – 1; Genesee – 3; Cattaraugus – 1

GRANTS – We have heard from the Golisano Foundation, The Mother Cabrini Foundation and the Upper NY Conference United Women of Faith. All have denied our requests for grant funding this year. Karen Ferguson and Angela Ellis have been researching grant opportunities for the Center.

The United Way of the Southern Tier has renewed our grant for this year for a sum of \$5609.61. The St. Luke the Evangelist Church family has donated \$1500. The Geneseo Kiwanis Club gave the Center \$2000. Excellus Grant is \$7500. CSBG Grant funds of \$48,500 for 2024-25 has been spent. We are not anticipating any more grant funding from CSBG in 2025/26. United Way of MGLOW region is \$21,370 through December 2025. We anticipate a reduction to \$14,250 in January of 2026.

Volunteers – We are still looking for paraprofessional volunteers that can staff the Center on a weekly basis. Anyone who knows of a potential volunteer, please contact the Director.

Paperless Charting – Volunteers are being trained to schedule patients in the EMR. We will be scanning all HIPAA signed forms and RHIO forms into EMR. We will be reviewing our financial tracking system with Melissa Slater, Treasurer, to streamline that system.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Flaherty

Donna Flaherty, PA-C

Executive Director

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August 24 Wellness Fair Serves Community

Once again, the Parish Outreach Center held a Wellness Fair in conjunction with the GUMC Annual Yard Sale. Wegmans provided apples, oranges, raisins and granola bars to clients, while volunteers distributed these and other snacks as well as health-related information, sold pizza, pop, and donuts, and provided B/P and BMI checks. Thanks go to Jim and Sheila Swanger, Judy Beeman, Emily Showers, Germaine Santoriello, Anna Galliford, and Kelly Brian for their gift of time in making all these tasks possible. GPOC Director Donna Flaherty, Linda Weaver, and Board President Kirsten Galliford provided information and spoke with six SUNY Geneseo students about the possibility of volunteering at the Center or Food Pantry.

We appreciate all who contributed to another successful Wellness Fair.



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A Tribute and Heartfelt Thanks to Retired Volunteers

The Center is blessed to have a dedicated staff of medical personnel, paraprofessionals, and a host of other volunteers in various roles over the past 21 years. Now in our third decade, we take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to those who once served but have stepped down from their roles at GPOC. Below is a partial list of retired volunteers. Thank you to them and many others.

Ruth Briggs	Victoria Campbell Grant Writer	Cate Concannon Facebook
Debbie Coniglio NP	Cristen Copenhaver LPN	Carol Dillon RN
Cindy Doolittle LPN	Jean and Brad Farthing,	Dr. Paul Frame Medical Dir.
Dr. Cynthia Hadley Medical Dir.	Michele Johnston NP	Lucille Kane
June Little	Dr. Rodney Logan	Bob Lyon Webmaster
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Kim Snyder RN	Ayesha Tasaddaq Medical Dir.	Leah Vitale,
Dr. Thomas Walters	Martha Wampler RN	Dr. Norman Wetterau,
Dr. Christian Wightman,	Karen Wissler RN	
and the late Marlene Bebout RN and James Vitale NP		

Donate to The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center


The Parish Outreach Center is a 501(c)(3). It is dependent upon the support of the community that surrounds us. Our mission is accomplished through the generous donations of time, money and equipment from our supporters.

Donations, fundraisers, in-kind donations and foundation supporters are welcome.

You may participate in several ways:

- ... donate "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one.
- ... remember GPOC in your will or bequest.
- ... consider matching gifts from employers.

To learn how you or your organization can help us to help others, please call us. 585-243-3120

- **All donations are tax deductible**
- **United Way donations can be made to number 2471** 
- We use **PAYPAL** to provide a secure transaction. Go to www.gpocenter.org and use the **PAYPAL Donate Button**.

New Yorkers don't have to go without health coverage. We are here to help!

NY State of Health is committed to ensuring access to affordable, quality health insurance for all New Yorkers so they can get the care they need. New Yorkers who are without health insurance should apply now through NY State of Health.

There are three ways to apply:

- Online at nystateofhealth.ny.gov
- By phone at 1-855-355-5777 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220)
- With the help of an Enrollment Assistor

Find one by calling 1-855-355-5777 or visit

<http://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/findassistor>



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Adopt-a-Shelf/Assist with Medication

As more individuals are temporarily unable to work, their ability to obtain food, personal hygiene items, and medications becomes more difficult.

Our pantry is well stocked, but we do not get a price break on items such as toilet paper, shampoo, and laundry soap. If you or an organization that you are a member of would like to adopt one of these items and keep the shelf for that item stocked, it would be most helpful. Just let us know which item you are adopting and we will let you know when it is running low.

Medications: *If clients need to choose which bills to pay, they may stop taking their medication to save money. This decision could worsen their condition and could increase the likelihood of more emergency room visits and hospital stays.*

Listed below are some of the drugs most-needed and the cost of each 30-day

Lantus, (insulin) commonly used to treat diabetes: \$35 (federal cap)

Trulicity, a newer non-insulin drug for diabetes which is injected weekly: Trulicity 1 box is \$950.

Symbicort, combination inhaler for asthma or COPD, taken 2 puffs twice a day: 1 inhaler is \$204 for the generic.

Spiriva, an inhaled drug for asthma or COPD, taken 2 puffs daily: Spiriva Respimat is \$512 for 1 inhaler.

Ozempic (injectable for diabetes): \$499

Eliquis (blood thinner): \$599

Xarelto (blood thinner): \$579

Trelegy (inhaler for asthma/COPD): \$656

Breo Ellipta (inhaler for asthma/COPD): \$232 (now generic)

If you or your organization can support shelf items and/ or medications, please respond to the GPOC

Our Volunteer Hours

In the first eight months of 2025, Geneseo Parish Outreach Center volunteers contributed over 3,340 hours to support community health. That constitutes an average of over 417 hours per month this year.



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Use PayPal or Venmo to set up recurring payments or write a check to the Yearly Appeal.