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Sep.22, 1993

Mr. Brian Lamb
C-SPAN
444 N. Capital Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Lamb:

Today I attended a meeting held by the Grand Strand Auxiliary, Inc. of the Grand Strand General Hospital, Myrtle Beach, SC.

The program was a presentation by the S O S Health Care, Inc.. Dr. Bill H. Davis, M.D. made the presentation. It was a great surprise to learn how this organization had been able to supply the citizens of this community with FREE medical service they could not obtain, or were unable to afford.

I am impressed with the results Dr. Davis has accomplished. With the nation on the edge now on Health Care it is my feeling you owe it to yourself, and the balance of the nation to talk with this gentlemen and learn how he has obtained the success he has.

I realize we can not have a give away in a nation of this size, but with all of the minds and efforts we have applied to our Health Care problem I feel this gentlemen has a story to be told worth listening to.

Give him a call and see what you think.

Attached you will find the literature I picked up at the meeting. It is for your information.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely
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SOS Health Care, Inc.

Dr. Bill Davis, Director

Myrtle Beach, SC

Newsletter

May 1993

MISSION

Help sick who can't help themselves get medical care. This is done through grants for care (if financially qualified), counseling, referral, advice, self-help course, direct care, and arranging urgent doctor's appointment or individualized repayment.

WHY DO SICK GO WITHOUT HELP IN OUR RICH COUNTRY?

The most frequent response of someone just learning about SOS's effort to help the sick who have no where else to go is something like, "Wow, what you're doing is great!" It's really sad to me that SOS's struggling effort to solve what's become a national tragedy, i.e., allowing our sick to suffer and die when we are so rich, is considered exceptional. Why don't all communities have programs like SOS? Community health care programs like SOS should be the general rule, certainly not the exception. But they aren't.

Sure, there are free clinics which do much good. But the sick (rich and poor) need a doctor who is available more than just a few hours a week. They need a doctor to be available 24 hours a day; they need lab and xray evaluation; they need medications (not just samples that happen to be on the shelf), physical therapy, medical appliances, same day surgery, hospitalization and general advocacy for good health.

Well, most of us have all of the preceding; the poor are lucky if they get seen in the emergency room with a problem long delay has turned into a life threatening emergency.

Worse yet, great minds and think tanks are all struggling with complicated solutions, and maybe that's the problem--maybe they've made it too complicated.

SOS looks upon its job very simply: "Our neighbor is our

family, our responsibility, and we must share our extra with our brothers and sisters who are in need."

SOS's success is simple too. It's God's working through those who stepped forward with the "I can help too" attitude.

What seems to some to be a miraculous response to SOS's call for help, i. e., 110 participating doctors, all local hospitals, a dozen pharmacies, physical therapists, medical appliance dealers, labs, dozens of dedicated volunteers, printers, attorneys, accountants, computer dealers and experts, the community's college faculty and hundreds who donate their money: individuals, service organizations, foundations, churches, medical organizations, and United Way, is simply the result of God touching willing hearts--like yours.

Incidentally, SOS now has 45 doctors who provide their services free and 70 who offer services for not more than half price--and the number of free doctors grows weekly!

SOS provided aid to a 33 year old mother of 2. The kids were sick but all other assistance was denied because her estranged husband was under an unenforceable court order to provide for their support.

The need for our services increases each month (see Growth in SOS Services graph below), but our income from donations is not keeping pace.

A husband and wife, both on disability income wrote to SOS in part, "There are no words in my vocabulary to express my appreciation to Dr. Davis, his volunteers, and contributors for the (life-saving) medicine..(they).. afforded us

If funding becomes available we may do more than wait for the sick to come to us. Many children, young mothers, and shutins don't get out for immunizations, preventive health care, prenatal care, etc. We propose, with a coalition of others, to go to them in the rural communities of our county, to Head Start schools, public housing, and churches. We can only do this if adequately funded.

With your generous support we will continue to make a difference for the sick without help in our community! Let's pray too that other communities will begin to do what you and I are doing here through SOS!

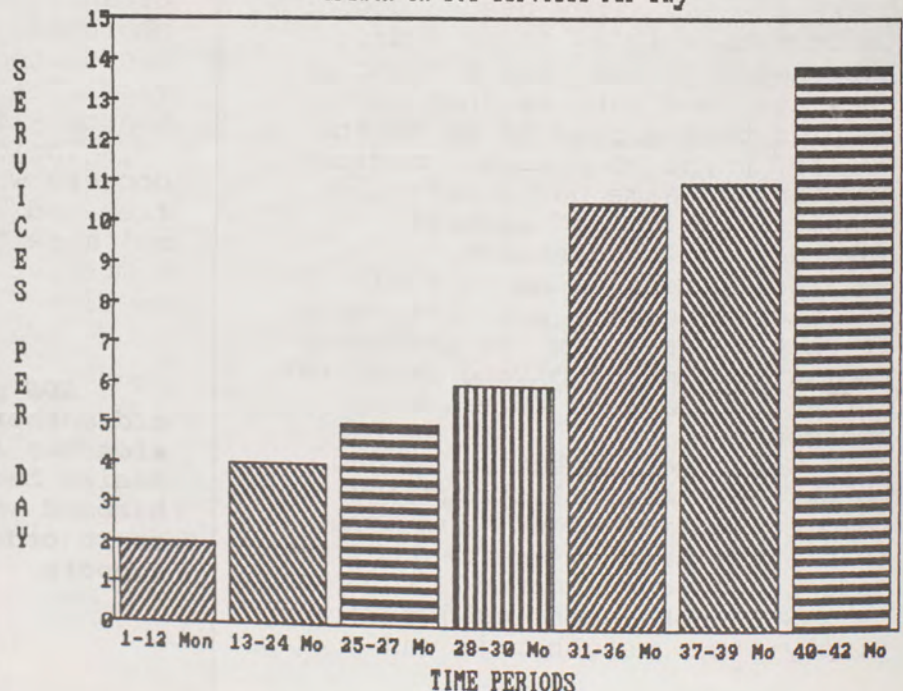
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SUMMARY OF SERVICES SOS FOR THE 4TH FISCAL YR. FIRST SIX MONTHS 11-1-92 THRU 4-30-93

Individual Counseling	34
Determination of Financial Status	81
Medical Forms Completed	7
Physical Exams Completed	3
Referred to Friendship House Clinic	52
Home/Office Visit	14
Individualized Repayment Arranged	3
Medical Advice Given	133
Recommended Doctor	59
Referred to Governmental Agency	72
Referred to Private Agency	39
Referred to Emergency Room	1
Denied Financial Assistance	56
Transportation Arranged	1
Third Party Payee Advice Given	132
Talked to Doctor for Client	54
Urgent Appointment Made	27
Hospital Charge Forgiven Arranged	0
No Charge Service Arranged	63
Sample medications provided	49
Loaned wheelchair	1
Exceptions to meds paid for made	12
Prescription paid	1267
Doctor Paid	15
Outpatient Surgery Paid	10
Xrays Paid	8
Lab Studies Paid	21
Physical Therapy Paid	3
Medical Appliances Purchased	1

TOTAL SERVICES	2207

Growth in SOS Services Per Day



SOS HEALTH CARE FINANCIAL REPORT
11/ 1/92 Through 4/30/93

INCOME

Church	6,914.08
Foundation:	
Burroughs	500.00
Chapin	25,000.00
Ocean View	5,000.00

Total Foundation	30,500.00
Individual	5,510.00
Interest	221.68
Medical Organizations	2,000.00
Memorials	75.00
Service Clubs	275.00
United Way	6,250.00

TOTAL INCOME 51,745.76

EXPENSES

Accounting	650.00
Equipment	131.09
Fees	110.00
Grants:	
Appliance	200.00
Doctor	2,068.80
Lab	175.46
Medicine	18,821.45
Insurance	111.00
PT	25.00
SDS	5,934.84
Xray	480.00

Total Grants	27,816.55
Insurance	2,715.76
Maintenance	398.90
Medical Supply	67.70
Miscellaneous	42.67
Payroll	15,824.55
Postage	390.38
Staff Dev	622.39
Supplies	301.44
Tax Penalty	41.64
Taxes	25.00
Telephone	923.82
Travel	349.25

TOTAL EXPENSES 50,411.14

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE 1,334.62

ST. PHILIPS YARD SALE FOR SOS

Come and bring a friend.

May 29, 8am until noon.

Bring donations for the sale to the Church May 26-28.

Every dollar received will be matched by Lutheran Brotherhood.

OFFICE NEEDED TO HOUSE SOS

SOS is outgrowing the director's home.

300 to 500 sq.ft. needed starting July.

SOS can pay utilities, insurance and renovation costs only.

Call 449-3564.

VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF SOS OFFICE NEEDED

Answer phone, clerical, simple computer operation & occasionally assist doctor examining patients.

3-4 hours/week minimum--if not sure, take training in June at no obligation.

Call Bill Davis at 449-3564.

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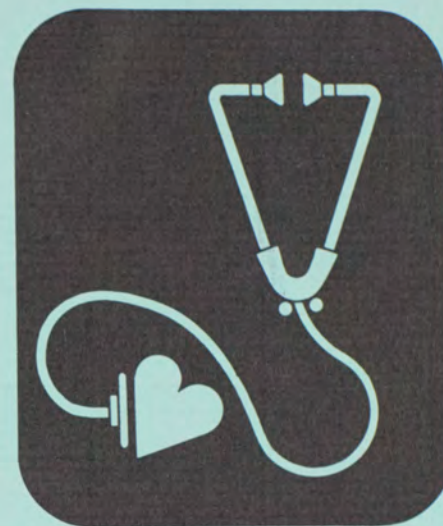
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S.O.S. HEALTH CARE

of
Horry County
South Carolina

phone: 449-3011

A UNITED WAY AGENCY

S.O.S. Health Care of Horry County, South Carolina, is a non-profit service which provides help to people:

- . who are confused about their medical care,
- . who are unable to pay for their medical care,
- . who can't cope with life-changing illness,
- . who are having problems with their health insurance or
- . who are having problems with doctors or hospitals.

S.O.S Health Care's goal is to assure every citizen of Horry County access to good health care. S.O.S. stands for Surviving Our System.

Bill H. Davis, M.D.

S.O.S Health Care can help by:

- . Making interest-free, no-due-date loans, based on need, as funds are available (to pay for doctor visits, medication, lab tests, and x-ray tests);
- . negotiating with health care providers for reduced charges or individualized repayment plans when justified;
- . assisting you in determining which doctor or treatment is best for your illness and financial circumstances;
- . arranging second opinions;
- . intervening with a doctor on your behalf for more timely appointments or other special needs;
- . arranging personal counseling on health problems;
- . providing self-help courses and support groups;
- . assisting you in dealing with government or private insurance companies;
- . giving advice about health insurance;
- . giving advice as to when a doctor's visit is needed and suggesting home remedies to be used while waiting for doctor's appointment;
- . providing medical care directly if no other option is available to you.