



# GEORGIA VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT – FY 2008



The Georgia Volunteer Health Care Program (GVHCP) was established by House Bill 166 for the purpose of increasing and promoting access to quality health care by providing sovereign immunity protection to health care professionals donating medical and dental services to eligible clients. Since its inception in 2006, the GVHCP has realized significant achievements in its efforts to treat Georgia's target populations. HB 166 requires the GVHCP to submit an Annual Report that summarizes volunteer contribution and the efficacy of access and treatment outcomes with respect to providing health care services for low income persons pursuant to the program. Accordingly, the Department of Community Health submits this report which contains all elements required by HB 166.

**Number of Participating Clinics/Organizations**

49

**Total Number of Patient Visits**

62,521\*

*\*A patient visit is a face-to-face meeting between a patient and a health care professional in order to receive medical/dental services.*

**Total Number of Referrals**

62,521\*

*Each patient visit represents a referral to the Georgia Volunteer Health Care Program.*

**Total Number of Active Health Care Providers Participating**

1,251

**Total Number of Licensed Volunteer Health Care Provider Hours**

48,259

**Total Dollar Value of Services Donated by Licensed Volunteer Health Care Providers**

\$6,950,335

**Total Number of Active Georgia Department of Community Health Volunteers (Eligibility Specialists)**

481\*

*\*Includes DCH volunteers who complete the Patient Financial Eligibility and Patient Referral Forms.*

**Total Number of Eligibility Specialist Volunteer Hours**

22,611



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○ **Total Dollar Value of Services Donated by Eligibility Specialist Volunteers**

\$ 441,141

○ **Total Number of General Administrative Volunteers**

807\*

*\*Volunteers performing general administrative duties such as answering telephones, making copies, filing patient records, etc.*

○ **Total Number of General Administrative Volunteer Hours**

56,226

○ **Total Value of Services Donated by General Administrative Volunteers**

\$1,096,970

○ **Total Dollar Value of Donations Received by Participating Clinics**

\$7,226,575\*

*\*Donations include items such as: monies, pharmaceuticals, eyeglasses, labs, x-rays, equipment, etc. Does not include grants.*

○ **Number of Liability Claims (Pending and Paid) Filed Against Participating Providers**

None filed since the program's inception in 2006

○ **Costs Associated with the Defense of any Claims Brought Against Participating Providers**

\$0

○ **Total Dollar Value of Services Provided Through the Georgia Volunteer Health Care Program**

\$15,715,021