



A mission of the community and Laurens Baptist Association

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Dear LBA Churches,

We need your church support!

The **J.O.Y. Health Clinics** are a 501 (3) c non-profit organization that was started in 2012 by local physicians, local pastors and the Laurens Baptist Association. Their mission... to provide much needed healthcare for the working citizens in Laurens County who can't afford health insurance. Dr. Bob Shuman is the Medical Director and has been since the clinics' inception.

Our clinic is a volunteer clinic, consisting of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, administrative/clerical people, church pastors and other Christians. This platform allows us to build relationships and share the love of Jesus with our community. Most importantly, we are able to share the gospel Christ with everyone who is seen in the clinic.

Our clinics are funded through private donors, community churches and grants. Currently we receive \$50,000.00 annually from Georgia Baptist Healthcare Foundation. This money isn't assured so we need other income flows to fiscally support the work we do. Our current operating budget is around 120,000.00 each year.

As of today, there are about 50 churches that are members of the Laurens Baptist Association. We currently have only **NINE** of those churches that actively support our mission annually.

Would your church please consider including the J.O.Y. Clinics as part of its annual budget? If each church in our association would donate just \$50.00 each week, the cost of our current operating budget would be covered. Then, grant monies and other donations can be used to improve and grow the services we provide! If you are unable to commit any amount as part of your budget, would you consider a one-time donation to support our ministry?

I would love the opportunity to come and speak to your congregation or mission groups to explain more about what we do at the J.O.Y. Health Clinics. J.O.Y. The Health Clinics are a ministry in your back door that you can personally take part in. When you donate or volunteer with us - you will be helping us accomplish God's Great Commission. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

In His Service,

Rita Green, RN
Clinic Director

Bob Shuman, MD
Medical Director