

## **SafeHouse Outreach and The Mission Society Filling a Healthcare Need With Mobile Medical Clinic**

*See the Mobile Medical Clinic First-Hand on November 29th*

(Norcross/Atlanta, GA – November 21, 2008) – In this struggling economy, fewer people are able to access healthcare facilities for simple medical screenings. SafeHouse Outreach and The Mission Society have teamed up to address and meet some of Atlanta’s healthcare needs through a Mobile Medical Clinic that can be driven to locations all over metropolitan Atlanta. The clinic is available to organizations, churches and corporations in a collaborative effort to reach out to the community with healthcare services. The Mobile Medical Clinic will be at SafeHouse Outreach on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for its annual Saturday after Thanksgiving Chili meal. The public and interested organizations are invited to attend.

The Mission Society recently donated its Mobile Medical Clinic to SafeHouse Outreach (SHO); a 36’ trailer fully outfitted with medical supplies and equipment for a wide variety of health screenings. The Mobile Medical Clinic had previously been used in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina.

According to Rick Roberts, Vice President for Emerging Ministries and Special Projects with The Mission Society, and SafeHouse Outreach Advisory Council member, The Mission Society and SHO are coming together in a shared outreach in hopes of engaging area churches and corporations to reach out in their community. “We hope to create safe pathways from the church or corporation to at-risk communities,” said Roberts. “The Mobile Medical Clinic is not strictly medical – it’s a backdrop for ministry. For example, at-risk communities are asking for the Mobile Medical Clinic to serve their communities alongside other services.”

As Philip Bray, founder and President of SafeHouse Outreach says, “The Mobile Medical Clinic brings people together from all different walks of life to serve a greater need. Anyone can volunteer, not just doctors and nurses. Many are needed for intake and assistance. Collaborations with hospitals and full service clinics allow the doctors to refer patients for continued medical care.” SHO volunteers in the medical community are excited about giving their time to the Mobile Medical Clinic.

The Mobile Medical Clinic’s ability to travel all over the state of Georgia addresses the medical accessibility need identified by the 2008 Georgia State Health Disparities Report. Any organization, church, or corporation who is interested in having the Mobile Medical Clinic come to their location can call SHO at 404.523.2221.

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The Mission Society ([www.themissionsociety.org](http://www.themissionsociety.org)) is a mission recruiting, training and sending organization based in Norcross. The organization has 225 missionaries in 32 countries, in addition to a comprehensive program of mission education and mobilization for local churches.

SafeHouse Outreach ([www.safehouseoutreach.org](http://www.safehouseoutreach.org)) is an urban outreach organization reforming lives since 1982 with corporate headquarters in downtown Atlanta. Offering healthcare services for 26 years in the Atlanta area, the Mobile Medical Clinic gives SHO an opportunity to bring needed medical services into the communities who need it most.

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