



# Mercy Medicine Clinic

**"I was sick and you cared for me." ~ Matthew 25:36**

## BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation gives \$70,000 to Lake City Free Medical Clinic

April 21 was a special day for the Lake City Free Medical Clinic, and even more so for the patients it treats, thanks to the receipt of a \$70,000 grant from the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation.

This much needed and appreciated funding will go toward supporting the clinic in its day-to-day operations, which involve providing healthcare to the indigent and working poor of southern Florence County and neighboring Williamsburg County.

Leading the presentation was Harvey Galloway, executive director of the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation.

"We believe free clinics are an integral part to the healthcare pyramid in South Carolina and we are privileged to be a part of that," Galloway added.

"We commend the Lake City Free Medical Clinic for its unselfishness, willingness and untiring effort to provide accessible and affordable healthcare to those who are less fortunate."

Kaye Allen, executive director of Mercy Medicine Clinic, praised the community's efforts.

"This community has been awesome in the way it's come together to help us," she said. "We got this business up and running in only three months and that was because of the people who knew there was a need and stepped up to the plate," she said.

Representative Lester Branham, Jr., of Florence, stressed the need for working together in such endeavors.



**Political and healthcare leaders from across South Carolina join with Mercy Medicine Clinic and Lake City Free Medical Clinic to celebrate the \$70,000 presentation made on April 21.**

"The way we can deliver good health-care is to lock arms and do it as a team," he said. "The BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation is helping to make that possible."

"I'm very proud of my fellow members on County Council who saw, in their wisdom, to provide the facilities for this wonderful organization," said K. G. "Rusty" Smith, chairman of Florence County Council.

Also integral to this project were the efforts of Lake City officials, especially Mayor Lovith Anderson. Archie Kennedy, general manager of the Lake City Free Medical Clinic, agreed that the hard work has paid off.

"This clinic is succeeding because of the entire collaborative effort that has been and will continue to be put forward," he said. "Your vision and leadership are to be applauded."

The Lake City clinic opened on January 7, 2008. Since then, it has seen more than 150 patients and experienced in excess of 300 patient visits.

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