



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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## MEET GCCN'S PHYSICIAN ADVOCATE *DR. KELLY LEGGETT*

For the past thirteen years, Dr. Kelly Leggett has been a volunteer with Greensboro Community Care Network (GCCN). She initially served as Medical Director before transitioning to her current role of Physician Advocate. Dr. Leggett is credited with encouraging many physicians, dentists, and local organizations to partner with GCCN to coordinate access to primary and specialty health and dental health care for those who are uninsured or live in poverty.

Leggett's advocacy for the underserved is deeply personal and was nurtured by her father, Dr. Jay Harris, who practiced dentistry in High Point, NC for forty years. Early in his practice, Dr. Harris realized that many people in his community could not afford to see a dentist. He would say, "I can't turn someone away who is in need and standing right in front of me. Someone's got to care for the little guy!"

As young as eight years old, Leggett remembers how pleased she was to accompany her father to his office for a weekend dental emergency. He explained, "When your teeth hurt, your whole world stops." That made a big impression on Leggett as did the opportunity to see the gratitude patients felt for Dr. Harris's kindness and skilled care.

In a world where the most vulnerable go unseen, Leggett works to advance health care equity through her leadership role at Cone Health, as well as GCCN. "Providing care for those who are uninsured or living in poverty is complicated," shared Leggett. "It takes time, intention and non-judgmental communication," she explained. "That's why GCCN and its 55 partners work to meet patients where they are and to address the social determinants that are barriers to positive outcomes."



*Dr. Kelly Leggett*

Today Leggett serves as Vice President of Acute Hospital Clinical Services for Cone Health. Daily, Leggett sees examples of patients who could benefit from GCCN which inspires her advocacy. She shared, “Far too many patients come to one of our emergency departments in a crisis because they have not had access to routine preventative oral care.”

In the past three years, Leggett has experienced the death of both of her parents. These losses have caused Leggett to reflect more deeply about the values her parents instilled. After Dr. Harris died, the Leggett family thoughtfully designated GCCN for memorial gifts, reinforcing that, “Giving back is part of our moral compass.” Leggett and her husband have encouraged their children to recognize the needs of others and look for ways to make a difference.

*Submitted by Jane Gibson, GCCN Volunteer*

## NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT GCCN

**Now in addition to cash and Donor Advised Funds (DAF), GCCN supporters can contribute with appreciated stock, Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD), life insurance, etc.**

Please consult your tax professional or attorney for details.

**DID YOU KNOW ... MORE THAN 16,877 LOW-INCOME ADULTS IN GUILFORD COUNTY HAVE NO HEALTH INSURANCE? Your donation helps uninsured adults in Guilford County access primary and specialty healthcare and dental services.**

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- Name on Account: Guilford Adult Health, Inc.
- Account Number: 541-31091

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- ✓ 2016 GCCN honored as Nonprofit of the Year, sponsored by Guilford Nonprofit Consortium!
- ✓ 43% reduction in avoidable Emergency Department (ED) visits in the 12 months following GCCN enrollment.
- ✓ Since inception, 59,534 patients enrolled.

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