



## PATIENT STORY

# EVIS & MARTY BUCHANAN

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As Thanksgiving nears this year, we are so very grateful for you, our generous supporters and friends who have lifted our spirits and sustained Coweta Samaritan Clinic through a year that has been difficult for each of us. We have much to celebrate! After a COVID-19 pause, we are beginning to welcome new patients, some of whom have been hoping to find a medical home at the Clinic for months.

You may not know that while some of our patients have been with us since we opened our doors, others come to us and then leave as their life circumstances, ability to work, or their insurance coverage changes. One of our current patients, Marty Buchanan, is a wonderful example of the way Coweta Samaritan serves as a life-giving safety net for a man who has worked hard, yet suddenly found himself with no job, no insurance, and a host of serious medical issues. His caregiver and wife, Evis spoke eloquently of the frightening future they suddenly faced five years ago.

“Marty was a heavy equipment operator for Vulcan Materials. He was making good money and had insurance and everything. And then all of a sudden he was laid off. He did lawn care and other temporary jobs, but when he had a stroke, it all fell through. We found out in the hospital that he also had diabetes and high blood pressure. When he first got out of the hospital after his stroke, and I had to pay cash for his first vial of insulin. It was almost \$300—that was almost half of my paycheck right there, but I had to do it.”

Marty has been a patient at the Clinic for four years, and Evis believes, “If it weren’t for the Clinic, he’d be dead. His blood pressure’s down, he’s lost weight, it’s a miracle! We’re doing good, and I’m thankful every day when he wakes up and he’s alive. They treat us good—all the supplies they give us, the medicines, the programs he’s in, classes—I’m thankful for them. Rhonda [Rhonda Whitton, NP], Kay Crosby—all the doctors—I can’t thank them enough. Miss Peggie [Peggie Lawson, RN, Nurse Administrator], she’s the one that has helped get his medicines. They treat us so good.”

As with other families, Evis is not a Coweta Samaritan Clinic patient. She explained, “I was born with Erb’s palsy. I worked as a waitress and cook, but my body just wore out. I was able to get disability, so my care is covered.” And if Marty is able to find another job with insurance, he also would transition out of our care. But while Marty is our patient, he and Evis never need to wonder if they will be able to pay for his medicine or diabetes supplies.

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