



## ATMC Grant Helps to Provide Healthcare Beyond the Basics

**Brunswick Adult Medical Clinic opened its doors in 2011 with a goal of providing free healthcare services to the working poor and uninsured patients of Brunswick County.**

Housed in a free space provided in the Supply Baptist Church, the clinic provides screenings that go beyond basic healthcare services.

The clinic's medical director, Zia Hashemi, M.D., with the help of another physician, nurses and community volunteers, sees patients with a myriad of chronic medical issues, including hypertension, diabetes, thyroid disorder and

respiratory problems. Grants through ATMC's Community Connections Grant Program and other community funding efforts have helped the clinic to cover the costs of diagnostic testing, lab, x-rays, medications, and other services.

Dr. Hashemi added, "We are blessed to have no overhead. We are thankful that local churches and companies like ATMC give us financial support. Volunteers Bonnie Clevenger and Annette Laska were able to secure \$35,000 in medications from drug companies and it helps tremendously, but we still need more.

With the increasing demand for services, we need more doctors, Physician Assistants (PAs), nurses and grant writers."

One patient commented, "They have made a big difference for me. The staff here really makes me feel important and I am so thankful that they are here for people like me who need these services."

Through its grant program, ATMC has donated over \$245,000 to local organizations that improve the lives of thousands of Brunswick County citizens. ATMC CEO Allen Russ commented, "Dr. Hashemi and all of the

volunteers at Brunswick Adult Medical Clinic should be commended for giving so much back to their community. We at ATMC are very proud to be associated with such a tremendous effort".

The clinic is open the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00-4:00 PM and the third Tuesday from 5:00-8:00 PM to uninsured residents ages 18-65. For every dollar given to the clinic, seven dollars' worth of services is provided. To help the Brunswick Adult Medical Clinic call 755-7522. ●



### Marinella Making Music

Congratulations to Diane Marinella, who was the lucky winner an MP3 player recently given away by ATMC. She was one of hundreds who signed up during the contest period to receive *Connecting You* via email instead of the printed version. This is Diane's very first MP3 player, and she said the prize was "music to her ears". If you, too, would like to begin receiving this newsletter via email, go to [www.atmcconnectingyou.com](http://www.atmcconnectingyou.com). ●

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### HOLIDAY CLOSING

All ATMC and ATMC Wireless locations will be closed Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. ●



Allen Russ

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, each 5 mph increase in speed a vehicle travels over 60 mph is equivalent to paying an additional 24 cents per gallon for gasoline. That's because increased speed causes a vehicle's fuel economy to drop significantly. And, with gas prices pushing \$4 per gallon, both individuals and

businesses alike are feeling the pinch at the pump. Higher fuel prices are of particular concern for us here at ATMC because our fleet of work vans and support vehicles must travel across the county each day in order to serve you.

To fight rising fuel costs, several years ago we implemented a program to make sure our company

vehicles operate in the safest and most cost-efficient way possible. Each ATMC vehicle is equipped with a wireless tracking system which monitors the driver's speed, distance traveled, time at idle and location. With this information we can determine fuel efficiency by vehicle and dispatch trouble and installation orders to drivers based on their proximity to customers who need their service.

This project is one of many new green initiatives now underway at ATMC. Since its implementation, we have seen nothing but positive results. Our number of miles driven has significantly decreased, as well as our operating costs per vehicle. We still offer the same high level of service we always have, but today we are providing that service in a way that is safer and more efficient than ever. ●

## 2011 SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED

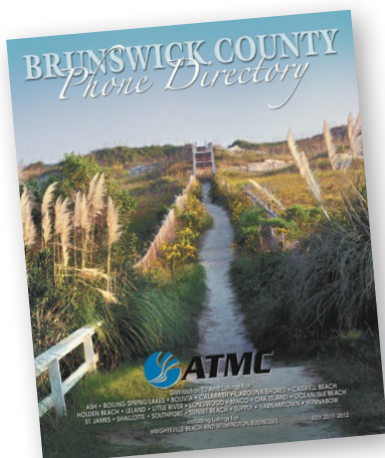
ATMC has presented \$1000 scholarships to three Brunswick County high school seniors.

Taylor Hewett is the daughter of Heath and Becky Hewett of Ocean Isle Beach. Taylor plans to attend Clemson University, where she will major in Biology. Mackensie Pless is the daughter of Timothy and Susan Pless of Bolivia. She plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill and major in English Literature and History. Anna Zeng is the daughter of Ray and Meg Zeng of Shallotte and plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill, where she will major in Global Public Health.

Applicants for the ATMC scholarships were judged on academics, involvement in school activities, community involvement and interviewing skills. Interviews were conducted by representatives from Brunswick Community College. Congratulations to our 2011 recipients! ●



PICTURED (L-R): Allen Russ, ATMC CEO/General Manager, Anna Zeng, Taylor Hewett and Mackensie Pless



## NEW DIRECTORIES ARE HERE Go Green! Recycle!

As ATMC's new telephone directories are being delivered to residents throughout the county, we encourage you to recycle your old ones. That's why ATMC, in conjunction with Data Publishing, BB&T and Brunswick County Solid Waste & Recycling, will again be holding their annual telephone book recycling drive. Anyone wishing to dispose of obsolete directories may drop them off at any Brunswick County BB&T branch (through August 12th) or at any ATMC or ATMC Wireless location. Show you care - recycle! ●