



An All Volunteer - Nonprofit Organization

Heroes aren't born. They volunteer!

In the know:

- July 20 - Psychological First Aid
- August 17 - Pain Management with Opioid Deterrence
- September 22 - Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
- October 19 - Preparedness - Drive Thru Tent Setup
- November 16 - Police Training Facility Tour
- December 14 - Volunteer Recognition Lunch

FUN FACT

- Floods are the most common disaster worldwide
- Heat emergencies cause the most deaths

QUICK LINKS:

- [GNR Public Health](#)
- [Healthcare Coalition - Region D](#)
- [MRC GEM Full Schedule](#)
- [Alerts and Warnings](#)
- [National MRC](#)



ANNUAL WEEKEND SUMMIT



This year's Weekend Training Summit was held on June 22 & 23 for two days of Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®). The primary focus is incorporation of an "all-hazards" approach to mass casualty management and population-based care across a broad range of disasters. This includes a consistent and scalable approach to workforce protection and casualty management, as well as mass casualty triage and fatality management. We had a great time of learning and fellowship! Next year our annual summit will be held in May 2025.

Next Monthly Meeting – July 20 with View Point Health

A trauma-informed and culturally responsive approach to psychological first aid from a mental health co-responder's perspective. Mental health co-responders are out on the front lines assisting community members who are in active crisis. Clinicians have become a vital asset to law enforcement and other 1st responders through the use of co-responder models. Communities deserve to thrive during times of emergent disaster. Empowering others during these times is essential and possible through preparedness training. This training will assist responders with the basic tools required to effectively assist individuals and various people groups who have been psychologically affected by the aftermath of crisis. You don't want to miss this informative training and conversation! [Signup](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

An anonymous donor is matching all donations made (up to \$5,000) from now until August 31 dollar-for-dollar!

If you've ever (or never) considered supporting our important work, now is the time.

We have NO paid staff, every penny donated goes to support our response, training, and recruitment efforts.

When making a donation (<http://mrcgem.com/donate>), please be sure to include your name so we can thank you personally. Recent donations made on May 24 and June 22 didn't include names, so we can't thank these wonderful people individually.



MRC GEM SPECIALTY TEAM



New... Telehealth - Are you passionate about expanding access to healthcare services through technology? Do you want to be a part of shaping the MRC GEM use of Telehealth in disaster response efforts? Join our Telehealth TEAM and help us drive innovation and improve healthcare delivery for all. We are seeking dedicated volunteers to collaborate on projects, train on the technology and tools, and advocate for policies that promote telehealth. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of patients and providers. If you are interested in becoming part of this team, please contact Suleima Salgado, suleimasalgadolaguer@gmail.com

MRC GEM COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM ASSIST GNR PUBLIC HEALTH IN NARCAN DISTRIBUTION



On Monday, June 17 our team of volunteers went out to all reaches of Gwinnett County government to fill the AED boxes with Narcan.

This included over 60 facilities from parks, pools, cities, libraries, senior and activity centers and many more. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that made this possible, *Judee Levinson, Ellen Jones, Jamie Smith, John Pettay, Melody Osborne, R Michael Carter, Liza O'Neal and Michal Thomason.*

CDC TOURED BY OUR MEMBERS

On May 17, MRC GEM visited the CDC Emergency Operations Center in Chamblee, as well as the Museum. It was interesting to see how the CDC handles medical emergencies across the Globe, not just in the United States. The David J. Sencer CDC Museum highlights the history of the CDC. We learned that the CDC started on July 1, 1946, right here in Atlanta.



10th ANNUAL Gwinnett Multicultural Festival

MRC GEM participated in the recent event that attracted an estimated 3,500 attendees. Engaging with diverse cultures it helps appreciating and respecting different customs, traditions, and languages, we cultivate a more inclusive society that values the contributions of everyone, regardless of their background.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jarron Okine, our youth coordinator, has been a member since 2015. He has graduated from medical school at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Auburn AL.

Jarron will be doing his residency in Family Medicine at Campbell University, North Carolina and Conway Medical Center, Conway, South Carolina.



Sherwin and Judee Levinson with Jerron

GWINNETT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNITS

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, don't hesitate to call 9-8-8 to speak with a mental health professional, or call 9-1-1 for [law enforcement assistance](#). Their peace officers work in collaboration with View Point Health to ensure that the person in crisis receives compassionate and professional care. The mission of the Behavioral Health Unit is to reduce the potential for violence during police contact involving people experiencing a behavioral health crisis while assessing and providing resources for residents.

