

Following a NAP Presbyterian Women's Gathering where the speaker reported on a medical clinic for low income clients, Ann Craig came home with motivation to better understand the needs of a similar clinic in her home town of Florence, AL. This led to a meeting with the clinic director who identified major areas of concern for her clinic. Following this meeting, Hester Cope, a PW reserve elder with grant writing experience was recruited, and we were on our way to a \$25,000 Thank Offering Grant.

The grant is for the Well Woman Project at the NW AL Health Association Community Health and Dental Clinic. This not-for-profit clinic is located in a public housing project administered by the Florence Housing Authority, and is the brain child of a nursing professor at the University of N. AL who was looking for clinical experiences for her nursing students. The Thank Offering Grant will provide for cancer screening procedures for uninsured, low-income women between the ages of 41 and 65 who were not previously covered by other grants.

The first clients were seen the first week of June, and with that first group, many diagnoses and referrals were made, one of which was a positive pap smear that possibly would have gone undiagnosed or treated without the help of the Thank Offering Grant. It seems incomprehensible that in the United States there are women within three miles of our church who can't afford the luxury of basic medical exams that most of us consider essential and routine.