



CommunityHealth

FREE CLINIC
Compassion · Respect · Care

Mission: To provide Medical and Dental care to the uninsured and under-served of East Central Iowa through model Community Partnerships.

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Dear Friends of Community Health Free Clinic:

Most likely someone you know is uninsured – whether it is a family member, a neighbor, a church member or the person at your favorite coffee shop. If they are faced with medical bills that they cannot afford, where can they receive healthcare and prescription services?

If they live in East Central Iowa, they may be getting care from Community Health Free Clinic.

Why?

Because they know they will receive the care they need in an environment that offers *compassion* for their situation, *respect* for their privacy, and *care* from top notch professionals.

Your past contributions have helped make Community Health Free Clinic one of the most comprehensive free clinics in the state of Iowa. Every week I have patients who express their appreciation that this care is available. Diane wrote “*When I lost my job I also lost my health insurance. I never thought that I would have to ask for free care. I am so thankful for the assistance during this difficult time in my life.*”

Thanks to you, over the years our volunteers and staff have touched the lives of tens of thousands – whether for a one-time need, devastating chronic illnesses or the medications that improves their quality of life.

In these uncertain economic times, the Clinic counts on your support – now more than ever! More households have members working (in many cases, multiple jobs) without the opportunity to receive or afford health insurance.

Your gift is extremely important to Community Health Free Clinic because it provides the resources that make an immediate impact. For example, imagine the relief Sally felt when she was able to get a cracked wisdom tooth extracted. The pain was so great that she came to the Clinic in tears and by the end of the day, the pain was gone!

Every dollar you give is critical and comes with a bonus. With the volunteer services of physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, technicians, registration staff and greeters, we can multiply your contributions. We deliver **\$11 of healthcare services to the uninsured for every \$1 donated!** Your gift - \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or any amount you are comfortable giving – is significant for those in need.

Please consider making as generous a gift as you can. I promise it will make a difference!!

Best Wishes for 2012!

In Friendship,

Darlene Schmidt