



CommunityHealth

FREE CLINIC

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,

The definition and size of a hero is different to everyone and every situation. When you support Community Health Free Clinic, whether its \$10, \$100 or \$1,000, **YOU** are a hero to the patients and those associated with the Clinic.

I want to share the story of one individual that better describes the impact your support offers...

In 2008, Bill (name changed for privacy) lost all his material possessions in the floods and went to stay with family of a friend. For more than 16 years, he could see only extremely blurred images and was dependent on others for much of his care. During this time, his friend heard about the new Eye Clinic established at CHFC. With no income or insurance, Bill came to us. After several exams, Dr. David Muller was able to operate on the right eye removing cataracts and implanting a lens. Within the span of 15 to 20 minutes, shapes began to take form, within a few hours he was seeing colors, and within days he was able to move about without assistance or the fear of falling. With the glasses provided by the Clinic, Bill got to see Christmas again, *"...not since I was 6 years old have I seen colors so vivid."*

Due to other health issues, surgery on the second eye was delayed until this past summer. Now, with both eyes functioning, Bill has a full range of view, his depth perception has returned and no longer needs assistance with stair steps or curbs.

Bill's association with CHFC does not end there. In addition to the successful eye care, he has also been helped through the primary care clinic and the Prescription Assistance Program for treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Diabetes Mellitus.

Bill recently sent a letter of appreciation: *"...None of this could have happened without you and your great volunteers, the doctor and his team at Community Health. Not having health insurance is crippling enough. I'd still be in a wheelchair, in a corner somewhere, totally dependent or worse."*

With your financial support, Bill's life and others like him have been changed more than words can express. **Can you be a hero and make a gift to Community Health Free Clinic today?**

A joyful Holiday Season to you and yours,

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