



# N.E.W. Community Clinic Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

Almost 50 million Americans lacked health insurance in 2010, about 1 million more than in 2009. Employer sponsored health insurance continued to decline in 2010. Studies have shown that uninsured patients are less likely to have regular out patient care and are more likely to be hospitalized for avoidable health problems. Many of our patients are one paycheck away from being homeless. These individuals struggle to pay their rent and buy food for the table. In addition to these daily struggles they are not able to afford the medical care they require.

For the past 40 years the N.E.W. Community Clinic has been providing quality care to the hard-working, low-income and uninsured people of Brown County. The clinic opened in July of 1971 under the name of the Green Bay Area Free Clinic as a social work project of a University of Wisconsin—Green Bay student. We now have 3 clinics: our main site is centrally located at 622 Bodart St.; our second site, The N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC, opened in July of 2006 is on the west side of Green Bay; our third site, Outreach Health Care, is located at 879 Mather St. across the street from The Salvation Army.

**Interesting Facts:**

- About 62% of these patients stated that coming to the clinic prevented them from going to the emergency room and 95% of the patients stated that we were able to meet their immediate health care needs.
- There were 5,909 patient visits in 2010 at the Bodart St. clinic.
- Our Health Care for the Homeless program treated 948 new patients in 2010 and over 2129 total patient encounters.
- The average cost per visit is \$37.90 which includes the doctor visit, lab test(s), sample medications and an interpreter if needed.
- The average earned income per uninsured family that we served was \$8712 per year ( a 51% decrease over the last two years).
- Total encounters for all programs exceeded 36,049 patients in 2010.

With additional funding we would have the ability to assist more clients. As a valued member of the community we are reaching out for your support. A donation, as small as \$25.00, can help support one of our 11 programs. Your donation will help to provide diabetic supplies, medications for adults and children (about \$5.00 can provide a one month supply of a prescription), dental care, health care for the homeless program or one of our other programs.

Just like our clients, you know the importance of having access to medical care. Help us continue to provide quality health care to those who need it most.

Please consider a tax-deductible gift to the N.E.W. Community Clinic.

Thank you,

Bonnie Kuhr  
CEO / Executive Director

**Volunteer Doctors**

- Dr. Joseph Binard
- Dr. John Brusky
- Dr. Gail Carels
- Dr. Malena Dzwonkowski
- Dr. Peter Dzwonkowski
- Dr. Richard Erdman
- Dr. Alan Finesilver
- Dr. Loren Fuglestad
- Dr. Todd Gallion
- Dr. Jeremy Green
- Dr. Joan Handeland
- Dr. James Hinckley
- Dr. Jason Hoppe
- Jean Keim NP
- Dr. Frederick LaMont
- Dr. Cynthia Lasecki
- Dr. Mark Laukka
- Dr. David Manke
- Dr. James McGovern
- Dr. Robert Mead
- Dr. Charles Nordell
- Dr. Christopher Pinn
- Dr. David Rentmeester
- Dr. Benson Richardson
- Dr. Paul Schmitz
- Dr. Chris Sorrells
- Dr. Jay Tibbetts
- Dr. John Utrie
- Dr. Sherwood VanderWoude
- Dr. William Wanamaker
- Dr. John Warren

**Volunteer Dentists**

- Dr. Nick AbuJamra
- Dr. Lee Bialkowski
- Dr. Amy Biehl
- Dr. David DeGrave
- Dr. William Dichraff
- Dr. Dara Flink
- Dr. James Fritsche
- Dr. Gregory Gardner
- Dr. Mark Glime
- Dr. Zach Graf
- Dr. Chris Hansen
- Dr. Brad Koch
- Dr. Brian Koch
- Dr. Paul Kollath
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- Dr. Patrick Maraka
- Dr. Charles Mueller
- Dr. Debra Munes
- Dr. Vijay Parmar
- Dr. John Quinlan
- Dr. Jeffery Ryther
- Dr. Raymond Schneider III
- Dr. Robert Snyder
- Dr. David Thompson
- Dr. Mark VandeWalle
- Dr. Marcus Vanderleest
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- Dr. Michael Wallace
- Dr. Marty Williams
- Dr. Chad Yenchsky

**Our Mission:**  
To provide access to quality, comprehensive and compassionate healthcare to the underserved in our community.

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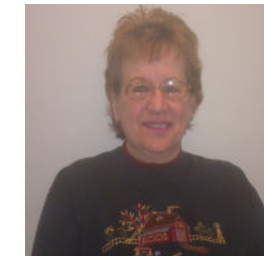
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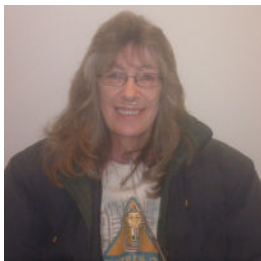
**N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC Giving Hope To Those In Need**

Sandra VanVen Roy had worked since she was 15 years old and had always had health insurance. Due to chronic health issues she was not able to continue working and had to quit her job. She no longer has health insurance coverage and is not able to afford her medications. Sandra takes 8 pills a day to treat Arthritis, High Cholesterol, High Blood Pressure and Hypertension. At a cost of approximately \$800.00 a month to fill these prescriptions without insurance Sandra could no longer afford to pay for them. She stopped taking her medications for about a month. She looked into getting private health insurance but due to heart issues she was not able to afford the premiums.



Sandra did not know what she was going to do and she said, “There is nothing worse than having to worry about how you are going to get the medication and medical care needed”. A friend suggested the N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC so she decided to call and schedule an appointment to be seen at the clinic. With the help of Shannon Archambo, APNP and the staff at N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC Sandra was able to get her much needed medications through the clinic’s prescription assistance program at no cost to her and receive the medical attention she requires to monitor her conditions. Sandra states “that she cannot say enough about all that Shannon has done for her; she’s an angel and she is always kind and courteous”. Sandra does not know what would have happened if it had not been for this clinic and the staff. She will soon be turning 65 and will then have health coverage through Medicare. She is very thankful for getting the help she needed during a difficult time and is grateful for the clinic and all it does to help those in the community.

Patti Hayden has been a patient at the N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC since 2009 when she started receiving her annual physicals through the clinic’s Women’s Health Clinic. Patti worked full time but did not have any health insurance. In February and March of 2011 Patti began to experience severe headaches and migraines. The headaches became so severe Patti was not able to work most days. She scheduled an appointment at the clinic. During the examination her oxygen saturation level was at 56%, which is extremely low. Shannon Archambo, APNP immediately referred Patti to the local emergency room. Patti was diagnosed with Emphysema and COPD. Having no health insurance and needing medication, Patti was unsure what would happen. Again, with the help of Shannon Archambo, APNP and the staff at N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC Patti was able to get the medication she needed through the prescription assistance program at no cost to her. She is now receiving Medical Assistance but still receives care at the clinic. Patti is very grateful for everyone at the clinic and all they have done for her. Patti states “without this clinic she is not sure what would have happened to her”.



We would like to extend a special thank you to Bellin Health, St. Mary’s and St. Vincent Hospitals for their ongoing financial support of this program.

**Shannon Archambo BSN, MSN, APNP  
Celebrates 5 Years of Service at N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC**

Shannon Archambo, Family Nurse Practitioner at The N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC is celebrating 5 years of service at the clinic. Shannon graduated with a BSN from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire in 1990 and completed her Masters in Nursing and graduated as a Family Practice Nurse Practitioner from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh in 2006. She began working at the N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC in June of 2006 shortly after graduation and has been working as the sole practitioner at this clinic since its inception.



“My priority as a Nurse Practitioner at this clinic is to provide comprehensive, quality health care for those people who are without insurance or who have Medicaid health care coverage. Through the unique partnership with NWTC I assist in the education of future health care providers as well as collaborate to provide patient services such as respiratory evaluations and foot care at no cost. I work side by side with social workers to ease the financial burden for those who are uninsured and in need of medication, housing, food, and other assistance. Our clinic has helped patients receive over \$461,000.00 in high cost medications at little to no cost this year alone through its Patient Assistance Program. I also help coordinate health care with many physician specialists available at the downtown N.E.W. Community Clinic on Bodart St. as well as in the community with the goal of containing health care costs for both patients and providers. I am grateful for the opportunity to provide professional health care services to people with a variety of health care needs in a comforting, welcoming environment.”

N.E.W. Community Clinic would like to extend their congratulations and gratitude to Shannon for her commitment and dedication to providing quality, comprehensive and compassionate health care to the underserved in our community.

**Volunteers Make A Difference**

The N.E.W. Community Clinic typically sees about 492 patients per month. This averages to about 25 patients per day many of whom speak a different language and bring different challenges to the table. The abilities and dedication of our volunteers allow us to efficiently and effectively treat our patients. Without them we would not be able to see the number of patients we do on a daily basis.

Our volunteer staff consists of 31 doctors, 32 dentists, 10 nurses, 10 dental hygienists and 3 receptionists / clerical personnel.

The entire staff at N.E.W. Community Clinic would like to say thank you to every volunteer that has given of their time and abilities in effort to advance our mission of providing access to quality, comprehensive and compassionate health care to the underserved in our community.

The average cost of a visit to the Emergency Room in Brown County is \$910.86 based on information gathered from Wisconsin Price Point System. The average was based on 7 different diagnosis categories. The average cost to treat a patient at the N.E.W. Community Clinic is \$37.90. Based on a 2010 patient survey at The N.E.W. Community Clinic 62% of the patients responded that being seen at the clinic prevented them from having to go to the Emergency Room. The downtown clinic had 5,909 patient encounters in 2010. Based on the average cost of an emergency room visit we were able to save the community \$3,198,158.00 with 95% of the patients needs being met.

**Kindness can become its own motive. We are made kind by being kind.**

**Eric Hoffer**

**Please see enclosed donation envelope and consider making a tax deductible contribution to the N.E.W. Community Clinic**

**N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC offers  
Respiratory Clinic**

N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC offers a respiratory clinic designed to assist low-income uninsured and underinsured individuals with chronic lung diseases, primarily asthma and COPD. The primary goal of this clinic is to decrease hospitalizations, decrease work and school absences and improve the quality of life for these individuals.

Respiratory Therapist students at NWTC rotate through the clinic as part of their clinical coursework in their second year of the program. This clinic offers future Respiratory Therapists the opportunity to train in evaluating, diagnosing, treating and rehabilitating individuals with respiratory diseases. The clinic enables patients to better manage their asthma while allowing the student to utilize their skills and expertise.

**BANANA PUDDING TRIFLE**

- 3 (4-serving) packages of sugar-free instant vanilla pudding
- 3 cups fat-free milk
- 1 (11oz) box reduced-fat vanilla wafers (divided use)
- 6 bananas
- 1 (8oz) container fat-free frozen whipped topping, thawed

1. In a medium bowl, beat or whisk the pudding mix and milk together until thick.
2. In a trifle bowl or large glass bowl, place 1/3 of the vanilla wafers. Slice 2 bananas, and place on top of the wafers. Spread 1/2 of the pudding on top.
3. Repeat the layers, placing the final 1/3 vanilla wafers on top. Slice the 2 bananas on top and finish with the whipped topping. Refrigerate before serving.

**Nutritional Information:** Serving Size 3/4 cup, Calories 176, Calories from Fat 14, Total Fat 2g (Saturated Fat 0., Trans Fat 0g), Cholesterol 1mg, Sodium 317mg, Carbohydrate 37g, Dietary Fiber 1g, Sugars 17g, Protein 3g.

**WIC Program supports healthy lifestyles  
for Mothers and Babies**

The Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC) is a USDA funded program that was started in 1974. WIC provides nutritious foods, information on healthy eating, support with breastfeeding and referrals and information on other services in the community to pregnant and breastfeeding women to help keep them, their infants and children under five years of age healthy and strong.

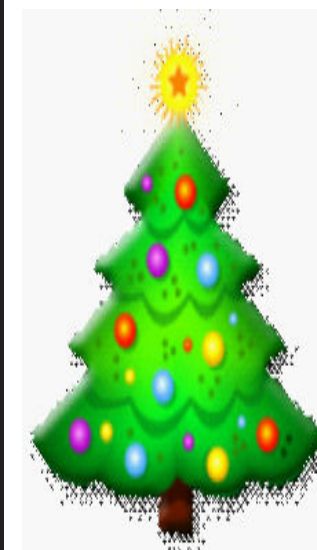


WIC has been a successful program for almost 40 years and there are many reasons for its success.

Research has shown that for every dollar spent on pregnant women in WIC produces \$1.92 to \$4.21 in Medicaid savings for newborns and their mothers. In addition, prenatal WIC participation is associated with lower infant mortality rates and a reduction in the rate of low birth-weight babies by 25% and very low birth-weight babies by 44%.

Due to the role of WIC in successful breastfeeding, many more women choose to breastfeed their babies and thus have healthier infants. In 2008, survey data indicated that 59% of WIC infants ages 6-13 months were breastfed.

Other facts to consider include the following: WIC children at ages 1 to 2 have less dental related Medicaid costs compared to children who do not receive WIC, participation in WIC reduces the risk of child abuse or neglect and WIC nutrition education leads to an increased consumption of whole grains, fruits and lower-fat milk by participants.



**From all of us at the N.E.W. Community Clinic may you have a joyous holiday season. Thank you for your generous support throughout the year.**