



N.E.W. Community Clinic Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

Nationally 48.6 million people were uninsured in 2011 or 15.7% of the population. In 2010 more than 22,000 Brown County residents were uninsured or 1 in 10 under the age of 65. 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 need.

For the past 41 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. Medical 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. The N.E.W. Medical Clinic at NWTC doubled its capacity in 2012. In the fall of 2011 we opened another collaborative program providing dental care for Medicaid patients that were utilizing local emergency rooms for dental care and pregnant women who participate in the WIC program and need dental care.

Interesting Facts:

- About 74% of these patients stated that coming to the clinic prevented them from going to the emergency room and 93% of the patients stated that we were able to meet their immediate health care needs.
- There were 5,339 patient visits in 2011 at the Bodart St. clinic.
- Our Health Care for the Homeless program treated 940 new patients in 2011 and over 5000 total patient encounters.
- The average cost per visit is \$44.11 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 \$9,903 per year.
- Total encounters for all programs exceeded 36,000 patients in 2011.

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. 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, and 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. Alan Finesilver
- Dr. Loren Fuglestad
- Dr. Todd Gallion
- Dr. Jeremy Green
- Dr. Joan Handeland
- Dr. James Hinckley
- Dr. Jason Hoppe
- Dr. Siva Kami Kangayappan
- Jean Keim NP
- Dr. David Keim
- Dr. Frederick LaMont
- Dr. Cynthia Lasecki
- Dr. Mark Laukka
- Dr. Luigi Lim
- Dr. David Manke
- Dr. James McGovern
- Dr. Robert Mead
- Dr. Charles Nordell
- Dr. Christopher Pinn
- Dr. David Rentmeester
- Dr. Benson Richardson
- Dr. Thomas Saphner
- Dr. Paul Schmitz
- Dr. Chris Sorrells
- Dr. Jay Tibbetts
- Dr. John Utrie
- Dr. Sherwood VanderWoude
- 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. Zach Graf
- Dr. Chris Hansen
- Dr. Thomas Kaminski
- Dr. Brian Koch
- Dr. Paul Kollath
- Dr. John Kregenow
- Dr. Joseph Lasnoski
- Dr. Steven Lasslo
- Dr. Skip Lee
- Dr. Edward Lin
- Dr. Patrick Maraka
- Dr. Charles Mueller
- Dr. Debra Munes
- Dr. John Quinlan
- Dr. Jeffrey 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 Yenchesky

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

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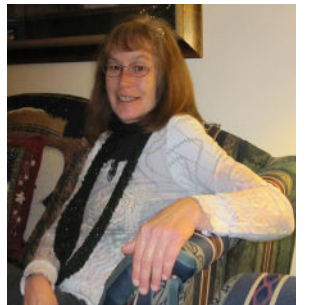
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We are a Brown County United Way Agency

Outreach Health Care Clinic an Angel to those in need

Life does not always go according to plan and for Mary Pat Cumps her path has endured some major bumps in 2012. Faced with an impending divorce and personal issues Mary Pat lost her home in February and had no place to live. She did not know where to turn but with the help of a friend, she was able to get into a local homeless shelter. Being homeless was one hurdle; she also needed to find a way to obtain medical care and her required daily medications. Without medical insurance, she did not know whom to turn to or where to go for help. The N.E.W. Community Clinic's Outreach Health Care Clinic ended up being what Mary Pat needed. Mary Pat was able to receive medical care at the clinic and get assistance with the cost of her daily medications. She was also eligible for the Wisconsin Well Woman's Program that allowed her to have a wellness physical and a free mammogram.



Mary Pat said she does not know what she would do without the Outreach Health Care Clinic. The care and assistance she receives from the clinic reduces the amount of stress in her life. Knowing she can get the medical care and medications she needs makes each day easier. Mary Pat has much praise for the staff at the clinic stating, "They are just wonderful and I can't say enough about all the good they do." As a patient of Seth Moore, APNP, NP-C, Mary Pat says, "he not only provides medical care he provides me with emotional support as well. At each visit, he always asks me how things are going and he listens to me and remembers. He truly cares about his patients; he shows extreme professionalism, he is an exceptional care giver and provides tremendous support to his clients." The Outreach Health Care staff is one of the many "angels" her in life.

2012 has brought many unexpected changes for Mary Pat and it has been quite a journey. Through it all she is thankful for all she has and the many "angels" in her life. Mary works two part-time jobs. She works for the Altrusa House and additionally provides care for an elderly person on a daily basis. This past summer Mary became the overnight volunteer at the Altrusa House. This position requires Mary to be there from 8pm-8am each day. The Altrusa House is a "home away from home" with the express purpose of offering temporary accommodations to people in need of medical treatments or because they are in Green Bay to support a friend or loved one. Mary finds great rewards in volunteering at the Altrusa House and feels that this is her way of giving back to the community for all the assistance she received during her time of need. She loves what she is doing and it gives her the opportunity to provide support and friendship to those who need it.

Outreach Health Care would like to thank The Salvation Army for the use of their facility at 879 Mather St. This generous donation allows us to continue our mission to provide quality, comprehensive and compassionate health care to the underserved in our community.

**N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC Welcomes A New Nurse Practitioner
Stacy Luedeman BSN, MSN, APNP, NP-C**

Stacy Luedeman, Family Nurse Practitioner started working at The N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC August 2012. Stacy graduated with a BSN from Bellin College of Nursing in Green Bay in 2000 and completed her Masters in Nursing and graduated as a Family Practice Nurse Practitioner from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh in 2012.

“As a Nurse Practitioner at the N.E.W. Clinic, I intend to create a nonjudgmental, accepting environment with comprehensive health care for individuals without insurance or those with Medicaid health care coverage. Being located at NWTC, I am also able to assist with teaching students and providing services such as the respiratory and foot care clinics at no charge to patients. In collaboration with other nurse practitioners and social workers, I work to reduce financial burden for those who are uninsured, help with medication costs, housing, food and other assistance. I am also able to help coordinate health care with specialists available at the downtown N.E.W. Community Clinic on Bodart St. and in the community with an aim to continue to contain health care costs. I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to work at the N.E.W. Community Clinic as a new graduate with the ability to provide professional health care services to a variety of patient populations. Every patient deserves to feel respected and important regardless of medical coverage, ethnicity or race; this will always be an essential piece of my practice.”



**N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC offers weekly
Foot Care Clinic**



Each year during the fall and spring semesters the NWTC Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) students, with the supervision of their instructors, offer weekly Pedicure Clinics at N.E.W. Clinic at NWTC. During the 3rd Quarter of 2012,

35 ADN students assisted 56 patients.

The clinics offer free “Foot Care” to adults. During the one-hour appointment, the student inspects and soaks the feet, trims the nails and applies lotion, then provides general foot care guidelines. Consultation with the on-site Nurse Practitioner is available, when needed.

This service is ideal for persons who have trouble seeing or reaching their feet to care for them. The Pedicure Clinic is valuable for persons with diabetes or other health conditions, which require good foot care. Regular return appointments are available for those who need them.

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



For the second year Bellin Health has selected The N.E.W. Community as an official fundraising partner of the 2012 Bellin Run. Individuals have the opportunity to make a donation

directly to the N.E.W. Community via the Bellin Run website whether or not you participate in the run. Corporations can adopt The N.E.W. Community Clinic and fundraise for the clinic via corporate teams. Information is available on the Bellin Run site at www.bellinrun.com. Thank you to Bellin Health for their continued support in helping N.E.W. Community Clinic attain its mission of providing quality, comprehensive and compassionate health care to the underserved in our community.

**Kindness is the sunshine
in which virtue grows**

Robert Green Ingersoll

The average cost of a visit to the Emergency Room in Brown County is \$928.71 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 \$44.16. Based on a 2012 patient survey at The N.E.W. Community Clinic 74% of the patients responded that being seen at the clinic prevented them from having to go to the Emergency Room. The downtown clinic had 5,339 patient encounters in 2011. Based on the average cost of an emergency room visit we were able to save the community \$4,722,612.45 at our downtown clinic alone.

Peanut Butter Pie

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup natural style, reduced-fat creamy peanut butter
- 1 – 8 ounce bar, 1/3-less fat cream cheese, softened
- 1 – 14 ounce can fat-free sweetened condensed milk
- 12 ounces fat-free whipped topping, thawed
- 2 – 6 ounce reduced fat graham cracker crusts
- 20 tsp. fat-free chocolate sundae syrup



Preparation: Combine powdered sugar, peanut butter and cream cheese in a large bowl; beat with a mixer at medium speed until smooth. Add milk; beat until combined. Fold in whipped topping. Divide mixture evenly between crusts; chill 8 hours or until set (pies will have a soft, fluffy texture). Cut into wedges; drizzle with chocolate syrup.

Nutritional Information: Calories 302, Calories from fat 30%, Fat 10g, Saturated Fat 3.8g, Protein 6.9g, Carbohydrate 45.8g, Fiber 1g, Cholesterol 11mg, Iron 0.6mg, Sodium 252mg, Calcium 59mg.

Volunteers Make A Difference

The N.E.W. Community Clinic typically sees about 450 patients per month. This averages to about 23 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 33 doctors, 31 dentists, 10 nurses, 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.

**WIC Program provides healthy options
to program participants**

October 27, 2012 marked the end of another farmer’s market season in the Green Bay area. Each summer all WIC Programs in Wisconsin issue Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program checks (FMNP) to WIC Program participants to purchase fresh fruits, fresh vegetables or fresh cut herbs from local farmer’s markets. In Brown County this summer each family received \$17.00 total in FMNP checks and could use them at many farmers’ markets in



the Green Bay area. In addition, for the past two summers a local farmer has been available in the WIC office parking lot on the first three Tuesday afternoons of August through October for our WIC participants to purchase fresh fruits and

produce with their checks. The FMNP checks give our families extra fruits and vegetables they might not purchase otherwise and in addition the WIC staff provides additional nutrition education, preparation tips and information on what produce is grown in Wisconsin.

In 2011 56% of those WIC families who received FMNP checks used all of their checks that summer and 87% used some or all of their FMNP checks. WIC families in Brown County spent \$33,111.00 on fresh produce through this program this last year! Currently one WIC employee is working with a local Brown County initiative called CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) as part of their nutrition subcommittee. One of their goals over the next several years is to increase FMNP redemption rates by our WIC participants in Brown County.

**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.**

