

January 2017 Monthly Report Repairers of the Breach Medical Clinic

We begin the new year by providing patient centered quality care for **101 patients: 81 men and 20 women**. We were open for **13 days** and welcomed **23 new patients**.

Our internal volunteers have given **214 hours** of their great talent and time, which is valued at **\$9,747.59**. External volunteers provided **20 hours** of time worth **\$500.00**. We gratefully welcome Dr. Jose Goveas, a well-established psychiatrist, to our team. He plans to come to the clinic one Saturday every other month with hopes of seeing patients on the road to recovery. Our patients would be able to speak to a professional in a comfortable atmosphere where they receive complete confidentiality.

We are here to encourage the bright and inquisitive students from Milwaukee School of Engineering Nursing School, the Medical College of Wisconsin students, and Marquette Physician Assistant students. They are all very dedicated to the learning process and obtain a unique medical experience here.

Our outside relationships with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Partners in Pursuit of the Promise, and the Marquette Community Physical Therapy program continue to play an important role in our clinic. We are grateful to all of our community donors, who have generously given from their hearts over the years.

Repairers of the Breach Clinic is one of 23 community clinics in the Greater Milwaukee area that makes up the *free clinic community collaborative*. One topic of conversation was signing up for the Affordable Care Act; deadline is January 31, 2017. Currently, 6.4 million people have signed up for 2017, up 14% from 2005. In Wisconsin, 173,000 have signed up; 68,000 in Milwaukee. We are keeping an ear to the ground about what changes, if any, may be coming up. Community Advocates helps people navigate through the application process.

The MedShare Program has answered our insulin question. Currently, we can only use Novolin 70/30 at \$27.00 a bottle. Pens are \$500.00 a box. Another big change is the price of inhalers; the least expensive being \$70.00. Prices are subject to fluctuation. Conversely, the MedShare program did receive \$1.7 million in donated medications, so other drugs may be available at no to low cost.

Repairers will continue to be a safe haven for patients who are homeless and at risk. Our volunteers' contributions are invaluable as we serve to educate and advocate for those in the community, who are most vulnerable.

Respectfully submitted,

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