

January 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 time and talent, which is valued at \$9747.59. External volunteers provided 20 hours of time worth \$500.00. We gratefully welcome Dr. Jose Goveas, a well-established Psychiatrist on board. He plans to come one Saturday every other month with hopes of seeing patients on the road to recovery. Some of our patients would be able to speak to a professional in a comfortable atmosphere where they are assured 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 the heart through the years.

Repairers of the Breach Clinic are one of 23 community clinics in Milwaukee and the surrounding area, which is represented in collaboration with the others. One topic of conversation was

signing up for the Affordable Care Act the last chance being Jan. 30th and 31st. Currently 6.4 million people have signed up for 2017, up 14% from 2005. In Wisconsin 173,000 and in Milwaukee 68,000 have signed up. We are keeping an ear to the ground about what, if anything, changes may be coming up. Community Advocates have navigators to help people through the application process.

The MedShare Program has been able to answer our insulin question. Currently we can only Novolin 70/30 at \$27.00 a bottle, pens are \$500 a box, another big change is the price of inhaler the least expensive being \$70. Prices are subject to fluctuation. Those are not the number I wanted to hear but it is an unfortunate reality. Conversely, the MedShare program did receive \$1.7 million in donated medication, so other drugs are free at times or at a lower cost.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Slater