

February 2017 Monthly Report Repairers of the Breach Medical Clinic

Our clinic was open 13 days in the month of February and saw a total of 87 patients, 28 women, and 59 men. We opened our doors to welcome eight new patients. Fifteen women attended our breast health clinic on February 11. Partner in Pursuit of the Promise considers that 12.5% of women born in the United States will have breast cancer in their lifetime and is dedicated to early detection. We encourage our patients to care for themselves through education and advocacy.

Our volunteers have provided 236 worth of talented time and talents with a monetary value of \$10,006.85. External volunteers have provided 24 hours of external services valued at \$1,600.00. With the generosity of donors resulted in \$1350.00 in medical supplies and much needed insulin.

Our Marquette Physician Assistant students, Medical College of Wisconsin students and MSOE nursing students enrich their study of urban medicine in a setting different from the ordinary. We do not have electronic health records, so paper charting is new to many. Many have been surprised that we do not hand written prescriptions to our patients but rather fill prescriptions on the spot.

Our patients feel comfortable in a non-judgmental atmosphere where they can reveal health patterns such as smoking, drinking, or drug use, which can affect the course of the treatment. We have reached out to programs such as First Step when a patient asks for help with drinking or drug use. First Step is an organization, which will assess patients, help them through the detoxification process, and recommend hospitalization, if warranted.

We continue our relationship with the Aids Resource Center of Wisconsin providing patients with Hep C and HIV screenings. Our clinic

provides care to all, whether insured or not. We encourage healthy lifestyles and changes that help our patients build a solid foundation.

Repairers of the Breach Medical Clinic is fortunate enough to be a part of the free clinic community collaborative, which meets to discuss changes in healthcare and presents opportunities for useful services. We discuss how social changes can make a difference in our patient population. Our collaboration is part of a larger organization, which is the National Free Clinic Association. The national association stands for collaborations throughout the United States in providing care to populations that are underserved. We lobby for the rights of those in need of care to receive it.

We offer free healthcare to all. There is no discrimination of any kind. The offer dignified and confidential care at all times. There are many questions about the future of healthcare. The projected proposals to modify the standing of the Affordable Care Act are under consideration at this time. There is no way to predict the outcome of inevitable change. We can only hope for the best.

Respectfully Submitted,
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