

## April 2017 Monthly Report Repairers of the Breach Medical Clinic

Our clinic is scheduled to be open for **14 days** this month; at this time, **2 clinic days** remain. We welcomed **13 new patients** and served **85 total visits; 60 men, 17 women, and 8 women**, who attended our breast health clinic. *Partners in Pursuit of the Promise* is the group of nurses dedicated to the delivery of health and education to women throughout our community. They are affiliated with *Wisconsin's Well-Woman* program, the *Susan J. Komen Foundation*, and *Kohl's Healthy Family* program. The group encourages our patients to care for themselves through the education and advocacy they provide.

Our volunteers have provided **309 hours** of their time and talent with a monetary value of **\$12,354.00**. External volunteers have provided **24 hours** valued at **\$1,600.00**. In-kind donations consisting of medications, gloves, disinfectant wipes, and bandages are valued at **\$1,150.00**. We give many thanks to our generous community donors for providing these much needed supplies.

Our volunteer staff has enriched the educational experience of a class of **8 nursing students from MSOE**, a class of up to **8 physician assistant students from Marquette**, and **15 students from Medical College of Wisconsin** as they study medicine for the homeless and the at-risk population. The students will now carry with them the knowledge of a segment of the population who faces housing instability. A healthcare professional will think twice at the time of patient discharge, knowing that this person has no home, no way of obtaining medication, and possibly no means of transportation. Some of our students do return to be of service here. We welcome a previous student, **Catharine Skoog P.A.C.**, to our Repairers' family as she returns to provide quality care to our patients.

We continue our relationship with the *AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin*, which provides **free HIV and Hep C screenings** with on-the-spot results.

Our clinic provides care to all in need of our help. We are here to advocate for and empower patients to seek healthy lifestyles. They leave knowing the importance of self-care and disease management. If there is a service that we cannot provide in the clinic, we usually can connect them with another provider within the *free clinic community collaborative*. As a member of the collaborative, our clinic can purchase some medications at a discount from Med Share, which is a member. We are also part of a larger group at both the State and National levels because we want to remain current on matters affecting public health.

Recently, the *Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services* passed a policy to shorten the open enrollment period and to require pre-verification for special enrollment. Patients will see an increase in co-payments and may need to travel further to see a provider covered in their network. BadgerCare proposals, which will be implemented in 2019, include:

- An annual risk assessment, which may impact premiums
- A time limit of **48 months** insurance coverage, with a 6-month "hiatus" to re-enroll
- Mandatory drug testing with the option of drug treatment

At this time, we are not exactly sure how these changes will affect our clinic or the community in general, but we do support goals on improving access to quality care.

Respectfully Submitted,

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