

July 2017 Monthly Report Repairers of the Breach Medical Clinic

In the month of July, our clinic was open for **11 days** and provided health care needs for **80 patients**. We welcomed **22** first-time patients, **19** female patients, and **59** male patients. The end of July marks one year since we began tracking how many homeless patients we serve. Since July 2016, **501** of our patients are homeless. Year-to-date, we have had **620** patient visits (breast exam clinics are included in this count).

Our clinic volunteers donated **296 hours** of their time with a monetary value of **\$10,914.75**. Our volunteers work to improve the health of our patients and share their knowledge with our students.

We are very fortunate to find ourselves the recipients of dedicated and energetic students from the Milwaukee School of Engineering nursing program, Medical College of Wisconsin's physician students, and Marquette's Physician Assistant program. Our students leave here with valuable experience in urban medicine. Our hope is that in their future careers they keep in mind patients like ours, who may not have the benefit of a home or adequate support systems.

We continue our relationships with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for dental referrals and Marquette's Physical Therapy program. Our community partners and the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin continue to be an important resource for our patients. Our external volunteers have given us approximately **21 hours** of their time valued at **\$525.00**.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, in-kind donations total **\$920.00**. We received medication, reading glasses, diabetic strips and meters, shoes, and shoe inserts.

Our clinic advocates for the health and well-being of our patients and participates in a collaborative in the Greater Milwaukee area. We share information about the trends and services offered from clinic to clinic. Repairers is also a part of the State and Federal collaboration of clinics. I was honored to be a guest speaker at a recent meeting covering some of the basic services our clinic offers and our unique factor of being located in a homeless shelter. We appreciated the opportunity to share the services our shelter offers, which is part of our "whole person" approach to care.

We have our ear to the ground as we anticipate updates in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and changes in Medicaid as they occur. We are proactive in giving an empowered voice to the patients in need of our care. Repairers works to advocate for and educate all of our patients, which is a cornerstone of quality care.

Respectfully submitted,

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