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Dear Friend of the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic/Dick Parrott Free Dental Clinic:

This holiday season, we are thrilled to be writing to you from the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic/Dick Parrott Free Dental Clinic's new home!

Thanks to the generous support of many individuals and businesses—who understand the importance of ensuring that quality medical care is available to those in our community who cannot afford insurance or payments—our clinic is now a dedicated, 3,600-square-foot facility, rather than a shared, much smaller space.

We have a parking lot right in front—solving a daunting problem at our old space—and a large, well-lighted reception area. Our patients enjoy a beautiful, sunny waiting room, and are seen in newly equipped exam rooms by doctors who have their own spacious staffing room instead of having to cram in among our administrative staff. We are very grateful for and appreciative of this opportunity to improve our service to our community.

Now that we no longer have to struggle with logistical challenges, we can focus even more on our mission of providing free, confidential medical care to local residents in need—the majority of whom work and contribute fully to our community.

We are writing today to ask you to make a contribution to support our ongoing services. Your gift of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or more will help:

- **Provide prescription drugs for chronic diabetes and hypertension sufferers**
- **Keep the clinic open for acute care**
- **Keep the Free Medical Clinic up to date with supplies**

Please use the enclosed form and envelope to make your gift today!

We'd also like to tell you of a potential opportunity to provide significant support for the Free Medical Clinic while offering income-tax savings.

In August, Congress enacted the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Among the provisions of this law is the ability—for a limited time—for persons who are at least 70.5 years of age to transfer funds directly from a retirement account to a charitable organization like the Free Medical Clinic, with no tax liabilities.

If you have a retirement account, you may be required to take a minimum distribution each year—which then must be declared as taxable income.



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