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

Do you have any idea what you've done?

I do, because I hear the stories every day. You've helped hardworking people right here in our community get the health care they need.

Thank you for your support!

Here's how one of our patients describes what the Free Medical Clinic means to her:

I end up waiting for sickness to pass because it's so costly to see a physician at a paid treatment facility. The Free Medical Clinic is making it possible for me to be healthy while still being able to take care of my daughter and our other daily costs of living.

We serve more than 2,500 of your neighbors and friends annually—a number that climbs each year. And with the current recession, it's more important than ever that we're there for individuals and families who aren't covered by insurance.

I'm writing today to ask you to renew your support by making a tax-deductible, year-end gift to the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic and Dick Parrott Free Dental Clinic.

Your gift of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or more will help your fellow community members—people like the young mother quoted above—receive excellent medical care. Your gift will:

- **Help chronic diabetes and hypertension sufferers receive ongoing care.** The Free Medical Clinic's Case Management Program represents an ever-increasing percentage of our clients. These are patients with long-term but manageable illnesses who need medications and monitoring on an ongoing basis—an expensive situation when one has no insurance coverage. Your gift will help us serve them.
- **Help residents receive acute medical care in our clinic.** When immediate, urgent crises like the flu, strep throat, or minor injuries strike, the Free Medical Clinic is the only place to turn for thousands of area residents. Your contribution allows us to see as many patients as possible.
- **Help the Free Medical Clinic keep up with equipment and supplies.** We're a very busy clinic, so we use a lot of supplies and put a lot of wear and tear on essential equipment. Your support helps defray the cost of maintaining and replacing equipment and supplies.



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Your gift is a way to lend compassionate support to local residents who struggle to find access to affordable, quality health care. Here's what another of our patients says:

If the Free Medical Clinic weren't here, I'd have no medical care. I have spina bifida and when I have ear infections, I fall more easily. I had to quit my job to take care of my mentally retarded nephew for the last three years, so I have lost my house to foreclosure.

We hear more and more of these stories all the time. And it breaks our hearts, because we believe that health care is a fundamental right for every citizen, not a privilege reserved those who can afford it.

Your gift to the Free Medical/Dental Clinic ensures that everyone in our community can have access to quality health care.

That's been our mission since 1971. Hopefully, someday, we will no longer be necessary. But until then, we need continued compassionate and generous support from you and your fellow community members.

Please include us in your holiday giving plans and make your contribution by year's end!

Thank you very much.

Warmly,



Sandy Pickup
Co-Director



Barbara Vinograde
Co-Director

P.S. To help us provide local residents with the health care they need—regardless of whether they have insurance—please make a tax-deductible, year-end gift of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or more to the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic and Dick Parrott Free Dental Clinic today. Please give as generously as you can to help us keep up with the ever-increasing costs of health care—and with the increasing number of our fellow community members who rely on our services. Thanks again for your support—we can't do it without you!