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OUR PATIENTS

This 1st half of the year, 67 different patients (22 of them new) came to the Open Door Clinic for a total of 149 visits! That is an average of 6 patients per clinic night, plus we were closed 2 clinic evenings due to weather & flooding!

FREE services that were provided to these patients included:

- 92 primary care physician exams
- 24 telehealth psychiatrist visits
- 18 counseling sessions
- 550 medications dispensed
- 50 lab draws
- 12 YMCA memberships
- 3 radiology studies

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Please welcome new volunteers:

- Wendy Clark: pharm tech
- Jade Colson: reception
- Heather Dresel: reception
- Nicole Gintz: registration
- Suzi Helmbrecht: roomer
- Diana Keeler: roomer
- Emma Maes: pharmacy entry
- Donna Meier: pharmacy entry
- Tasha Moravec: lab & nursing triage
- Lynn Musser: registration
- Sara Nelson: set up
- Julie Shearman: set up
- Sarah Student: psych triage
- Clare Watkins: insurance
- Rachel Woolsey: pharm tech
- Cindy Yohnk: pharmacy entry



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OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please welcome our newest Board Member, Drew Murray!

Drew has a background in accounting & is also the Treasurer for the Chippewa Valley Youth Football organization. He currently works at RCU as a Senior Accountant.

Drew is joining Katie King as a co-Treasurer.

MEET TO EAT

Please mark August 6th on your calendar to eat out & support Open Door Clinic at our annual Meet to Eat for the Free Clinic fundraiser. We have 6 restaurants participating this year: The SandBar & Anderson Chic-n-Fish in Chippewa Falls; Harms Way & Xpeditions / TowneHouse Coffee & Eatery in Bloomer; Horizons in Tilden, & Old Abe's in Jim Falls.

These participating restaurants donate 25% of their proceeds for the day to the clinic.

We are very grateful for all of the volunteers that will be assisting at these restaurants on August 6th.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and enjoy a great meal for a great cause. Together, we can make a difference—one meal at a time.



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DONATIONS/GRANTS

We have received numerous grants for 2026, including \$1,000 from the Burke Social Ministry Fund (Central Lutheran Church) & M3 Foundation, \$4,500 from the Community Foundation of Chippewa County (pictured middle left), \$600 from the Chippewa Falls Rotary Club, & \$7,500 from Spirit Lutheran Church (pictured upper left).

Also, over the winter, 5 of our computers needed to be replaced as they were not compatible with Windows 11. Krista Computers donated a new server, & we received the United Way Small Acts grant to cover the rest of the computers, including the laptop used for our telehealth psychiatrist, Dr. Ahmed (pictured bottom left with volunteers Kayla Sessions & Karen Diedrich).

Finally, we just learned that we will be receiving a \$75,000 grant through the Wisconsin Association of Free & Charitable Clinics (WAFCC) & the Department of Public Health annually over the next 3 years!

CLINIC FLOODING

On April 30th an upstairs toilet clogged & overflowed, causing extensive flooding of our med exam rooms & the room that we use for pharmacy. Many supplies & equipment were lost, including a laptop, printer & prescription label printer. We're just waiting on insurance, then we'll be able to replace our losses & put everything back together again.

Meanwhile, we are very grateful to our volunteers for being very flexible & creative so that we've only had to close clinic 1 night!



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SPRING CLEANING

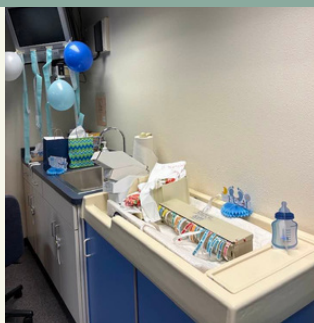
Every spring we call on volunteers to help do a deep cleaning of the areas that we use throughout the church, which includes tasks such as vacuuming, washing floors, dusting, washing windows, and cleaning sinks. This year 8 Chippewa Falls High School Equestrian Team members & their coach helped clean & sparkle up the building! We greatly appreciate the help of the students!

HAPPY VOLUNTEER MONTH!

April 19th-26th was National Volunteer Week & the clinic's Board of Directors extended a special thank you & deepest gratitude to all of our volunteers for giving their time to ensure that the Open Door Clinic is here to serve those in need. Our volunteers' compassion & generosity bring comfort & hope to our patients.

The time they give, the kindness they show & the support they offer make a difference that cannot be measured. Their presence & service help strengthen this community. Quite simply they are PRICELESS.

In recognition of this, Board member Rae Ann Sigel decorated the clinic office door, & Board President Barb Stevens provided gold (chocolate) coins during clinics for volunteers.



BABY SHOWERS!

In June we celebrated 2 of our Mayo Pharmacy Residents, Amber & Sorienne! Both are expecting baby boys as they finish up their residency!

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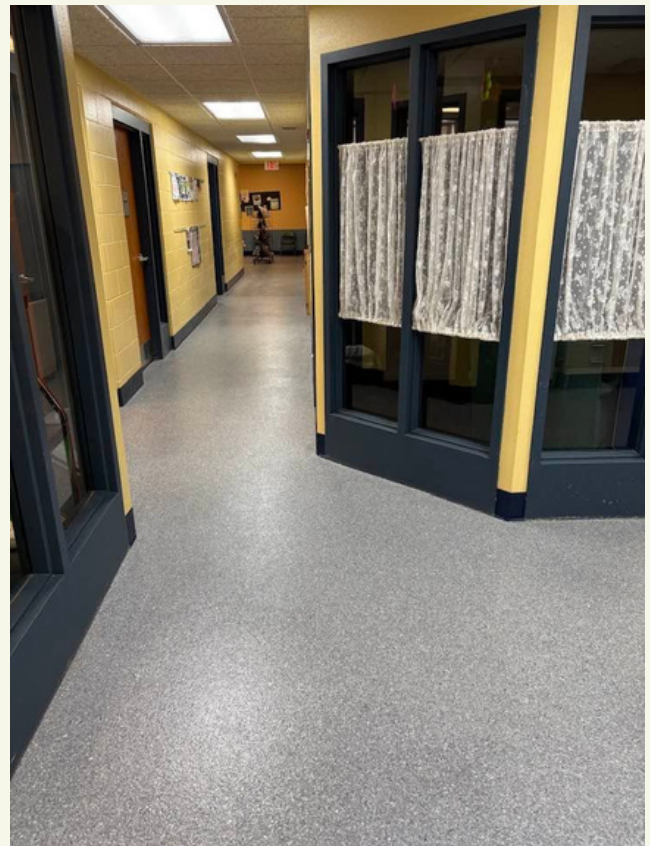


UW EAU CLAIRE SOCIAL WORK INTERN

Our 2nd UW Eau Claire Social Work intern, Sydney Hake, spent half of her spring internship with us & half with JONAH of the Chippewa Valley. Sydney was here every Tuesday in the spring, preparing for clinics & volunteering in the intake role. She spent Thursdays assisting the Clinic Coordinator in the office, helping with patient charting, & entering stats. Following graduation in May, Sydney headed to UW Madison in pursuit of her Masters degree. She is greatly missed!

NEW DOWNSTAIRS FLOORING!

In January, the First Presbyterian Church replaced the downstairs flooring in the lab, & from the stairway down the hallway into the waiting area. The beautiful new bluish-gray flooring was designed for use in garages, & is called "poly-spartic". It should last for many years to come!



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OPEN DOOR CLINIC CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!

The Open Door Clinic first opened its doors on April 18, 2006. Dr. Tom Chisholm & a small group of community members began planning this very special clinic a year prior to that. From the very beginning, the First Presbyterian Church graciously supported the clinic monetarily & by allowing us to use their beautiful building.

A Board of Directors was established, consisting of doctors, nurses, social workers, lawyers, pharmacists, business people & community members. They contracted with HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in 2007 for a full-time Clinic Coordinator to oversee the daily operations. The Clinic Coordinator is now contracted through Mayo Clinic Health System.

Volunteers are the bread & butter of Open Door Clinic, ensuring that our patients receive excellent, thorough health care at no cost to them! We currently have a little over 100 volunteers that include both healthcare workers & community members that do not have healthcare experience.

Since 2006, over 3,800 uninsured Chippewa Valley residents have visited the Open Door Clinic over 20,200 times. We have dispensed over 45,600 medications & provided hundreds of services each year to our patients.

Our community continues to be very supportive of the Open Door Clinic, which we are forever grateful. We look forward to the next 20 years!

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DONATE TO SUPPORT ANOTHER 20 YEARS!

Here are some examples of the impact your donations will make:

\$20

Glaucoma eye drops for 6 months

\$20/month for 1 year

Asthma inhalers for 1 year

\$200

1 year of medications & supplies for 2 diabetic patients

\$20/month for 20 months

Supplies to begin treating sleep apnea

Since 2006, the Open Door Clinic has dispensed over 45,600 medications to over 3,800 uninsured residents of Chippewa Valley!

Learn more & donate at www.chippewaopendoor.org or scan here



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INSPIRATIONAL PATIENT QUOTES

"Great service. Got me hooked up with my meds, gives me food when needed."

"Outstanding resources."

"Everyone is very welcoming, patient and resourceful."

"I didn't have an affordable option for my asthma medication when I needed it until a friend recommended this clinic."

"Keep up the great work! It helped me get my dangerously high blood sugar spikes under control. I am truly grateful for this!"

"I was struggling with my mental health and they have helped me with medication and therapy. I feel so much better after meeting the wonderful people here."

"I am forever grateful for everyone at the Open Door Clinic. I seriously don't think that I would be here if it weren't for Open Door. You have changed my life and my A1C is in control. Everyone is also so kind."

"Talking to Dr. Ahmed is very comforting. Everyone here at Open Door Clinic are friendly & caring & make you feel very comfortable to talk with them. This is an amazing clinic because of the staff!"

"After speaking with the psychiatrist, I feel more confident about myself & that gives me some ambition. The clinic volunteers are very friendly and caring. I feel very comfortable with them for medical & mental appointments."

"I feel like I am finally getting help that I've needed for a long time. Everyone has been so kind & helpful."

"I'm back on meds & can see a difference in my general wellbeing, mood & ability to complete tasks & handle stress, & I do know this will continue to improve as long as I remain active in my own care. Thank you so much for this clinic & your donated time. It has made a difference in my life and I feel hope for the future."



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HELP WANTED!

We are ALWAYS in need of volunteers, both with & without healthcare experience! We rely on word of mouth, social media posts & community presentations to recruit volunteers so please share FaceBook posts whenever you see them & tell all of your friends & family about these wonderful, fulfilling opportunities to serve those in need. The opportunities that we post on FaceBook are below.



Volunteer at the Open Door Clinic and help provide medical care and a connection to community resources for those who need it most.

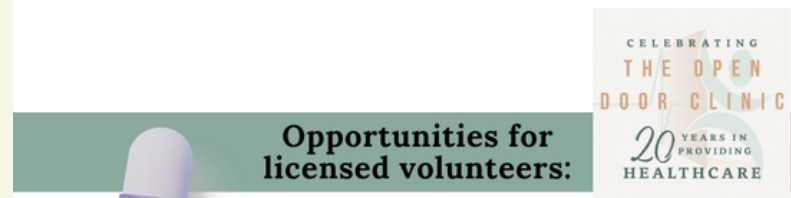
Opportunities for volunteers without medical experience include:

- Reception: welcome patients to the clinic
- Registration: get patients checked in
- Pharmacy entry: help pharmacists document medication in a patient's record
- Transcriber: Transcribe dictated provider notes
- Meal provider: prepare a meal for around 20 volunteers to eat while at clinic
- Spanish Interpreter: interpret for our Spanish-speaking patients

For more information or to sign up, visit
Chippewaopendoor.org, call
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IF YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE OR VOLUNTEER:

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Opportunities for licensed volunteers:

- **Provider-**
Provide general, acute, and chronic care to patients
- **Nurse-**
Triage patients
- **Pharmacist-**
Dispense medications and educate patients
- **Pharmacist Technician-**
Work with pharmacist to prepare medications
- **Social Worker-**
Assess patients for eligibility and provide community referrals
- **Lab Technician/Phlebotomist-**
Draw labs
- **Dietician/Diabetic Educator-**
Educate patients

If you're a licensed CNA, you can be a roomer and help guide patients through their visit!

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