



The mission of the Rock River Free Clinic is to provide access to free health services for low income and uninsured individuals.

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Dear Members of our Community,

WE NEED YOUR HELP. . .

We all tend to take our good health for granted - until we have an illness that lingers. This is unsettling for all of us but it is especially scary for those among us who do not have health insurance. For those who are uninsured, it often becomes a choice between going to the doctor and feeding the family. It is a decision that no one should have to make.

The good news is that in our community, no one has to make that choice because the Rock River Free Clinic serves those without health insurance and charges NO fees. The Rock River Free Clinic treats patients living in Jefferson County, Whitewater and Cambridge. We serve those with diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and many other illnesses. We are a safety net provider and will see patients for a one-time visit or for a number of years depending on the patient's needs and on-going financial situation. We also assist our patients in obtaining insurance, when eligible.

The Rock River Free Clinic runs solely on donations and grants and we depend on the generosity of community members like you.

A STORY. . .

Sam was a content and successful thirty-two year old. He was a hardworking young man who started working on the farm as a pre-teen. Because of his solid work ethic and drive, he worked himself into a well-paying manual labor job and made a very good income. Then he injured his leg at home and within several months lost his job because of his inability to perform the physical labor. Along with the job loss, he also lost his insurance and had to spend his savings trying to determine what was wrong with his leg. One year later, he was barely making ends meet, was depressed and was still suffering with his leg injury. When Sam came to the clinic to see Dr. Rutledge he was at rock bottom. At the end of the appointment, Sam was encouraged with the initial treatment that Dr. Rutledge provided. He also met with one of our Volunteer Eligibility Screeners who informed him that it appeared he was eligible for BadgerCare (the Medicaid program for Wisconsin residents). This was a surprise to Sam as he thought single adults were not eligible for this insurance. Sam is now insured through BadgerCare and is actively addressing his medical concerns so he can return to the workforce!

Would you please consider making a donation to help your neighbors like Sam? Each and every donation to the Rock River Free Clinic is appreciated. We thank you and our patients thank you!

Sincerely,

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