Update marin community clinics



At A Glance

- Largest safety net provider of primary care in Marin, serving 35,000 patients/ year (13.5% of Marin's population); over half of MCC's patients are children
- Nine clinics (medical, dental and teen)
- Pediatric, Family and Adult Medicine – primary care, obstetrics and women's health, behavioral health and specialty care
- Pediatric and Adult Dentistry
- Patient Centered Medical Home model of care
- Optometry, Lab, Pharmacy, Chiropractics and referrals to specialists
- Weekly Community Health Hubs/food pantries
- 240 staff, including 40 medical clinicians and 18 dentists
- Accept Medi-Cal, Medicare, uninsured on a sliding scale, Covered California and other insurances
- Not-for-profit, supported by donations, foundations, and government reimbursement
- \$30 Million annual budget



Welcome to the inaugural issue of Marin Community Clinics' *Update*. 2015 promises to be a busy – and exciting - year for us, and we want to keep you informed about important developments. We'll be sending you this *Update* twice a year in addition to our in-depth Connecting for Health newsletter. Let us know what you think!

> Franka Dawas-zi Linda Tavaszi, PhD, CEO

This newsletter is available in both email and print. Let us know your preference by emailing gifts@marinclinics.org or call 415.526-8527.

Quality Corner

In the past few months, we've received high marks from three national/ regional organizations.

The National Committee for Quality Assurance awarded the Clinics the highest possible rating for our Patient Centered Medical Home model, which focuses on the patient/clinician partnership.

The Clinics' Family Planning Program received special kudos from the California Health Council, which conducted a site visit on behalf of the federal government. The surveyors noted our excellent clinical judgment, respect for clients, patient confidentiality measures and the work of our Patient Call Center.

The Partnership Health Plan, which manages the state's Medi-Cal insurance program, awarded the Clinics \$800,000 for high quality standards in areas such as Pap smears, diabetes screening, obesity screening and immunizations.



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Patient Care News

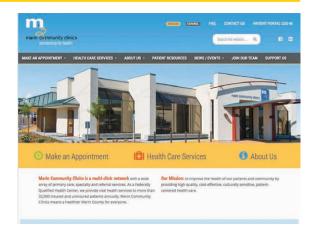
Medical and Dental Clinic Hours Extended

To better meet the needs of working families and to respond to increasing patient volume, we have extended our hours of operation.

Both the Novato and San Rafael Medical Clinics now offer evening hours. In addition to weekday and weekend hours, the San Rafael Dental Clinic is now open two nights a week until 9:30 pm; the Novato Dental Clinic is also open on Saturdays.

New and Improved Website

Take a look at the Clinics' enhanced, more user-friendly website, which is now in both English and Spanish (**www.marinclinics.org**). The website provides patients help with enrollment, selecting a primary care physician, appointments and insurance coverage. It is easily accessible by smartphone and other mobile devices.



Your Donations Ensure Our Future

Thanks to everyone who helped us raise over \$131,000 during our Year End Appeal!

Our Endowment Fund Makes a Difference

The Marin Community Clinics' Endowment has reached the \$1 million mark, thanks to recent generous contributions by our supporters.

Grace Hughes, chair of the Clinics' Endowment Program, reports that the 2015 goal is to substantially increase the Endowment. Donors will see their contributions at work right away — and will help ensure that innovative programs that meet patient needs will be in place for the next generation and beyond.

The Clinics' Endowment is a permanent fund that grows and generates income to augment revenues received annually from government and other reimbursement programs. The Fund is managed by the Marin Community Foundation and is pooled with all assets at the Foundation to generate reliable and maximum returns.

For more information about the advantages of giving to the Clinics' Endowment Fund or including the Clinics in your estate plans, contact **Gail Womack** at **gwomack@marinclinics.org** or call **415.526-8527**.



Car Wash Owners Raise Funds

When local businessmen **Jeff Coplin** and **Matt Broderick** (owners of Matt and Jeff's Car Wash in Novato) learned about the Clinics, they wanted to spread the word. Last October, they launched a special campaign — reaching out to customers about the Clinics and encouraging them to make donations.

The result: a \$1260 check to help low-income patients obtain breast exams. Jeff says he hopes more small businesses will get involved with the Clinics.

Visit us on line at **www.marinclinics.org** for the latest information and a convenient way to make your gift.

Clinician Spotlight

Meet Babak Ettekal, MD



Last year, **Dr. Ettekal** joined the Clinics as Site Medical Director for our San Rafael Clinic at 3110 Kerner Blvd.

Board-certified in family medicine, he brings an impressive set of skills (integrative family medicine, teaching, research and hospice) and a passion for working with vulnerable populations.

Dr. Ettekal previously served as Associate Director of the Saban Community Clinic (formerly the Los Angeles Free Clinic). Born in Iran, he is fluent in English, Spanish and Farsi.

In the Media

Read recent media stories about our Dental Program, Diabetes Program and Community Health Hubs. Visit our website at marinclinics.org/news-events.