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What's the Status of Marin Community Clinics Today?

A. Marin Community Clinics has grown to become the medical and dental 'home' for over 38,000 people, more than 13% of Marin County's population. MCC's comprehensive primary care services are provided at locations in San Rafael, Novato and Larkspur. A large and impressive team of professionals makes ours one of the largest healthcare systems in Marin County.

The clinical staff includes board-certified physicians, nurse practitioners, osteopaths, physician assistants, dentists, psychiatrists, licensed clinical social workers and registered dietitians. Our health care providers are graduates of the finest schools and residency programs in the U.S. and many are multi-lingual. They each possess a passion that led them to choose to practice in a community-based healthcare setting.

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Who Utilizes the Clinics and Who Benefits?

A. The thousands of our patients come from every corner of Marin County and nearly every walk of life. More than 87% earn 200% or less of the official Federal Poverty Level (200% of Federal Poverty Level is \$47,700 for a family of four). More than 12,000 patients are children.

Our services are an underpinning of the community's health. Because of Marin Community Clinics, thousands are able to visit their chosen primary care provider rather than visiting emergency rooms at a greater cost. Also, routine dental care helps patients avoid costly and preventable dental emergencies. Thousands of children are immunized and attend school in a sound, healthy condition, ready to learn and thrive.

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How is Marin Community Clinics Funded?

A. Marin Community Clinics is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), one of over 1,300 nationwide. As such, we have access to a network of ongoing, public funding sources including Medi-Cal and Medicare insurance reimbursement. Patients are assisted in determining eligibility for a variety of insurance programs and those who remain uninsured, pay a sliding scale fee based on income and family size, according to federal regulations.

Grants and charitable gifts make up the budgetary difference and allow Marin Community Clinics to offer a unique 'margin of excellence' to cover costs not reimbursed by public or private insurers.

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Why Build Marin Community Clinics' Endowment?

A. Following a period of significant expansion of services and fiscal stabilization, the Board of Directors recognized that the organization could no longer depend upon grants, government reimbursement and private donations alone. During the last recession government funds were unpredictably decreased, withheld, or interrupted due to changes in federal and state policies. In addition, there are some healthcare services that are never covered by government reimbursements.

Like many institutions of its size, we are building endowed assets to foster longer term economic security to ensure uninterrupted patient care of the highest quality.

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How Will Endowment Funds be Used to Help Patients and the Community?

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- Guarantee financial stability if fluctuations occur in governmental reimbursements, or any other public-sector revenue stream.
- Provide a funding source for expanded health services, new technology and other initiatives in the ever-improving world of healthcare in ways that will sustain the Clinics' margin of excellence.
- Serve as a buffer against unexpected changes in the overall insurance system, the Affordable Care Act, or private sector revenue sources.
- Establish reliable and available fiscal reserves in the event of a significant economic downturn.

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How Will the Endowment Be Managed and Overseen?

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Marin Community Clinics has an endowment fund of over \$1 million at Marin Community Foundation. After thorough due diligence, the Board determined that the Foundation provides a secure umbrella for its endowment. Funds are invested along with the Foundation's numerous other endowments and donor advised funds, providing its investment professionals with substantial assets to leverage stronger and more secure returns. The Foundation's investment returns routinely exceed the national average.

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How Will Proceeds from the Endowment be Distributed?

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A set of policies established by Marin Community Clinics' Board governs the use and distribution of endowment proceeds. The Clinics' annual priorities are set with consideration of the healthcare landscape and the evolving needs of our patients. Funds are specifically applied in response to the need.

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How Can One Contribute?

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Gifts to the Endowment are tax deductible, charitable donations. Sizable contributions can be structured as pledges, payable over a multi-year period. As an endowment, the fund's principal stands in perpetuity, generating resources that will provide and enhance programs needed by the Clinics to serve the healthcare needs of the Marin community. Please contact the Development Department for more information.

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We look forward to answering any questions you may have.