

Our doors have been open every Thursday since August 17<sup>th</sup>. In our first eight weeks, we saw 82 new patients for a total of 106 visits. Most of the patients were from the local neighborhood and uninsured, all were low income and most were seen for chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension and depression. 35 had visits with our social workers, who referred patients for dental care, women's health screening and immunizations. 46 three-month prescriptions were provided to patients at no cost. Patients expressed their appreciation in many ways, and several made donations to support the work of the clinic.

## IN THE NEWS

The North by Northeast Community Health Center has been featured in several different articles including those in The Observer and The Oregonian. Kaiser's Newswire (employee email newsletter) featured a lengthy story on the clinic in its September 15th edition. Pastor Mary Overstreet Smith, founding mother of the clinic and board member, received an Equal Opportunity Award from the Urban League of Portland on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and spoke passionately about the work of the clinic in her acceptance speech. Each exposure brings us new patients and new volunteers, as well as donations to help us provide ongoing services.

## ADVOCATE BOARD:

Rabbi Michael Cahana of Congregation Beth Israel has joined our Advocate Board, a group of community, health care and business leaders who help further our mission in a variety of ways.

## CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

The following have contributed to the work of our clinic since August 2006:

- **TACS:** Ongoing organizational development through the SOS program
- **NW MEDICAL TEAMS:** Donations of medical supplies and equipment
- **LEGACY HEALTH SYSTEMS:** Laboratory services
- **FRED MEYER:** Discounted prescription medications
- **KAISER PERMANENTE:** Malpractice coverage for Kaiser physicians
- **RAY KENNY** of Westside Electric and **LISA SERRANO:** Electrical repair
- **RICHARD HOWELLS:** Consulting/ Strategic Planning ([www.richardhowells.com](http://www.richardhowells.com))
- **BROADWAY BOOKS AND TESS GALLAGHER:** Donated proceeds from sales of posters for Tess's new book Distant Rain and provided a promotional forum for the clinic at Tess's recent poetry reading

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

Since August, the following people have made donations to help us further our mission. Many, many thanks to: Dorthea Petersen (our most frequent donor!), Helen Clark, Karla Forsythe and Jim Crane, Rabbis Margaret Wenig and Sharon Kleinbaum, Beverly Bain, Kalissa Canyon-Scopes, Ray and Carla Robertson, Pastor Mary Overstreet, Jenny and Dennis Sweeney, Peggy Woolf, Tess Gallagher, Louise Clark and Jill Ginsberg, Sharon Wood-Wortman, and Ester Whittingham.

Donations were made in honor of the following: Rachel Larson (marriage), Ray Robertson, Jill Ginsberg, Dr. Laura Nepveu, and newborn twins Leo and Ethan Geller. We are still waiting for the IRS to approve our application for tax-exempt status.

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## THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Our volunteer base continues to grow and we are deeply thankful for all who contribute their time and talents during clinic nights. We are still in need of volunteer physicians, social workers and nurse practitioners.

## COMING SOON:

There are many exciting things in the planning stages.

- **WEB SITE UPGRADE:** We are working with Annette Sabo (see more of her beautiful work at [www.annettesabo.com](http://www.annettesabo.com)), Deana Meyer of TACS, and volunteer Ian Dees to upgrade our web site. Stay tuned!
- **BROADWAY BOOKS:** On Sunday, November 26th, a portion of sales will be donated to North by Northeast. Please spread the word and encourage holiday shopping at this event; it's a great way to support both a wonderful independent bookseller and the work of our clinic. Broadway Books is at 1714 NE Broadway (503-284-1726 for more info).
- **WILLAMETTE WEEK:** WW Guide comes out November 15th and will feature the clinic.

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## OUR NEEDS:

Cash donations are needed to purchase medications; with \$20 we can provide three months of medication for a patient with diabetes or high blood pressure. We are also in need of copy paper, bottles of non-prescription strength ibuprofen, acetaminophen, aspirin, and postage stamps.

*"Thank you, North by Northeast Community Health Center. Because of this clinic, I can now take my time looking for a job and not take the first one that comes along just for insurance. It hurts my heart knowing there are so many people out there who can't get medical care.*

*Thank you again!"*

*- P.A., patient*

The mission of North by Northeast Community Health Center is to improve health outcomes in a medically under-served community by offering health screening and basic medical services at no cost. Priority is given to low-income individuals without health insurance living in the surrounding inner N/NE neighborhoods.