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Community Health Center Update - 6/17/08

Today, about one in five Palm Beach County residents are without health insurance. This health care crisis is overburdening scarce healthcare resources and especially hospital emergency rooms, where uninsured patients have turned for non-emergency services such as earaches, sore throats, cold and flu symptoms and complications associated with diseases such as hypertension and diabetes. In addition, follow-up care for these emergency room visits is rare and in many cases what may have begun as a chronic health problem turns into an acute one.

What is FoundCare?

FoundCare is a non-profit organization dedicated to generating community support and financial resources to build the home for Palm Beach County's premier full-service, non-profit community health center in West Palm Beach, Florida. The new facility, opening in the fall of 2008 will provide access to compassionate, affordable, high-quality medical care and preventive education, to the community including uninsured and underinsured children and adults regardless of their ability to pay.

FoundCare was created to respond to the primary health care needs of the uninsured in Palm Beach County. Its Board of Directors, with the assistance of the Quantum Foundation, Inc., embarked on a plan to increase healthcare access in Palm Beach County by creating a community health center which will ultimately become a federally qualified health center (known as an FQHC) in Palm Beach County. The addition of this premier full-service, non-profit community health center to the county's care network that includes the Palm Beach County Health Department, the free clinics, and the private providers, will begin to address the healthcare gap for thousands of children and adults in Palm Beach County. As the number of residents without health insurance increases every day, the need for affordable, accessible health care is critical.

For over 40 years, community health centers have provided medical care in the United States to more than 15 million people – a number that is quickly growing – in over 6,000 urban and rural sites in every state and territory.

FoundCare is striving to bring this "medical home" to Palm Beach County residents – since almost 20% of the county's population (more than 250,000 residents) lack health insurance.

How will the community health center meets the needs of Palm Beach County residents?

The community health center will provide compassionate, affordable access to high-quality medical, dental and pharmacy services to any person regardless of their ability to pay.

Primary Care Services include:

Medical Diagnosis and treatment Autism screening Tuberculosis screening Sickle cell screening Hypertension screening Diabetes screening Physical examination Immunizations for children Well child care exam Pediatric care Cancer screening Women's health care HIV testing and treatment Pesticide poisoning screening Laboratory testing EKG and X-Ray

Adult Care:

8 Exam rooms 2 Physician offices

2 Waiting rooms (Sick/Well)

1 Adult Nurses Station

Pediatric Care:

8 Exam rooms

2 Physician offices

2 Waiting rooms (Sick/Well)

1 Pediatric Nurses Station

Dental Services include:

Oral examinations Extractions and Fillings Fluoride treatments

Emergency services Dental referral and follow up

Dental Care:

1 Dentist's office

1 Dental Hygienist room

3 Dental operatories

1 Dental reception space

1 Pump equipment room

1 Dental lab & supply storage room

Other service providers in the building include Comprehensive AIDS Program of Palm Beach County, Inc. (CAP) offering prevention, education and social services;

Why is it important to support the community health center?

The community health center will dramatically improve access to primary and preventive care and offer cost-effective comprehensive care focused on wellness and prevention. One of the benefits will be an overall decrease in costly non-urgent visits to local emergency rooms. Health education and prevention services including childhood immunizations, diabetes screening and education, and similar preventive services which will result in an overall cost-savings to local, county and state taxpayers through fewer hospitalizations. Additionally, better health care translates to healthier students and workers, meaning fewer missed days of school and work.

Operational Support

Specific financial support includes: state government sources, local government sources, Medicaid, Medicare, sliding fee scale based on verified income, donations, other agency and foundation grants.

Fiscal viability will be accomplished through a combination of continuous and new grant funding, third party reimbursement, appropriate patient self-pay revenues, fundraising, in-kind and cash donations, and sound fiscal management. The community health center will not deny services to any person based on age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, family status, religion, disability, or ability to pay for services.

Community Health Center Capital Campaign Status

The FoundCare Capital Campaign fundraising goal is \$6 million. More than \$2.2 million has been raised toward the project. The Quantum Foundation, West Palm Beach, Florida, provided a lead gift of approximately \$500,000. To date significant gifts have been received from the following:

Individuals

Gullan Wellman-Albert (Estate of)
Daniel and Lyn Lerner
Bruce and Robbi Toll
Fred and Anjette Scheiman
James V. Tigani, Jr.

Foundations

The Fortin Foundation of Florida
The Janirve Foundation
The John W. Kluge Foundation
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The Office Depot Foundation
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The William Pitt Foundation
Quantum Foundation
Quantum Foundation
Eleanor Patterson Reeves Foundation
J. M. Rubin Foundation
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/Yolette Bonnet

These wonderful gifts represent a significant milestone toward Phase 1 in the campaign as we work together to ensure health care for the uninsured. As the number of uninsured and underinsured increases and hospital emergency rooms continue to feel strained as a result of the demand for non urgent care, these dollars bring FoundCare closer to realizing the dream of treating over 10,000 children and adults annually - with quality, dignity and compassionate primary health care - by board certified doctors and nurses. We greatly appreciate the generosity of these individuals, as they are an important acknowledgement by leaders in our community of the great need to open the doors for Palm Beach County's premier full-service, non-profit, community health center as soon as possible!

Benefits of Community Health Centers

- Increase access to quality healthcare
- Funding from federal government (330)(e)Grant
- Job creation
- Medical home with Board Certified physicians
- Decrease emergency room visits
- Feds pay medical malpractice insurance
- Enhanced Medicaid rates
- Identify and manage chronic illnesses i.e. Autism, HIV/AIDS, Diabetes, etc.
- Extended hours (nights/weekends)
- Wrap around services (all under one roof)
- Save tax payers about \$10 billion \$17 billion year
- Overall decrease of health disparities in our communities

Who will the Community Health Center serve?

The community health center will serve the residents of Palm Beach County. This includes working mothers with children, single people, families where one or both parents work but do not have health insurance coverage, and others who, through no fault of their own, do not have the ability to access health insurance and medical services.

Under Construction:

Construction is well underway on the two-story, 28,000 square foot building located at 2330 South Congress Avenue just south of Forest Hill Boulevard in the Village of Palm Springs/greater West Palm Beach area.

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Community Health Centers

- History of Health Centers
- Services Provided
- Sources of Revenue
- Sources of Expense



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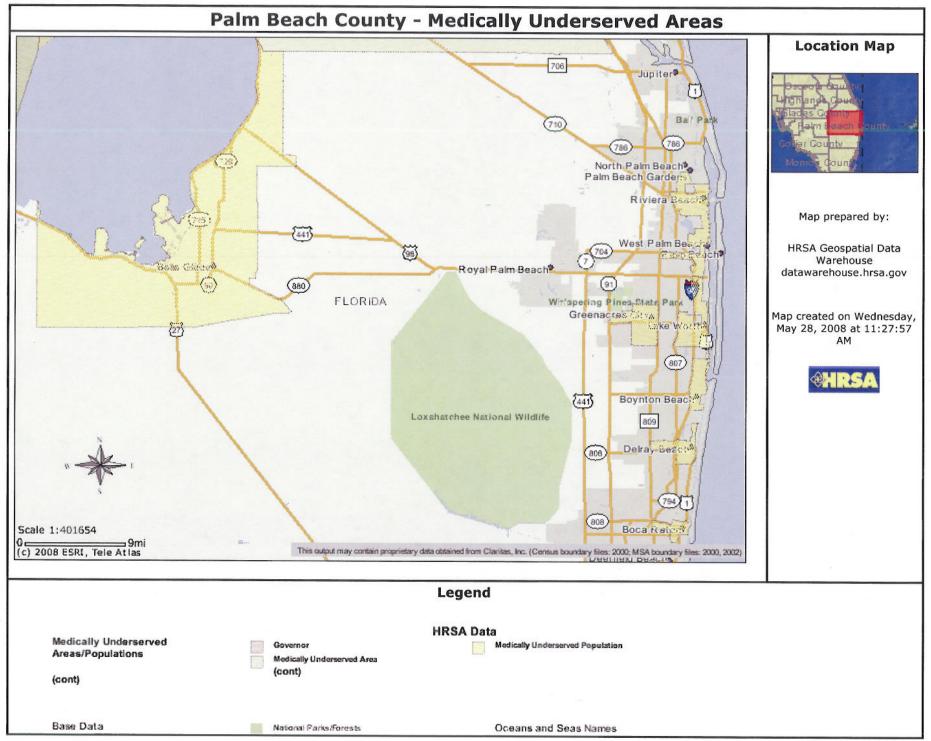
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- Children
- Medically underserved
- Individuals who lack access







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