

News Release

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Free Clinic of Doylestown changes name to Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic

\$500,000 endowment will support mission

In a move that expresses both appreciation to a donor and a reflection of its expanding role, the Free Clinic of Doylestown will become the Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic on July 1, 2008.

The non-profit clinic, entering its 15th year of operation, serves uninsured patients in the Central Bucks region and surrounding neighborhoods. There were more than 1,800 medical patient visits and over 500 dental patient visits in fiscal year 2007-08. A small paid administrative staff and nurse practitioner are supported by volunteer primary care and specialist physicians to serve a growing number of the uninsured. Thirty-four volunteer dentists provide patient care in their own offices; routine hygiene visits are accommodated on-site.

Based in Doylestown Hospital, the Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic also has community outreach sites in Warminster and at A Women's Place, a domestic abuse shelter. A new outreach in Ottsville opened in May, and plans to expand into the New Hope area are underway.

"Our free clinic model is evolving over time to meet the needs of the people we serve," said Peggy Dator, executive director. "Access to healthcare is a national issue, and our regional response is designed to meet the growing need in our community, not only for acute care episodes, but for the management of chronic conditions."

Nearly 30,000 patient visits have been recorded since the clinic opened in 1994. In addition to free medical care, patients also receive prescriptions, some social services

and assistance in applying for state-sponsored medical insurance if the individual qualifies.

The Silverman family donated a \$500,000 endowment to the clinic to assist its mission. Income from the endowment fund may be used for operating expenses and to meet future challenges for the provision of healthcare to the uninsured.

“We cannot understate the impact an endowment of this magnitude will have on our mission,” said Marvin Woodall, incoming president of the clinic’s board of directors. “The financing of healthcare is a major concern for all Americans, and more so for those whose income or situation makes it difficult or impossible to afford health insurance of any kind. Our patients now and in the future will be grateful for the foresight of the Silverman family.”

According to Herman Silverman, husband of Ann who passed away earlier this year, the endowment is a fitting tribute to a compassionate woman.

The Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic will continue to be based at Doylestown Hospital. For additional information, patients may call 215-345-2260.

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