

November 23, 2023

Our Dearest Friends.

A cornucopia is a traditional Thanksgiving staple that represents "an abundant supply of good things of a specified kind". At the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic, we have had a cornucopia of a year that includes an *abundance* of efforts to serve those in need of medical care, who lack health insurance, and the ability to pay. Because of you, we have been able to keep the clinic a safe and healing place for those who need us. Every dollar of your generosity is converted to upwards of \$20 in medical care for those in the Will and Grundy communities.

The 2022-2023 fiscal year was a big year for the clinic, renovations started with our Cass Street Clinic in Joliet. Because of the unwavering support of donors and our community, we have been able to improve the clinic and our capabilities to serve the population in need. Although we are thankful to have an offsite location to care for patients while under construction, we are hopeful to get home soon. We are expected to be back home in late December 2023. Once completed the clinic will include: 5 fully renovated exam rooms, a renovated dental suite, a behavioral health suite, space dedicated to training the next generation of health professionals, and so much more. Though we will start seeing patients at the Cass Street location in December, we will host our supporters for a reopening celebration of gratitude in early Spring 2024.

Throughout our renovation project, we continued to care for patients in our temporary clinic space, Morris clinic, and via telehealth. Our impact included:

4,542 primary care visits, specialty care visits, labs, test, and procedures

223 inividuals received shelter or permanent housing. **178** indivduals received support for homeless prevention.

secure care.

340 behavioral health

vaccinations

594

1,320 street outreach engagments to assess social needs and

visits

3,019

scripts

filled

Our expectations for the end of 2023 are we will exceed the number served in 2022. In order to continue our efforts, we must call on our community for support. Please consider donating this giving season. Your generosity will not only provide care for our patients, but empower a healthier community.

With Gratitude,

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