

You Can Make a Difference!

IMAGINE A COMMUNITY WITHOUT ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE for the unemployed, low income and uninsured / underinsured residents. Where would our own children, loved ones, friends and neighbors go if Community Health Centers (CHCs) such as Valley View Health Center didn't exist? When even a few residents don't have access to health care, the entire community is at risk.

Each year, Valley View Health Center provides many free outreach programs. Some of our events are educational, such as our free Diabetes Nutrition Workshops, available 3 - 4 times a year.

Our Dentists provide free dental screenings during community events, such as the Homeless Connect Fair in January, at our own Children's Health Fair in June and Kids Kloset and the Know and Grow Fair in Pacific County, both in August. Our dental teams also provide dental care at Headstart and ECEAP programs in Lewis County. We also plan to continue the three very successful Story time with Santa events we provided last year. Children received a healthy snack, received a free book and listened to a Christmas story.

*As a result of unemployment and budget cuts, our patient base has grown tremendously. At the end of 2010, our patient base was over 17,000, a **71 percent increase from 2009**. These numbers include a **51 percent increase in uninsured individuals** from the previous year.*

Our Chehalis site has a Literacy Corner co-sponsored by Lewis County Rotary Clubs and staffed entirely by volunteers. Every child takes home a free book. As some of our families need to be encouraged to use our Literacy Corner, it is possible that their time in the Literacy Corner may be the only time some families read a book together.

Every Valley View Health Center clinic has bi-lingual staff. All patient information and outreach material is available in English and Spanish.

Each August we host a Golf Tournament fundraiser. This is our biggest fundraiser each year and an event that our staff and stakeholders look forward to. Proceeds from this event benefits uninsured patients of Valley View Health Center.

New budget cuts are leaving thousands of Lewis County children uninsured and otherwise without access to medical or dental care. Roughly 30 percent of our dental patients come to the dentist for the first time when they reach school age. Some adults have never visited the dentist until they have serious health issues caused by lack of dental care.

Every dollar of every donation directly benefits our patients, and as a result, our entire community.

THANK YOU for your support.

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